



Introduction

Abraham's faith is severely tested.



Questions

1. Where was Abraham told to go to sacrifice his son, Isaac?
2. In verse 5, what does Abraham say that makes us think he believed God would raise Isaac if he sacrificed him?
3. Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 10** God tests Abraham's faith to the limit by asking him to sacrifice his son. (Hebrews v 11 v 19 tells us Abraham believed that God could raise Isaac from the dead – see theme). He makes the three-day journey and prepares to sacrifice Isaac
- **v 11 to 14** God stops him at the last moment and Abraham sacrifices a ram instead of Isaac
- **v 15 to 18** Because Abraham has shown such great faith, God promises that:
 - he will be greatly blessed
 - he will have many offspring
 - his offspring's enemies will be defeated all nations will be blessed by his offspring
- **v 19 to 24** After returning to Beersheba, Abraham hears news of his brother's family

Timeline to 2000 BC (see below)



Theme

Many will rise from the dead and live forever

A selection of verses showing that God's plan is to raise people from the dead.

The prophet Daniel speaks of a time when the dead will rise from the grave:

Daniel 12 verse 2

The prophet Hosea says that God will raise people from Sheol (the place of the dead):

Hosea 13 verse 14

Martha, one of Jesus' followers, expresses her belief that her dead brother will rise from the dead. Jesus then tells her that it is through belief in him that we can be raised:

John 11 verses 24 and 25

The apostle Paul, when he is on trial, makes it clear that he believes in the resurrection of the dead:

Acts 24 verses 14 and 15

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Philippi that being raised from the dead is the most important thing to him:

Philippians 3 verses 10 and 11

Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that the resurrection will take place at the return of Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 12

Bible timeline

