

Genesis 21

The Lord, The Everlasting God

Outline

V1-7 Sarah and the son of the promise

V8-13 Hagar and the son of the bondwoman

V14-21 The Promise to Hagar and Ishmael

V22-32 The Covenant between Abraham and Abimelech

V33-34 Abraham worships The Lord, The Everlasting God

Observations

God's faithfulness in an eventful year...

V1-7 - The arrival of the son of the promise

V1-2 God does as He speaks

V3-7 Laughter and joy from Isaac

V8-13 - The departure of the son of the bondwoman

8-11 Scoffing and grief from Ishmael

12-13 Hagar and Ishmael cast out

Observations

V14-21 - A promise to Hagar and Ishmael

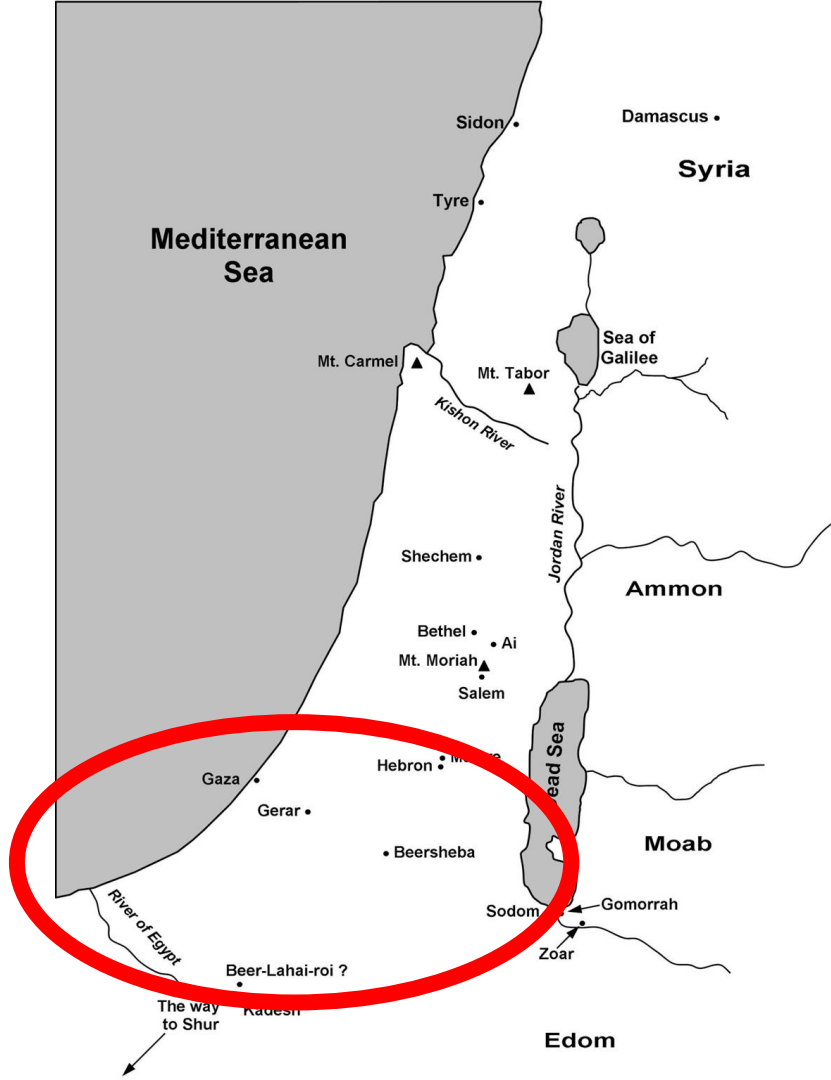
V14 Abraham sends Hagar and Ishmael away

V15-16 Hagar and Ishmael in distress

V17-21 God is the God who hears

V22-32 - The covenant between Abraham and Abimelech

V33-34 - The Lord, The Everlasting God



Spiritual Lessons

V1-7 **EI Olam (The Everlasting God)** is faithful to His promises

He fulfils His word in His time

He brings exceeding joy through His promises

He gives all that is needed with His promises

V8-13 EI Olam is faithful in spite of our failures

He is faithful to help us make the right decisions, even when it is hard

Hagar and Sarah as a contrast of the law and grace

Ishmael and Isaac as a contrast of the flesh and The Spirit

Spiritual Lessons

V14-21 El Olam cares for Gentiles

He extends kindness to Hagar and Ishmael for the sake of Abraham

V22-32 El Olam is faithful when we are wronged

V33-34 God is faithful because He is El Olam

Applications - God receives glory for His faithfulness

V1-7 - God receives glory through our faith, obedience, and joy

Let's laugh with God and not at God

God will give us strength with His promises

V8-13 God receives glory when we deal with failures in obedience to Him

It is not always easy to do the right thing

Husbands, listen to your wife

... when their advice is in line with God's word

Applications - God receives glory for His faithfulness

V14-21 God receives glory for His favor to all peoples

Be thankful to God for including me and you

When in need, remember Hagar

V22-32 God receives glory when we are wronged and wait for His deliverance

Believers should try to live peaceably with non-believers

Believers should not compromise justice for the sake of peace

Can the unbeliever say “do not deal falsely with me” to any of us?

Applications - God receives glory for His faithfulness

V33-34 God receives glory through our proper worship

Do you know The Lord, The Eternal God?

Do you worship The Lord, The Eternal God?