

## ISAAC

### Introduction

Isaac was the only son of Abraham and his wife, Sarah. He was a special child in that his parents were well beyond the age of conceiving and bearing children, and he was next in the chosen lineage of Abraham that resulted in the nation of Israel and the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. Reading about his father, [Abraham](#), in Resources will provide good background for this article on Isaac.

### Biographical Facts and Information

Isaac's life almost ended at an early age. His father, Abraham, was instructed by God to sacrifice him on a mountain in the land of Moriah. God was testing Abraham's faith and, at the last moment, prevented the sacrifice and provided a ram in Isaac's place ([Genesis 22](#)). This incident was a foreshadowing of Jesus, the only Son of God, being sent as the sacrifice for the sin of every human being and being resurrected from the dead to life eternal ([Hebrews 11:17-19](#)).

At age 40, Isaac married his cousin Rebekah, after his father sought a bride from his own family rather than from the daughters of Canaanites in the land ([Genesis 24](#)). After being initially barren and Isaac's prayers, the couple gave birth to twins, Esau and Jacob ([Genesis 25:19-34](#)). Esau was born first and was a favorite son of Isaac, but Jacob deceived Isaac into blessing him at his death, to continue the lineage of Abraham and the promises made to him. Isaac also blessed Esau but subjected him to serving Jacob ([Genesis 27:1-40](#); [Hebrews 11:20](#)).

Isaac lived to the remarkable age of 180. He died at Mamre near Hebron and was buried there by his sons.

### Closing Thoughts

We do not know as much about Isaac as we do his father, Abraham, and his son, Jacob (Israel). This we do know:

Like all people of faith, Isaac experienced the anointing and blessings of God because his heart was inclined to God's will, even though he made mistakes.

Isaac continued the biological line that would lead to Jesus and walked in the faith of his father.

God will anoint our path and bless our efforts when we continue the heritage of our spiritual lineage in Jesus Christ by witnessing to the grace, mercy, and love of God.

This is an introduction on the subject of *Isaac*. Here are a few other resources you may wish to explore:

[Isaac \(learningscriptures.info\)](http://learningscriptures.info)

[Isaac in the Bible - His Life and Story \(christianity.com\)](http://christianity.com)

[Who was Isaac in the Bible? | GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)