

Hebrews 11:17-22

11:17 – “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,

4102 [e]	4374 [e]	11 [e]	3588 [e]	2484 [e]	3985 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3439 [e]	4374 [e]
Pistei	prosenēnochen	Abraam	ton	Isaak	peirazomenos	kai	ton	monogenē	prosepheren
17 ΠΙΣΤΕΙ	προσενήνοχεν	Ἀβραάμ	τὸν	Ἰσαὰκ	πειραζόμενος	, καὶ	τὸν	μονογενῆ	προσέφερον
By faith	has offered up	Abraham	-	Isaac	Being tested	even	[his]	only begotten son	was offering up
N-DFS	V-RIA-3S	N-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	Conj	Art-AMS	Adj-AMS	V-III-3S

prosphero - is perfect tense indicating that the sacrifice was complete in Abraham's mind

prosphero - imperfect tense indicating the action of sacrifice was NOT completed

3588 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	324 [e]
ho	tas	epangelias	anadexamenos
ὁ	τὰς	ἐπαγγελίας	ἀναδεξάμενος
the [one]	the	promises	having received
Art-NMS	Art-AFP	N-AFP	V-APM-NMS

1. Some attempt to teach this event was a difficult test for Abraham because he had to choose between his love for God and his love for his son. Or, a test of obedience to God vs. love for his son.
2. This issue, or the test, seems to be how Abraham reconciles the several promises (or, revelations) of God with each other.
 - a. Notice “received the promises” is plural
 - b. 11:18 specifically identifies one of the promises: “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” But, now God is revealing that Isaac is to be offered as a sacrifice.
 - c. So, the conflict is between the promise and the revelation:
 - i. The promise: “through Isaac shall your offspring be.”
 - ii. The revelation: “Take your son...to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”
 - d. This conflict is impossible to resolve or understand accept by faith, or trusting in the Lord is able to do both.
 - e. By faith, not by understanding, Abraham accepted in obedience.
3. “only begotten son” is *monogene* which does NOT mean “only son” (Abraham had another son, and eventually had many sons). *Monogene* contains the idea of “unique” son. This is the son with the promise. The other sons did not and will not have the same promise.
4. “having received” – *anadexomai* –
 - a. Used in Acts 28:7 –
 - i. NIV - “There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He **welcomed** (*anadexamenos*) us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.”
 - ii. ESV – “Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who **received** (*anadexamenos*) us and entertained us hospitably for three days.”
 - b. Often used in the papyri in a legal sense to say “undertake,” “assume”
 - c. Abraham had “assumed” responsibility for the promise and had “undertaken” seeing the promise come to pass. Thus, Abraham’s faith was actively working with the promise.

- i. It would have been contrary to Abraham’s faith to eliminate the promised seed, but because of his faith in God’s command Abraham was willing to use his faith to do things that seemed to conflict with his faith.

11:18 – “of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

4314 [e]	3739 [e]	2980 [e]	3754 [e]	1722 [e]	2464 [e]	2564 [e]	4771 [e]	4690 [e]		
pros	hon	elalēthē	hoti	En	Isaak	klēthēsetai	soi	sperma		
18	πρὸς	ὄν	ἐλαλήθη	ὅτι	, Ἐν	Ἰσαὰκ	κληθήσεταιί	σοι	σπέρμα	,
	as to	whom	it was said	-	In	Isaac	will be reckoned	your	offspring	
	Prep	RelPro-AMS	V-AIP-3S	Conj	Prep	N-DMS	V-FIP-3S	PPro-D2S	N-NNS	

11:19 – “He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

3049 [e]	3754 [e]	2532 [e]	1537 [e]	3498 [e]	1453 [e]	1415 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	3606 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]			
logisamenos	hoti	kai	ek	nekrōn	egeirein	dynatos	ho	Theos	hothen	auton	kai			
19	λογισάμενος	ὅτι	καὶ	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	ἐγείρειν	,	δυνατὸς	ὁ	Θεός	,	ὅθεν	αὐτὸν	καὶ
	having reasoned	that	even	out from	[the] dead	to raise		able [was]	-	God		from where	him	also
	V-APM-NMS	Conj	Conj	Prep	Adj-GMP	V-PNA		Adj-NMS	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Adv	PPro-AM3S	Conj

1722 [e]	3850 [e]	2865 [e]
en	parabolē	ekomisato
ἐν	παραβολῇ	, ἐκομίσατο .
in	a simile	he received
Prep	N-DFS	V-AIM-3S

1. This verse tells us how Abraham could use his faith to obey the command which was coming against his faith in the promise of the seed. Abraham had faith in God and “considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead.”
2. “Considered” – *logisamenos* – “to reckon”, “to consider”
 - a. It means to “compute”; “to take into account”; “to reckon”; “to reason to a logical conclusion”
 - b. *Logizomai* is the root for English “logic” and “logical”

11:20 – “By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

4102 [e]	2532 [e]	4012 [e]	3195 [e]	2127 [e]	2464 [e]	3588 [e]	2384 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2269 [e]			
Pistei	kai	peri	mellontōn	eulogēsen	Isaak	ton	lakōb	kai	ton	Ēsau			
20	Πίστει	καὶ	περὶ	μελλόντων	,	εὐλόγησεν	Ἰσαὰκ	τὸν	Ἰακώβ	καὶ	τὸν	Ἡσαῦ	.
	By faith	also	concerning	[the things] coming	blessed	Isaac	-	Jacob	and	-	Esau		
	N-DFS	Conj	Prep	V-PPA-GNP	V-AIA-3S	N-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS		

1. Genesis 27:27-29
2. Genesis 27:39-40
3. Genesis 27:33 – Isaac knew the blessing belonged to Jacob
4. Genesis 28:1-4 – blessed Jacob with full knowledge

5. There is no concern with Jacob’s deception or Isaac being deceived, because Isaac knew the promise and knew the future because of the Abrahamic Promises.
6. Isaac knew the truth and had faith
7. Notice the sons are listed – Jacob and Esau...not Esau, the first born, and Jacob

11:21 – “By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

4102 [e]	2384 [e]	599 [e]	1538 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	2501 [e]	2127 [e]	2532 [e]	4352 [e]
Pistei	Iakōb	apothnēskōn	hekaston	tōn	huiōn	Iōsēph	eulogēsen	kai	prosekynēsen
21 Πίστει	Ἰακώβ	, ἀποθνήσκων	, ἕκαστον	τῶν	υἱῶν	Ἰωσήφ	εὐλόγησεν	, καὶ	προσεκύνησεν
By faith	Jacob	dying	each	of the	sons	of Joseph	blessed	and	worshiped
N-DFS	N-NMS	V-PPA-NMS	Adj-AMS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	N-GMS	V-AIA-3S	Conj	V-AIA-3S

1909 [e]	3588 [e]	206 [e]	3588 [e]	4464 [e]	846 [e]
epi	to	akron	tēs	rhabdou	autou
ἐπὶ	τὸ	ἄκρον	τῆς	ῥάβδου	αὐτοῦ
on	the	top	of the	staff	of him
Prep	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Pro-GM3S

1. Genesis 48
2. Jacob blessing Ephraim and Manasseh, Joseph’s two sons.
 - a. The oldest was Manasseh
 - b. But, Jacob blessed the younger son Ephraim with the greater blessing.
3. Jacob had faith in God and his promise

11:22 – “By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

4102 [e]	2501 [e]	5053 [e]	4012 [e]	3588 [e]	1841 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	2474 [e]	3421 [e]	2532 [e]
Pistei	Iōsēph	teleutōn	peri	tēs	exodou	tōn	huiōn	Israēl	emnēmoneusen	kai
22 Πίστει	Ἰωσήφ	, τελευτῶν	, περὶ	τῆς	ἐξόδου	τῶν	υἱῶν	Ἰσραὴλ	ἐμνημόνευσεν	, καὶ
By faith	Joseph	dying	concerning	the	exodus	of the	sons	of Israel	made mention	and
N-DFS	N-NMS	V-PPA-NMS	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	N-GMS	V-AIA-3S	Conj

4012 [e]	3588 [e]	3747 [e]	846 [e]	1781 [e]
peri	tōn	osteōn	autou	eneteilato
περὶ	τῶν	ὀστέων	αὐτοῦ	ἐνετείλατο
concerning	the	bones	of him	gave instructions
Prep	Art-GNP	N-GNP	Pro-GM3S	V-AIM-3S

1. Joseph died and was buried in Egypt, but he wanted to be taken to Canaan and buried in the Promised Land
 - a. Genesis 50:24-25
 - b. Exodus 13:19
 - c. Joshua 24:32

2. Joseph, the fourth generation, knew they were going to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant because he had faith in God
3. In Avaris a Semitic dignitary from 1700 BC was found with a ruler stick across his chest. The statue was found crushed inside a tomb twice human size wearing a striped garment with at least 3 colors and was decorated as Egyptians decorate Semitic people

