



## Hebrews Lesson 14 Chapter 11 Isaac and Jacob

*The “great cloud of witnesses” that is given in Hebrews 11 gives a historical record of the many Old Testament people who believed God for salvation through a coming Savior and a coming “heavenly city.” These people did great feats and suffered much but still believed that God was faithful and capable of following through on His promises. None of them lived to see the final fulfillment of those promises. Even today the promises of God haven’t all been realized in that the final acts of His foreordained history haven’t been fully finalized. But the author is not trying to make the point that God is finished with all His work in the extent of history. He is making the point that the promised and long-awaited Savior has been revealed, therefore the fulfillment of the Messianic promises have been fulfilled in Jesus. The witnesses that he speaks so strongly of were waiting for Him and never saw His coming, but the recipients of this letter have seen His coming. He is*

*compelling them to not take that lightly, but to press on even in the face of persecution and suffering just as their forefathers did until the final revelation of God. God has chosen a people group through which the Messiah would come, and the Old Testament gives the lineage of that group. From Noah’s son Shem came the great patriarch, Abraham, who left his home to follow God and receive what he was promised. God made a covenant promise to make Abraham a great nation, give him a land flowing with milk and honey, and make him a blessing to all nations (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-8). From Abraham would come the miracle child, Isaac, who would continue the chain of events that would eventually bring Messiah. Though these were flawed individuals with selfish desires and many times unholy lifestyles, they believed that God was the unseen force working through their lives. Because of that faith, they are listed as the “heroes of faith.”*

### REVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 ABRAHAM

*And He took him outside and said, “Now \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, if you are able to count them.” And He said to his, “So \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ be.” Genesis 15-5-6*

1. What was Abraham’s first act of faith?

2. *A major part of God's promise to Abraham included inheriting the land. What part of that promise did Abraham actually obtain? Genesis 3:3-20; 25:7-11*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *What was Abraham's most significant act of faith? Why was it so important? Hebrews 11:17-19*

READ HEBREWS 11:20-21; GENESIS 21:25-27

4. *In what way was the birth of Isaac significant to the promises made to Abraham? Genesis 22:15-18 Why couldn't that be done through Ishmael? Genesis 21:12-13*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. *Who did Isaac marry, and what were the names of their children? Genesis 25:19-26*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. *What did God specifically promise Isaac, and what did Isaac do in response to that? Genesis 26:19-25*

7. *How does God identify Jacob as the next heir to the promises? Genesis 28:10-22*

8. *What happened to Jacob while he was in Bethel? Genesis 35:1-15*

9. *Who does Jacob marry (Genesis 29:1-20), and what are the names of his sons by each of them and their concubines? Genesis 35:16-26*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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