The name *Keturah* is only mentioned in the KJV Bible in reference to Abraham. After Sarah’s death (Gen. 24) we read that Abraham; “Then again...took a wife, and her name was Keturah” (Gen.25:1). However, some godly and reliable Biblical scholars believe that Gen. 25 where we first read of Keturah, is not chronological—that is, it does not necessarily come after Sarah died, but rather just presents an overview of Abraham’s life.

This would then suggest that Abraham had what is commonly referred to in Old Testament Scriptures as concubines. (Please see the definition for *concubine*). Sarah both historically and in Scriptural type, was always Abraham’s foremost and desired wife. It is possible that during the time Sarah lived and was considered the chief or foremost wife of Abraham, that he also had concubines—which we may say—were wives, but they did not occupy the chief place in Abraham’s family.

Isaac was God’s “son of promise” to Abraham, and thus Keturah’s children as well as Hagar’s son, and any other children that Abraham may have had from his other concubines (if he had other concubines), were given ‘gifts’ (to sustain them) and then sent far away from where Isaac would live.

Isaac alone was to inherit Abraham’s possessions, for Abraham was pre-eminently an Old Testament example of faith (both present various types of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ). He is also called *the friend of God*. His life, in general, is a life of victory as well as a life lived to the honor and glory of God.