

Genesis 22.1-19 keywords and chiasms

After these things **God** tested **Abraham**. He said to him, "**Abraham!**" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your **son**, your only **son Isaac**, whom you love, and go to the land of Mo-riah, and offer him there as a **burnt offering** on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So **Abraham** rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his **young men** with him, and his **son Isaac**; he cut the **wood** for the **burnt offering**, and set out and went to **the place** in the distance that **God** had shown him. On the third day **Abraham** looked up and saw **the place** far away. Then **Abraham** said to his **young men**, "Stay here with the donkey; the **boy** and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

22.6-10 chiasm

A: vv. 6-7: **Abraham** took the **wood** of the **burnt offering** and laid it on his **son Isaac**, and he himself carried the fire and the **knife**. So the two of them walked on together. **Isaac** said to his father **Abraham**, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my **son**." He said, "The fire and the **wood** are here, but where is the lamb for a **burnt offering**?"

B: v. 8: **Abraham** said, "**God himself will provide** the lamb for a **burnt offering**, my **son**."

A¹: vv. 9-10: So the two of them walked on together. When they came to **the place** that **God** had shown him, **Abraham** built an altar there and laid the **wood** in order. He bound his **son Isaac**, and laid him on the altar, on top of the **wood**. Then **Abraham** reached out his hand and took the **knife** to kill his **son**.

22.11-18 chiasm

A: vv. 11-12: But the **angel of YHWH** called to him from heaven, and said, "**Abraham, Abraham!**" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the **boy** or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear **God**, since you have not withheld your **son**, your only **son**, from me."

B: vv. 13-14: And **Abraham** looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. **Abraham** went and took the ram and offered it up as a **burnt offering** instead of his **son**. So **Abraham** called **that place** "**YHWH will provide**"; as it is said to this day, "**On the mount of YHWH it shall be provided.**"

A¹: vv. 15-18: The **angel of YHWH** called to **Abraham** a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says YHWH: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your **son**, your only **son**, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

So **Abraham** returned to his **young men**, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and **Abraham** lived at Beer-sheba.