

### The Birth of Isaac and the Expulsion of Ishmael

Gen 21<sup>1</sup> And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. <sup>2</sup> For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

<sup>3</sup> And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. <sup>4</sup> Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

<sup>5</sup> Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> She also said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age.” <sup>8</sup> So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. <sup>10</sup> Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac.” <sup>11</sup> And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. <sup>13</sup> Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.” <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. <sup>15</sup> And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, “What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. <sup>18</sup> Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.” <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. <sup>20</sup> So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. <sup>21</sup> He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

► This text has everything—laughter, joy, fulfillment, blessing, conflict, sadness, exile—but we are left wondering how it all \_\_\_\_\_ together.

► Vs 1-7 emphasize:

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1-2).

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1-2).

Lk 1<sup>35</sup> “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (6).

Gen 17<sup>15</sup> “As for Sarai your wife, ... <sup>16</sup> ... I will bless her and also give you a son by her ...” <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ... <sup>18</sup> <sup>10</sup> And [God] said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.” ... <sup>12</sup> Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” <sup>13</sup> And the LORD said ..., “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD?” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

Ps 126<sup>1</sup> When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad.

Jn 15<sup>11</sup> “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

► Vs 8-12: Despite appearances, the one causing the trouble is not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

– Ishmael’s laughter was born of an intent to assert his own right as \_\_\_\_\_ born son to be the heir (per the normal ancient rules of inheritance), as opposed to Isaac’s right as the miraculously born son of \_\_\_\_\_ and a type of \_\_\_\_\_.

Gal 4<sup>28</sup> Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

Gen 17<sup>15</sup> “As for Sarai your wife, ... <sup>16</sup> ... I will bless her and also give you a son by her” ... <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!” <sup>19</sup> Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants [lit., “seed” singular].

Heb 11 <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," <sup>19</sup> concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. [cf. Gen 22.1-18]

Gal 3 <sup>16</sup> Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ ... <sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus ... <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Gal 3 <sup>6</sup> Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." <sup>7</sup> Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." <sup>9</sup> So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

- To nurture faith, God will provide a series of types of \_\_\_\_\_ until the true one comes. For example:

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- The point was to see Christ thru the type, \_\_\_\_\_, and thus share in Christ's inheritance.

Heb 11 <sup>13</sup> These [i.e., Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah] all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them from afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

- " \_\_\_\_\_ " is what Ishmael failed to do, which meant he was failing to walk in his father's faith, and he was denying what the promises, the covenant, and the covenant sign of circumcision were all about.

Rom 4 <sup>9</sup> [F]aith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. ... <sup>11</sup> And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, <sup>12</sup> and the father of circumcision to those ... who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

► **Vs13-21:** Repentance & faith are still open to Ishmael, but he will not inherit under the covenant, because God is making a key point: It's all about \_\_\_\_\_ & sharing in his inheritance.

Gal 3 <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Acts 26 <sup>17</sup> "I now send you [to the Gentiles], <sup>18</sup> ... that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

► \_\_\_\_\_ are all Ishmael.

Mat 16 <sup>25</sup> "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Phil 3 <sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ