

# *In The Beginning*

The new work for Abraham

## *The death of Abraham... Gen.25*

After Sarah's death, how does the Lord continue to bless Abraham? vs.1-4

**Abraham has 6 sons by Keturah. These became a host of other mid-East nations.**

Comment on verses 5-6. Why would Abraham send these sons away? Gen.17:19-21

**Perhaps he felt they would threaten Isaac in some way. He knew Isaac was the chosen one.**

Comment on the burial of Abraham. Who specifically buried him and where? vs.7-10

**Isaac and Ishmael get back together for this event. He's buried with Sarah, his wife.**

What happens to Isaac upon the passing of Abraham? vs.11 Comment?

**Scripture expressly declares that AFTER Abraham dies, God blesses Isaac. The Promise!**

## *Abraham after death is still blessed... Luke 16*

What specifically distinguishes Luke 16:19-31 from a parable?

**Parables don't reference specific people / names. Luke 16 is VERY specific. Not a parable.**

Describe the physical state of the two principle people. vs.19-21

**1. Rich man has everything and lives for himself. 2. Lazarus has nothing and is ill.**

Contrast the death event of the two. vs.22 What differences do you see?

**Rich man died and was buried. Lazarus was carried away by angels to Abraham's bosom.**

Describe this place, Hades, as it was at this time. vs.23

**The unsaved are in fire and torment but able to see the saved in Abraham's bosom at rest.**

And why is this called "Abraham's bosom"? vs.24 Comment??

**Abraham is clearly in charge of this place! Faithful Abraham comforts the saved...**

Clearly this isn't heaven. Why is this called Hades, (hell, grave(OT))?

**This shows that hell at this time had two halves, torment for lost, comfort for the saved.**

Why would OT believers, Abraham included, go here and not to heaven?

**Abraham's bosom is a temporary place until Christ's redemptive work on the cross.**

At the death of Christ, where did He go? Lu.23:43 Jn.20:17

**To Paradise, thought to be another name for Abraham's bosom. On 3<sup>rd</sup> day, to Heaven.**

After the ascension of Christ, what does Paul teach about this? IICor.12:2-4; Phil.1:21-24

**Apparently, Paradise has moved! It's now in the very presence of God.**

What does the rich man beg Abraham to do? Lu.16:27-28

**This evangelist from hell pleads to send Lazarus back from the dead. A great sign...**

And what is Abraham's prophetic response? vs.29-31

**Nothing is more powerful than the Scriptures! Jesus would rise, and still they don't believe**