

Genesis 20

Genesis 20.1-7

V1 – Why did Abraham move to a new area? Possible memories of Sodom and Gomorrah
-Or possibly new pasture

V2 – What did Abraham tell the local king? Sarah was his sister
-Abraham made this same mistake in *Genesis 12.14-20*
-Resulted in great trouble (with Pharaoh)
-**Proves?** We can make the same mistake twice
-The king took Sarah into his harem

V3 – Message of God to Abimelech? You are a dead man if you don't give back Sarah

V4 – What do we find out about Abimelech? Basically a good man – was “blameless” and did not know why he should die

V5 – Abimelech was acting on the information he had

V6 – Did God believe that Abimelech was honest? Yes, God knew what was in his heart
-**Had Abimelech had sexual intercourse with Sarah?** No (*verse 17* – God made Abimelech sick)

V7 – Message from God? Return Sarah or die
-**Message?** We can make same mistake twice
-Isaac also made this mistake with Rebecca

Genesis 20.8-18

V8 – What does this show about these pagan people? They still feared God

V9 – Who was at fault here? Abraham

V10 – Question of Abimelech? “Why did you do this?”

V11 – What did Abraham assume? The people were all evil in that area and would kill him to get to Sarah
-**Truth?** No – many good people were there
-Abraham seems to have feared rulers (e.g. – Pharaoh in *Genesis 12*)
Note: Sarah must have been a very beautiful woman

V12 – In what sense did Abraham tell half truth? Sarah was his half-sister (and wife)
-Always a danger in telling a half-truth

V13 – Whose idea was it to begin with? Abraham's – he asked Sarah to call him his brother

V 14 – **Why did Abimelech give gifts to Abraham?** Because Abraham was a prophet (according to God in *verse 7*)
-He also returned Sarah

V 15 – **What offer did Abimelech make?** Told Abraham to settle anywhere in the land

V 16 – **What else did Abimelech do?** Gave Abraham 1000 pieces of silver
-all was cleared up between them now

V 17 – **Why had Abimelech not had sexual relations with Sarah?** Apparently God had made him sick
-**How did God bless Abimelech?** Gave him children

V 18 – **What had God done?** Stopped Abimelech's women from having children until this matter was settled

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