

Genesis 21

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21 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. (She conceived Isaac)

²For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. (God's Word never changes)

³And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. (Isaac = laughter; because Sarah laughed when God told her she would have a child in her old age)

⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

⁵And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

⁶And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. (Isaac means laughter)

⁷And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

⁸And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. (Ishmael is mocking Isaac. God had said that he wouldn't be able to get along with anyone)

¹⁰Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

¹¹And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. (Ishmael was his son also)

¹²And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. (Isaac is the seed line and the blessing; not Ishmael, as the Muslims like to falsely preach)

¹³ And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. (Arabs – Ishmael had 12 sons; as God foretold, they would be wild men – the muslims today)

¹⁴ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. (He sent her into the desert with just bread and a bottle of water. He was a very rich man, yet he sent her away empty handed)

¹⁵ And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

¹⁶ And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. (They were foing to die of thirst)

¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. (God hears all our prayers)

¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. (The Arab nations of today)

¹⁹ And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. (Abraham gave her one bottle; God gave her a well)

²⁰ And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

²¹ And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt. (Paran = a place of caves)

²² And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

²³ Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according

to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

²⁴ And Abraham said, I will swear.

²⁵ And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. (Water in the desert is very precious. Abraham's men dug the well. Abimelech's people took it by force. Abimelech fears Abraham because he knows that God is with him)

²⁶ And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.

²⁷ And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. (Abraham rendered good for evil; instead of taking vengeance. He paid Abimelech for a well that he had dug. The well was his to begin with)

²⁸ And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

²⁹ And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

³⁰ And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digg'd this well. (This was Abraham's oath that the well belonged to him)

³¹ Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they swore both of them. (Beersheba = the well of the 7 oaths)

³² Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

³³ And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. (God will always be there for those that love Him and live by His Word)

³⁴ And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days. (They shared the well, and had peace)