

No, Abraham did not sacrifice Isaac; God stopped him at the last moment, providing a ram to be sacrificed in Isaac's place, as it was a test of Abraham's faith and obedience, not a command for actual death. The story from Genesis 22 shows God testing Abraham's willingness to give his "only son," but an angel intervenes, and Abraham offers a ram, demonstrating complete trust in God, who then promises to bless him greatly. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Key Details of the Story:

- **The Command:** God told Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer him as a burnt offering.
- **The Journey:** Abraham obediently prepared, and Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice, leading to Abraham's famous line, "God will provide the lamb".
- **The Intervention:** As Abraham raised the knife, an angel of the Lord called out from heaven, stopping him.
- **The Substitute:** God provided a ram caught in a thicket, which Abraham sacrificed instead of Isaac.
- **The Meaning:** The event proved Abraham's profound faith, showing he loved God more than his own son, and God blessed him for his obedience, promising to make his descendants numerous. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Interpretations:

- **A Test of Faith:** Most traditions view it as a powerful test of Abraham's ultimate trust in God, foreshadowing God's own sacrifice of his Son, Jesus, in Christian theology.
- **A Prophetic Act:** Some scholars suggest Abraham's words about the "lamb" were prophetic, pointing to a future ultimate sacrifice, notes [this YouTube video](#).
- **Alternative Views:** While Jewish and Islamic traditions identify the son as Ishmael (not Isaac) as the one to be sacrificed, the core narrative of divine intervention remains, writes [Islamic Awareness](#). [2, 6, 8, 9]

AI responses may include mistakes.

- [1] <https://rsc.byu.edu/vol-10-no-1-2009/elements-sacrifice-abrahams-time-our-own>
- [2] <https://forwardinchrist.net/god-commanded-abraham/>
- [3] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binding_of_Isaac
- [4] <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/why-did-god-ask-abraham-to-sacrifice-isaac/>
- [5] https://www.reddit.com/r/OpenChristian/comments/1ace3rc/issue_with_the_story_of_abraham_almost_killing/
- [6] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIBihb19ifU>
- [7] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OSUvuAK0P8>
- [8] <https://allendalebaptist.org/blog/why-would-god-tell-abraham-to-kill-his-son>
- [9] <https://www.islamic-awareness.org/quran/contrad/mustrad/sacrifice.html>