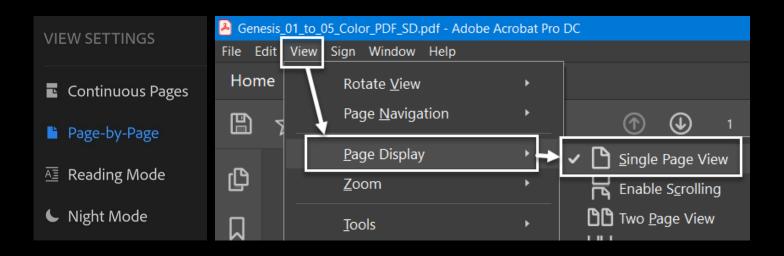


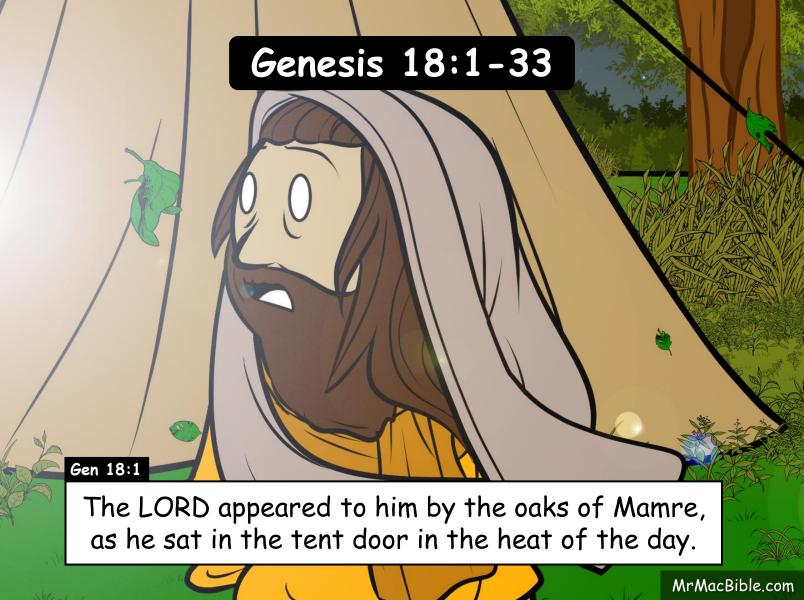
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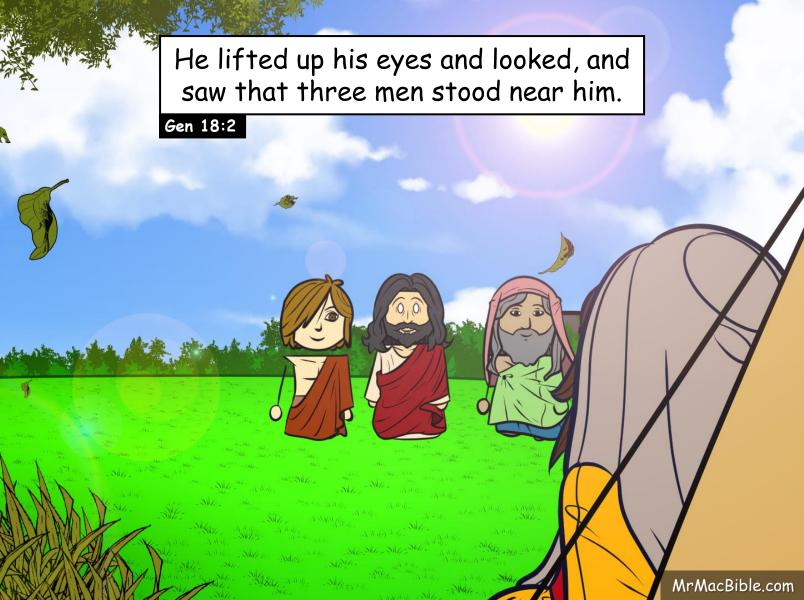
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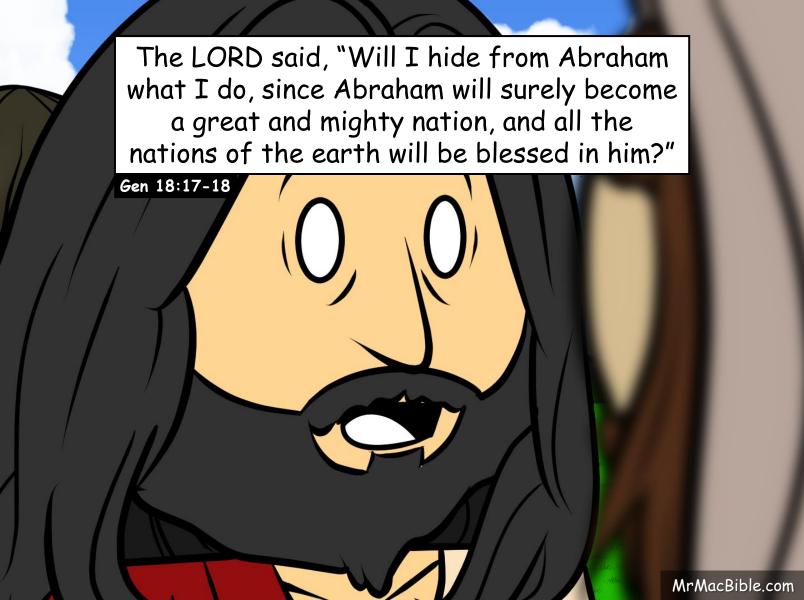


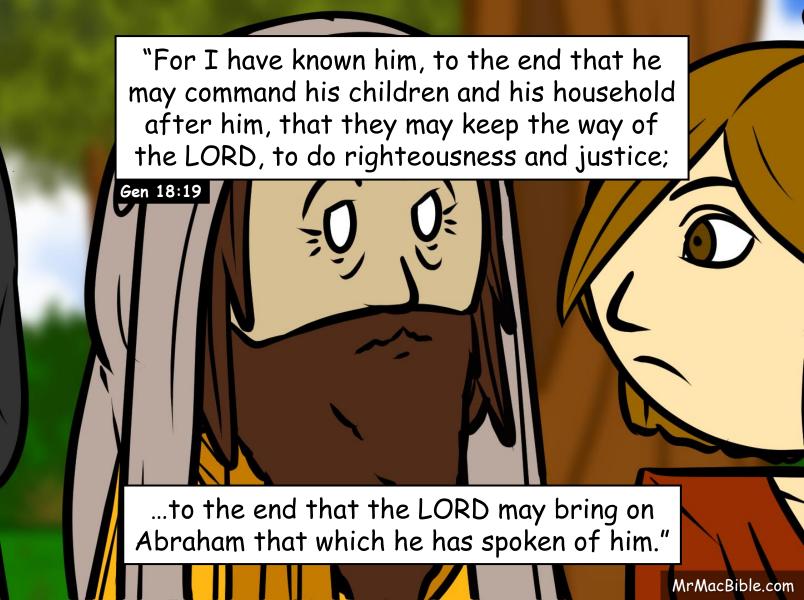


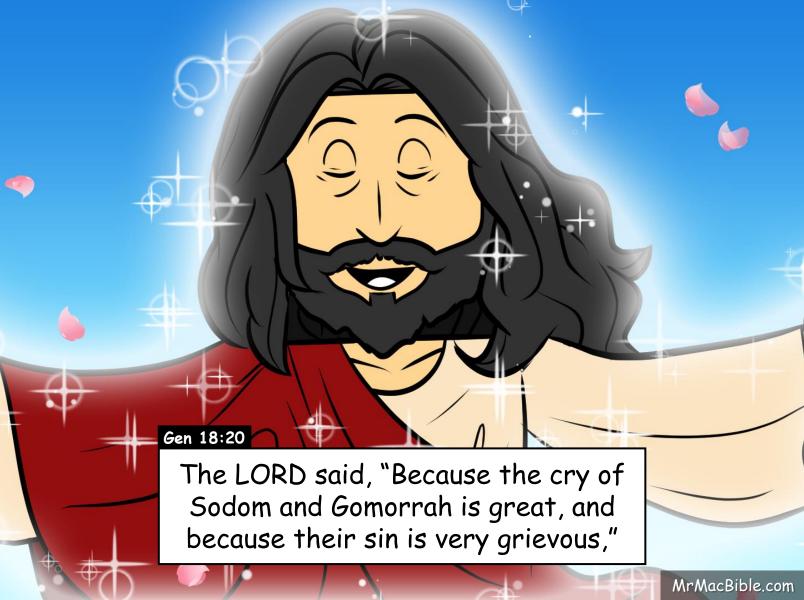












"I will go down now, and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports which have come to me. If not, I will know."

Gen 18:21



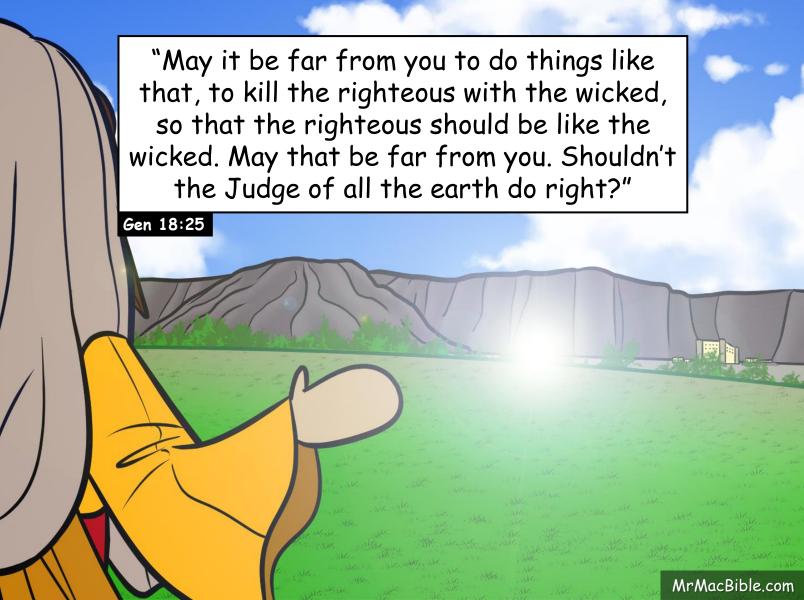
Killing the Righteous? Genesis 18:22-33

Gen 18:22



The men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.







Abraham answered, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, although I am dust and ashes. What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous?

Gen 18:27









He said, "I will not do it for the forty's sake."



will speak. What if there are thirty found there?" He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."



Gen 18:31

He said, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What if there are twenty found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake." He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"



Gen 18:32

He said, "I will not destroy it for the ten's sake."



BIBLE: Genesis 18:1-33

- 18:1 The LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day.
- 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth,
- 3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favour in your sight, please don't go away from your servant.
- 4 Now let a little water be fetched, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
- 5 I will get a piece of bread so you can refresh your heart. After that you may go your way, now that you have come to your servant."

They said, "Very well, do as you have said."

6 Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly prepare three seahs of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes."

- 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to dress it.
- 8 He took butter, milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them. He stood by them under the tree, and they ate.
- 9 They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" He said, "There, in the tent."
- 10 He said, "I will certainly return to you at about this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."

Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

- 12 Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"
- 13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child when I am old?'
- 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes around, and Sarah will have a son."

Genesis 18: 15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, "I didn't laugh," for she was afraid.

He said, "No, but you did laugh."

- 16 The men rose up from there, and looked towards Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way.
- 17 The LORD said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do, 18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?
- 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that the LORD may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him."
- 20 The LORD said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous,
- 21 I will go down now, and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports which have come to me. If not, I will know."

- 22 The men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.
- 23 Abraham came near, and said, "Will you consume the righteous with the wicked?
- 24 What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it?
- 25 May it be far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be like the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn't the Judge of all the earth do right?"
- 26 The LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake."
- 27 Abraham answered, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, although I am dust and ashes.
- 28 What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?"

Genesis 18: 28 He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 He spoke to him yet again, and said, "What if there are forty found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the forty's sake."

30 He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?"

He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 He said, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake."

32 He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the ten's sake."

33 The LORD went his way as soon as he had finished communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.





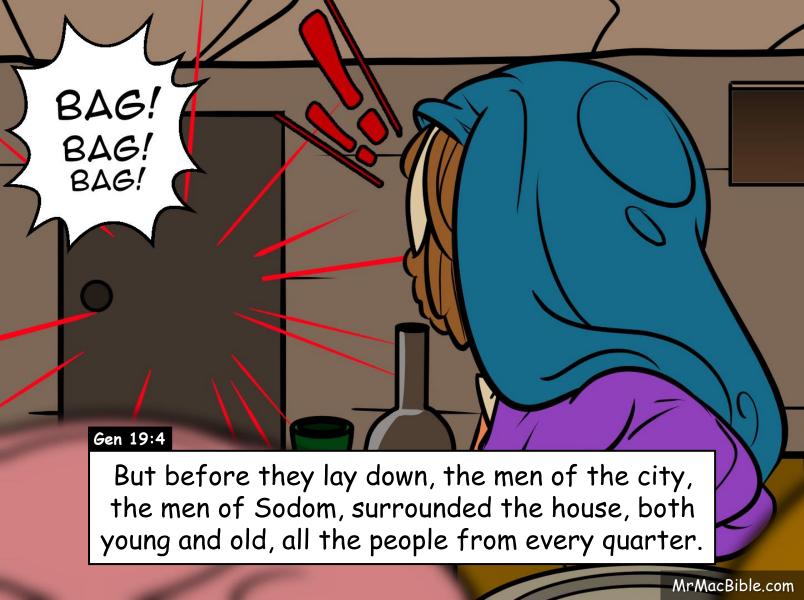


and you can rise up early, and go on your way."



































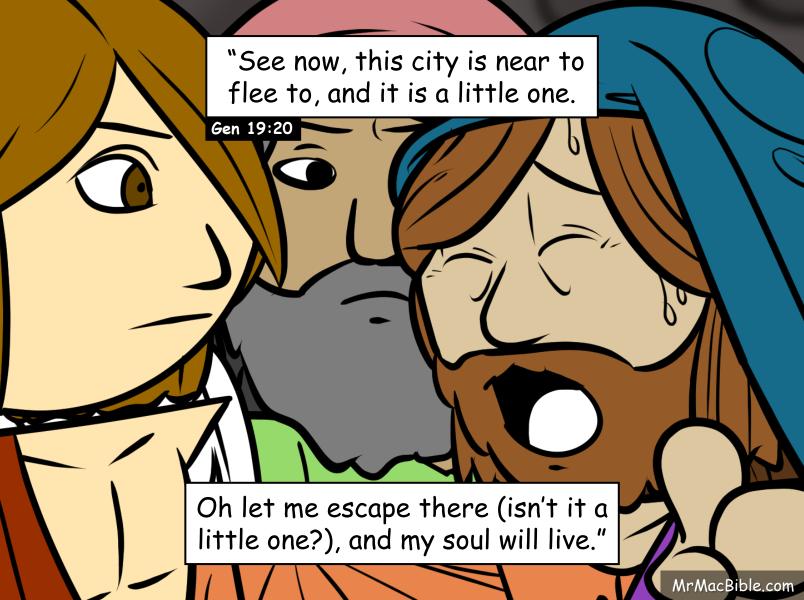
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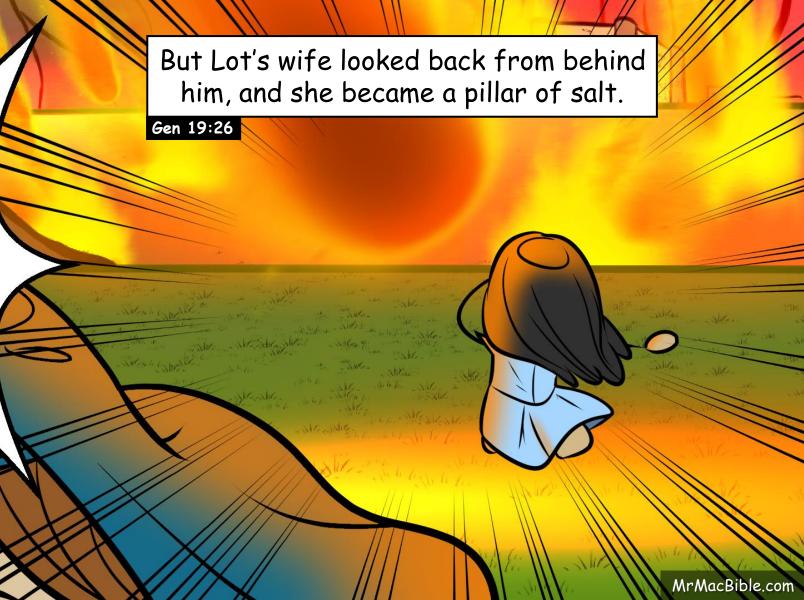


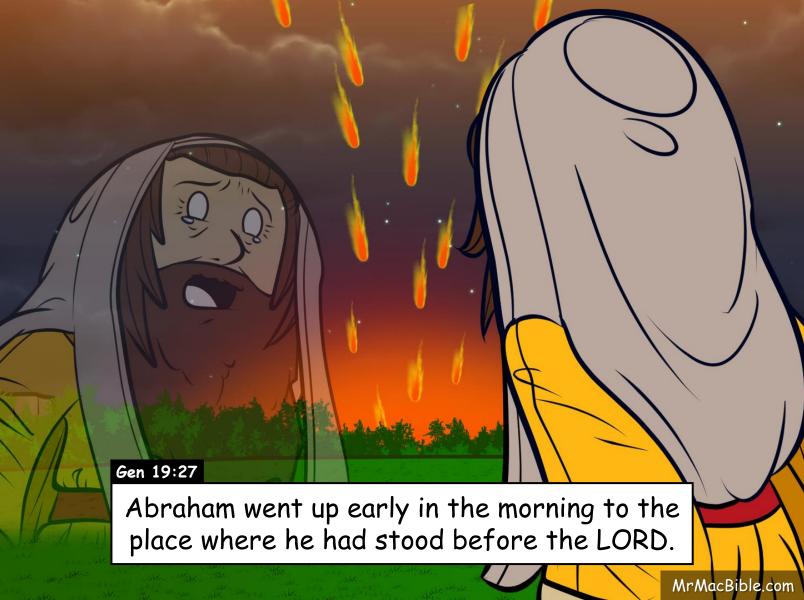


Gen 19:24

Then the LORD rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulphur and fire from the LORD out of the sky.



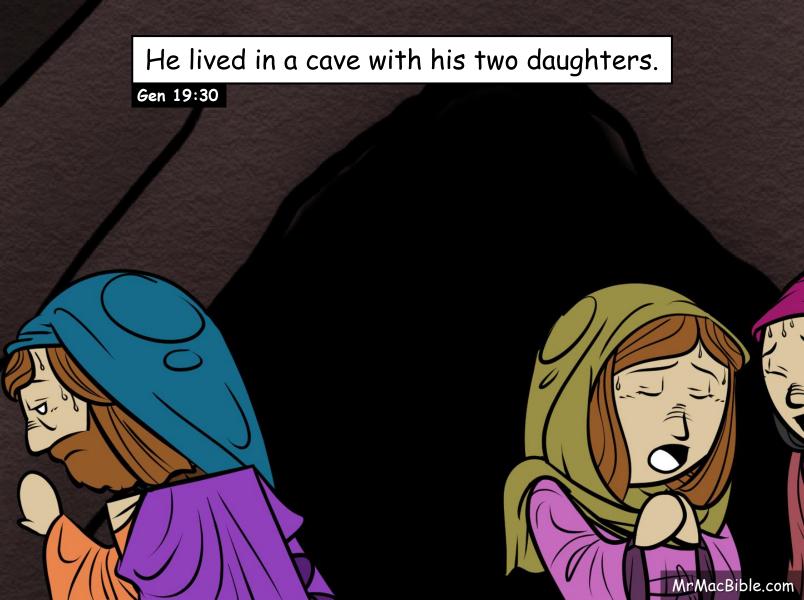














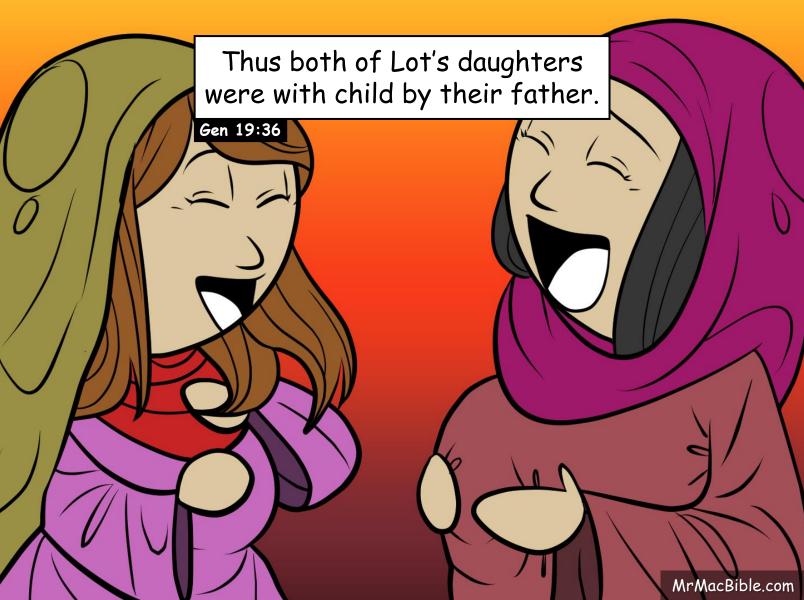
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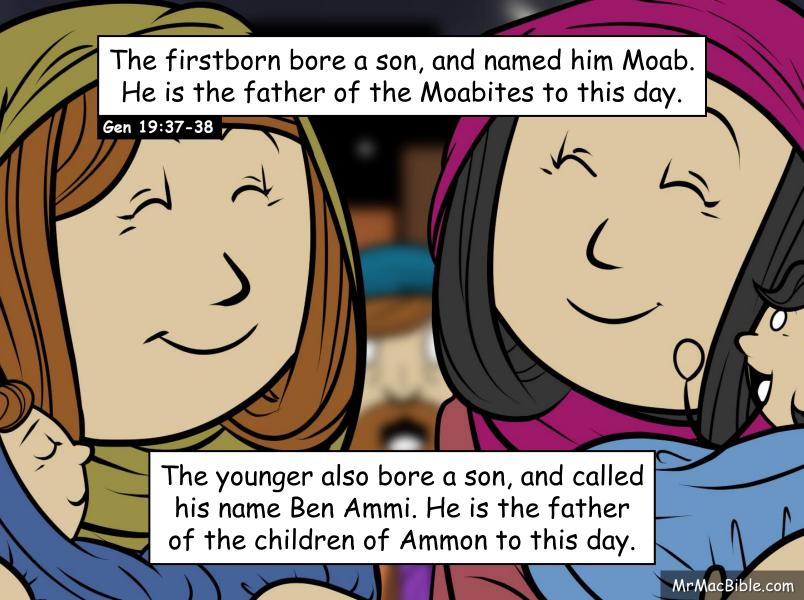












BIBLE: Genesis 19:1-38

19:1 The two angels came to Sodom at evening. Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face to the earth,

2 and he said, "See now, my lords, please come into your servant's house, stay all night, wash your feet, and you can rise up early, and go on your way."

They said, "No, but we will stay in the street all night."

- 3 He urged them greatly, and they came in with him, and entered into his house. He made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.
- 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter.
- 5 They called to Lot, and said to him, "Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them."
 - 6 Lot went out to them through the

- ...door, and shut the door after himself.
- 7 He said, "Please, my brothers, don't act so wickedly.
- 8 See now, I have two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them what seems good to you. Only don't do anything to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof."
- 9 They said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now we will deal worse with you than with them!" They pressed hard on the man Lot, and came near to break the door.
- 10 But the men reached out their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door.
- 11 They struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Genesis 19: 12 The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place:

13 for we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

14 Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up! Get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city!"

But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking. 15 When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, "Get up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city."

16 But he lingered; and the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, the LORD being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city.

- 17 It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, "Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed!"
- 18 Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my lord.
- 19 See now, your servant has found favour in your sight, and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life. I can't escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me, and I die.
- 20 See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (isn't it a little one?), and my soul will live."
- 21 He said to him, "Behold, I have granted your request concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.
- 22 Hurry, escape there, for I can't do anything until you get there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

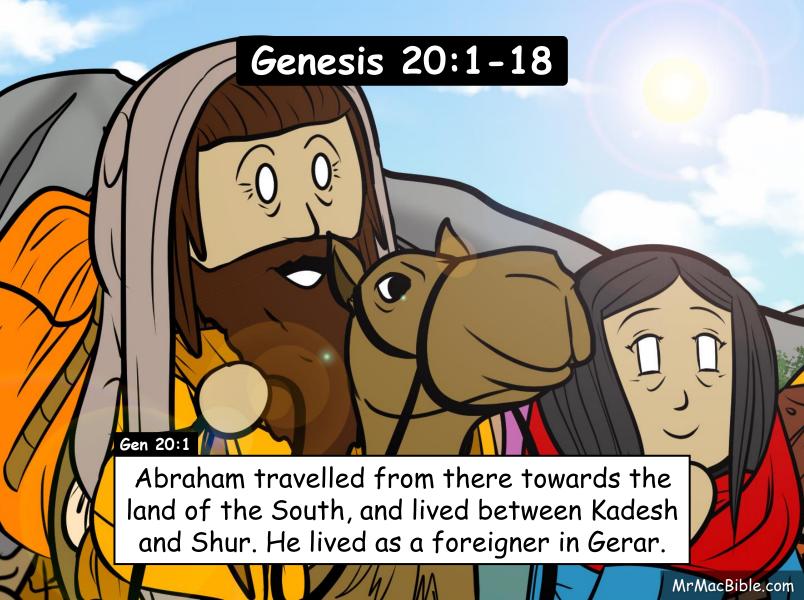
- Genesis 19: 23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.
- 24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and. on Gomorrah sulphur and fire from the LORD out of the sky. 25 He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground.
- 26 But Lot's wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
- 27 Abraham went up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.
- 28 He looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah, and towards all the land of the plain, and saw that the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.
- 29 When God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

- 30 Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to live in Zoar. He lived in a cave with his two daughters.
- 31 The firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us in the way of all the earth.
- 32 Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve our father's family line."
- 33 They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she arose.
- 34 It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let's make him drink wine again tonight. You go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve our father's family line."
- 35 They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and lay with him. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she got up.

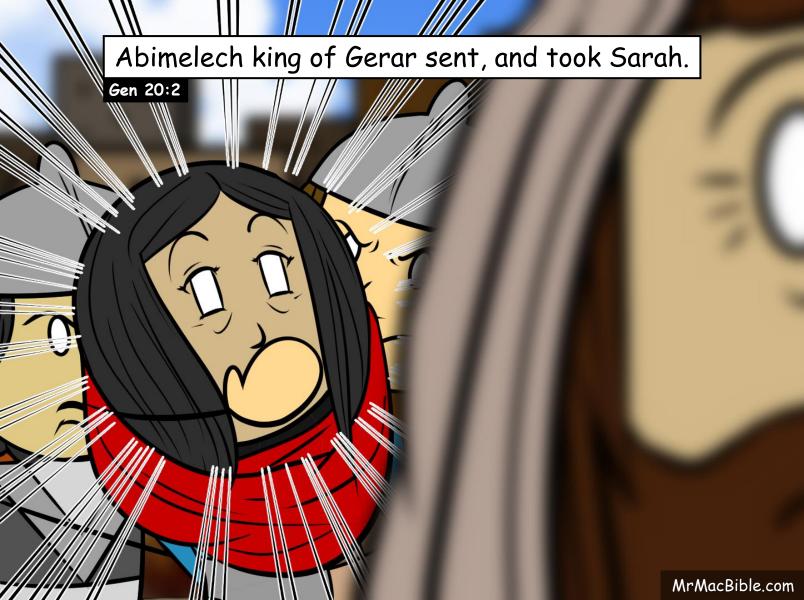
Genesis 19: 36 Thus both of Lot's daughters were with child by their father.

37 The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben Ammi. He is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.











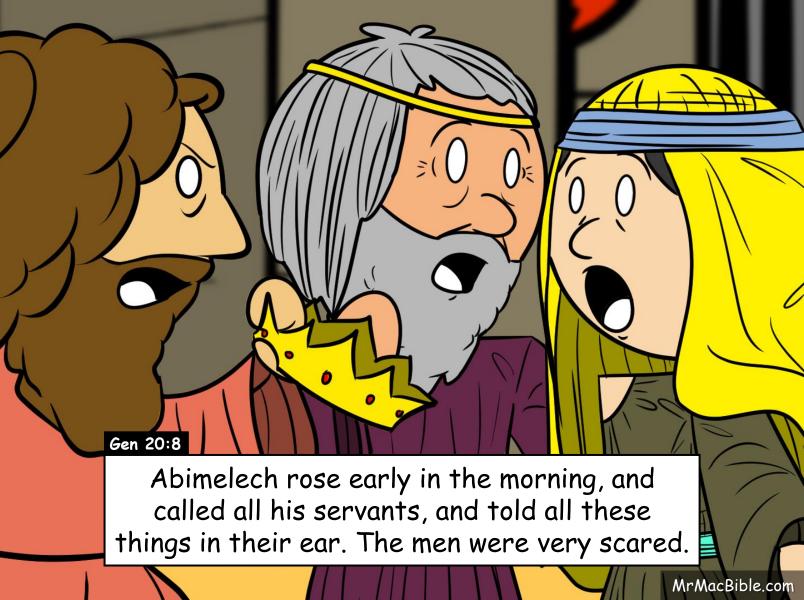


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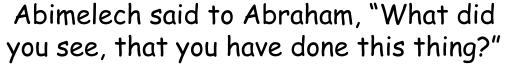
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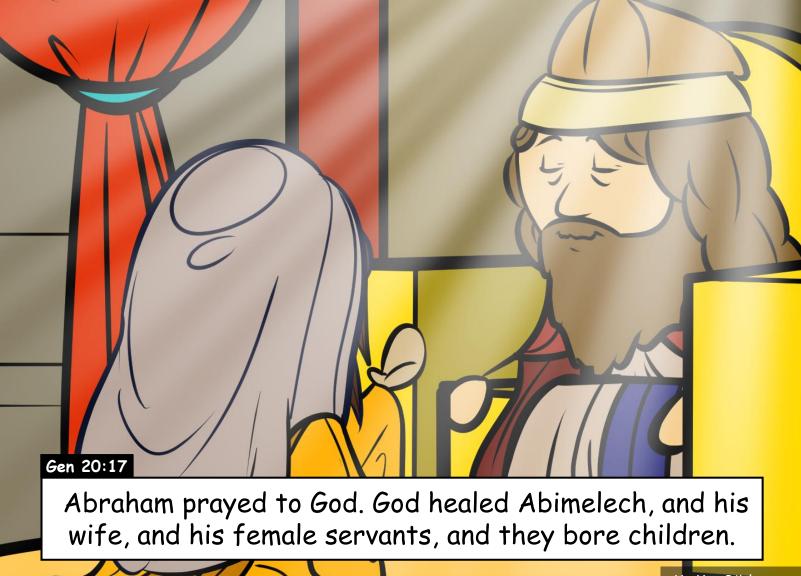














BIBLE: Genesis 20:1-18

- 20:1 Abraham travelled from there towards the land of the South, and lived between Kadesh and Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar.
- 2 Abraham said about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.
- 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife."
- 4 Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said, "Lord, will you kill even a righteous nation?
- 5 Didn't he tell me, 'She is my sister'? She, even she herself, said, 'He is my brother.' I have done this in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands."
- 6 God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me.

- ...Therefore I didn't allow you to touch her.
- 7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. If you don't restore her, know for sure that you will die, you, and all who are yours."
- 8 Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ear. The men were very scared.
- 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done!"
- 10 Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you have done this thing?"
- 11 Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this place. They will kill me for my wife's sake.'

Genesis 20: 12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

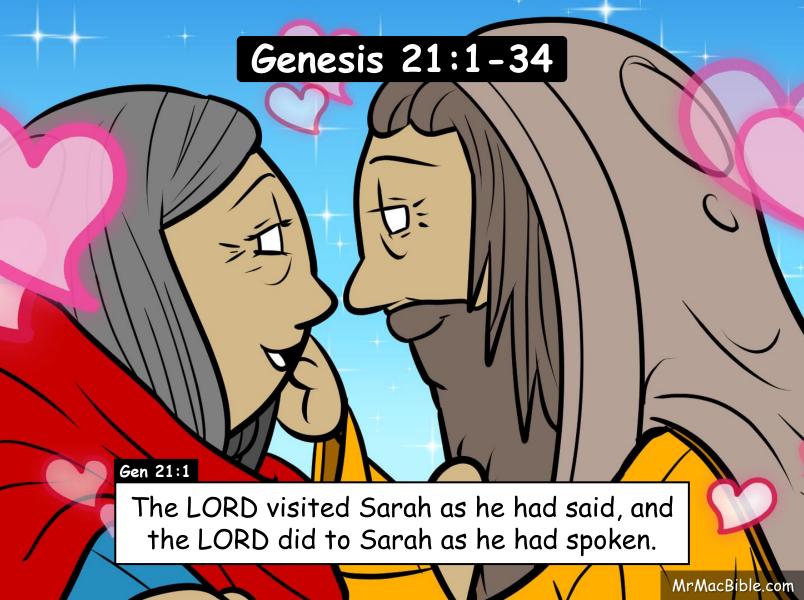
13 When God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to me. Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother." '"

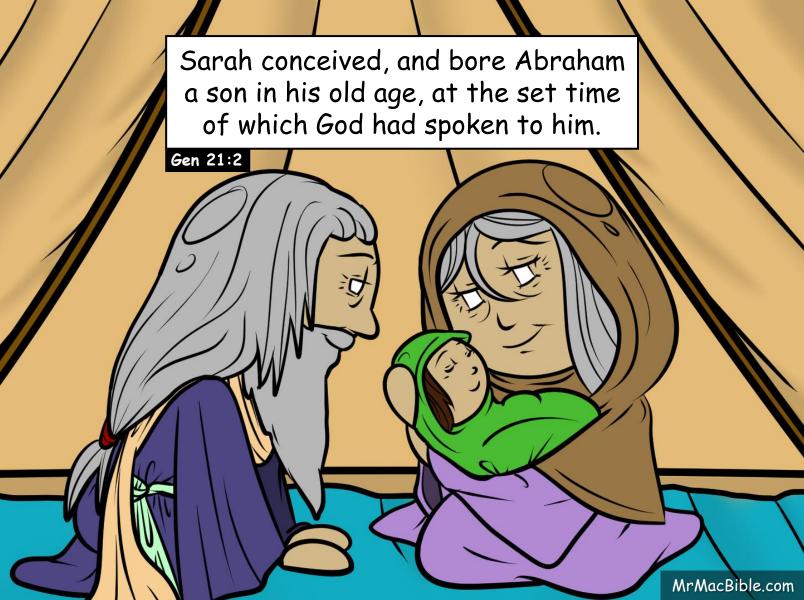
14 Abimelech took sheep and cattle, male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah, his wife, to him.

15 Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases you." 16 To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Behold, it is for you a covering of the eyes to all that are with you. In front of all you are vindicated."

17 Abraham prayed to God. So God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants, and they bore children.

18 For the LORD had closed up tight all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

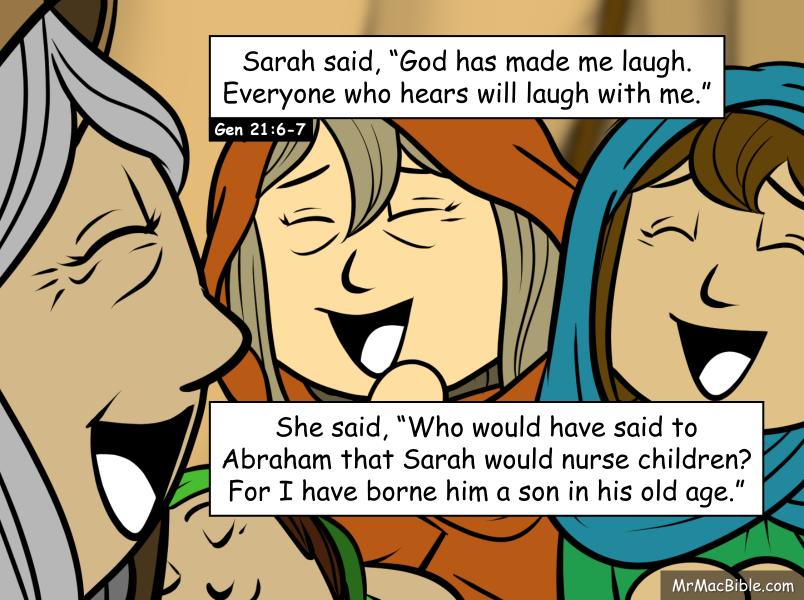






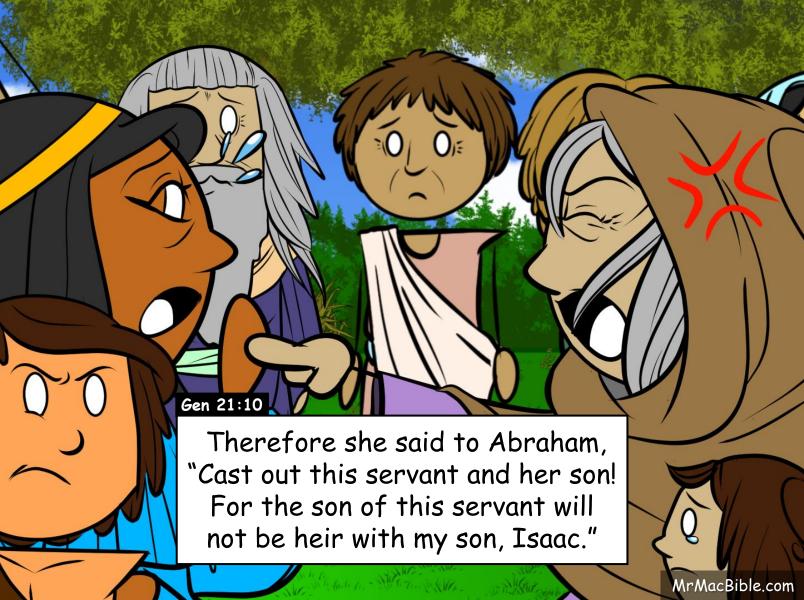




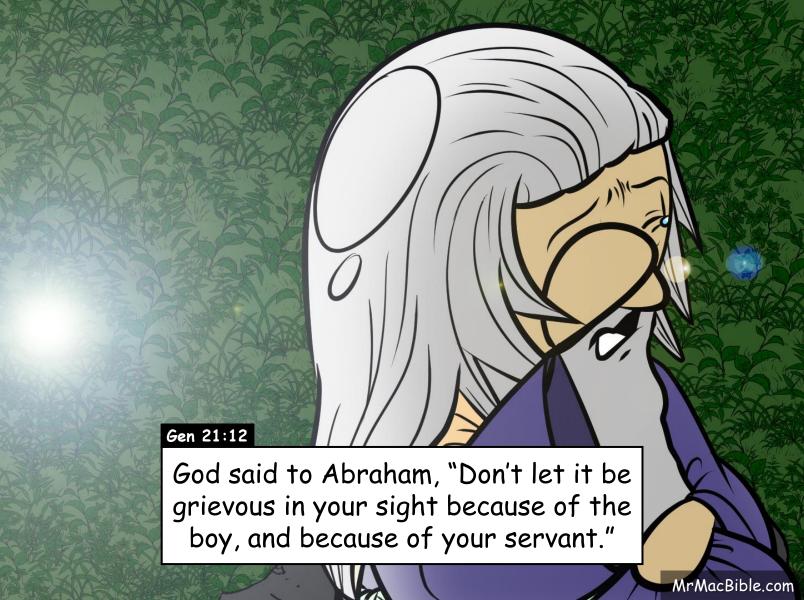










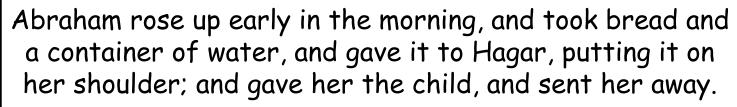




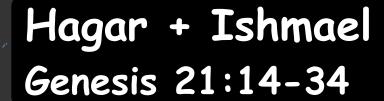
"I will also make a nation of the son of the servant, because he is your child."

Gen 21:13



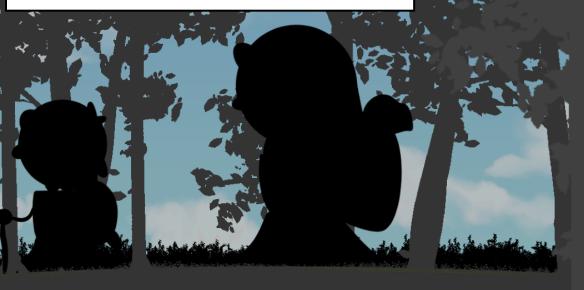






Gen 21:14

She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.













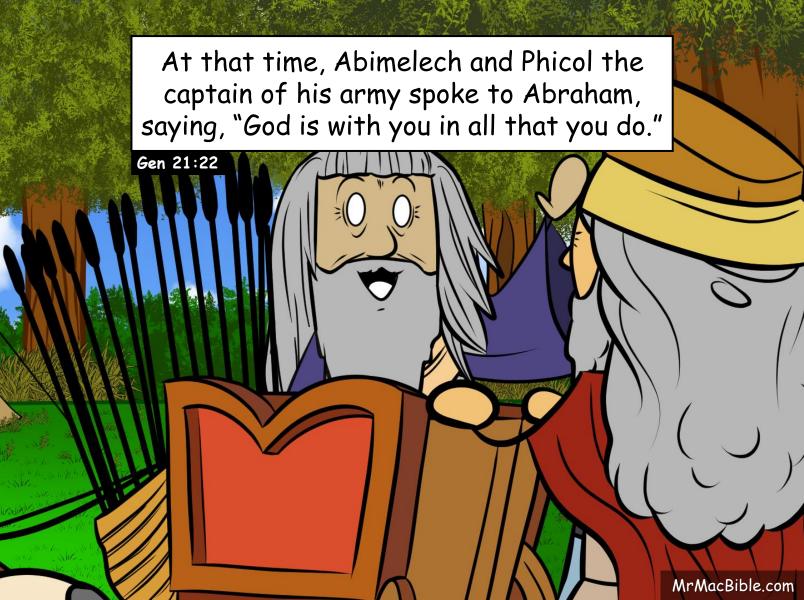


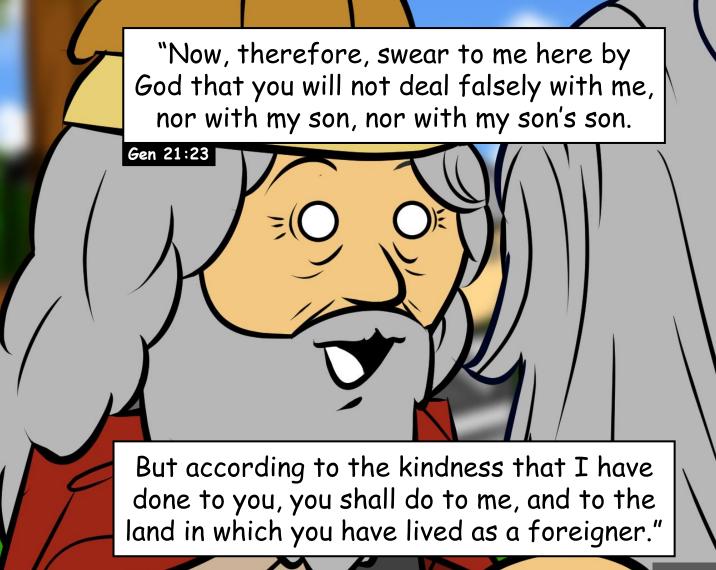












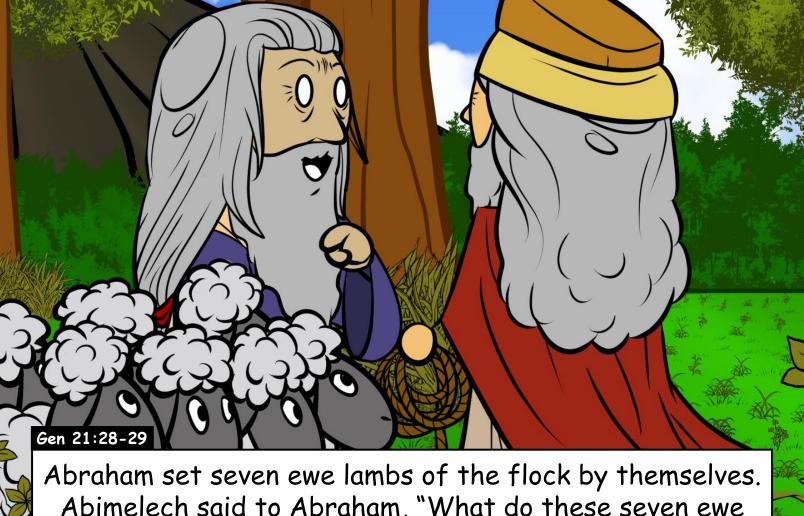






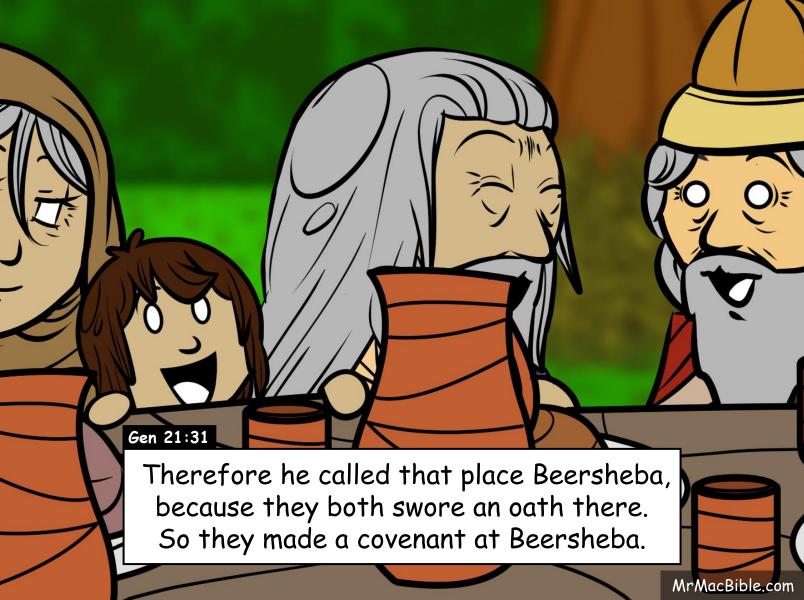




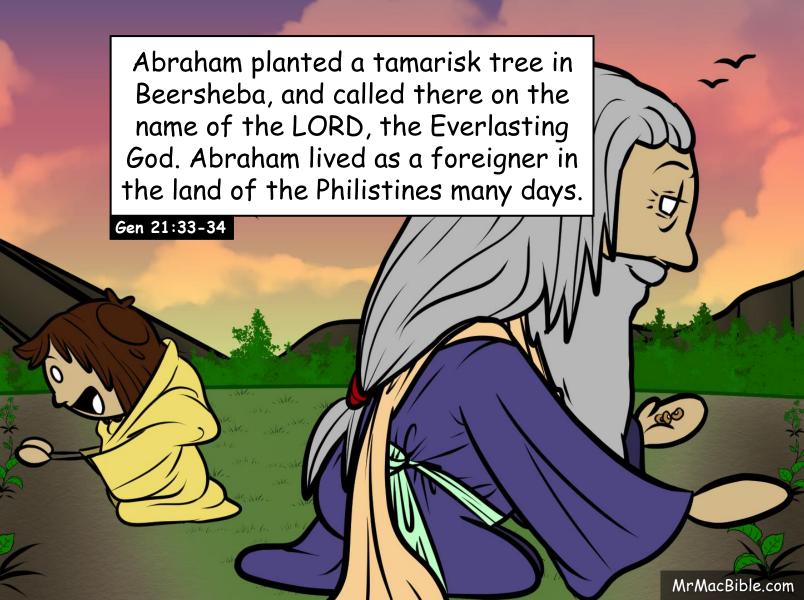


Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs, which you have set by themselves, mean?"









BIBLE: Genesis 21:1-34

- 1:1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had spoken.
- 2 Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3 Abraham called his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
- 4 Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- 5 Abraham was one hundred years old when his son, Isaac, was born to him. 6 Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me."
- 7 She said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."
- 8 The child grew and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

- 9 Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.
- 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this servant and her son! For the son of this servant will not be heir with my son, Isaac."
- 11 The thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son.
- 12 God said to Abraham, "Don't let it be grievous in your sight because of the boy, and because of your servant. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For your offspring will be named through Isaac.
- 13 I will also make a nation of the son of the servant, because he is your child."
- 14 Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a container of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder; and gave her the child, and sent her away.

She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Genesis 21: 15 The water in the container was spent, and she put the child under one of the shrubs.

16 She went and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a bow shot away. For she said, "Don't let me see the death of the child." She sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

17 God heard the voice of the boy.

The angel of God called to Hagar out of the sky, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Don't be afraid. For God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

18 Get up, lift up the boy, and hold him with your hand. For I will make him a great nation."

19 God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, filled the container with water, and gave the boy a drink.

20 God was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and as he grew up, he became an archer. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got a wife for him out of the

... land of Egypt.

22 At that time, Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, "God is with you in all that you do.

23 Now, therefore, swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son.

But according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have lived as a foreigner."

24 Abraham said, "I will swear."

25 Abraham complained to Abimelech because of a water well, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26 Abimelech said, "I don't know who has done this thing. You didn't tell me, and I didn't hear of it until today."

27 Abraham took sheep and cattle, and gave them to Abimelech. Those two made a covenant.

Genesis 21: 28 Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs, which you have set by themselves, mean?"

30 He said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well."

31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because they both swore an oath there.

32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech rose up with Phicol, the captain of his army, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

34 Abraham lived as a foreigner in the land of the Philistines many days.