

# In the Beginning

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## *Studies in the Book of Genesis*

### WEEK EIGHTEEN – LIFE OF ABRAHAM

- Genesis 20:1-18** Abraham and Abimelech  
(read 1-7, 15) Repeat offender: (cf 12:10-20)  
Abimelech is a title, like Pharaoh, Gerar is SW Israeli area  
Background for 21:22-34
- Genesis 21:1-7** Birth of Isaac (Romans 4:13-25, Hebrews 11:11-12)  
16:16, Abraham 86 – Ishmael born  
21:5, Abraham 100 – Isaac born  
F. "age 3-5 when weaned" >> Ishmael would be 16-19 yrs old
- Genesis 21:8-21** Separation of Ishmael  
v8-11 Sarah  
v12-13 God  
v14-21 The actual act of separation  
v 17-18 Promises of God (cf 16:6-16)  
Wilderness of Paran = Strip of land along E. bank of Red Sea - So, S. of Abraham's promised land, due E of Egypt, the area where Moses will enter by crossing the Red Sea.
- Genesis 21:22-34** Treaty with Abimelech – Brings his army, treaty to establish peace  
(over 20yrs. since war to deliver kings of S & G, 4-6 yrs after 20:1)  
Land of the Philistines – anywhere within Israeli area along the Mediterranean Coast  
Beersheba – S. area of Israel, about 10 mi. from coast., name means Well of the Seven (ewe lambs) Southern border-city of Israel, later "from Dan (N) to Beersheba (S)" meaning the entire land. Major city, known for water supply  
Tamarisk tree, aka Salt Cedar – 1) tolerates salty soil 2) grows to 18m (55'), trad. "Oak" or "Grove"