

Abraham and His Son Isaac



GENESIS 18:1-14; 21:1-7; 22:1-18

English

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Abram was seventy-five years old when he left his father's family and journeyed to a new land to which the LORD led him. He took his wife, Sarai, and all his possessions with him. He had no son at that time. Later he settled at Hebron near the great trees in Mamre. There the LORD made an agreement with Abram and promised that a son would be born to him.

When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD renewed his promise to him. From that time on Abram and Sarai were called Abraham and Sarah. God reminded Abraham and Sarah that Sarah would bear a son even though she was 90 years old and he would be the father of a great nation.

based on Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-4; 17:1-6, 15-19



The LORD appeared to Abraham at the sacred trees of Mamre. As Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day, he looked up and saw three men standing there.

Genesis 18:1-2a



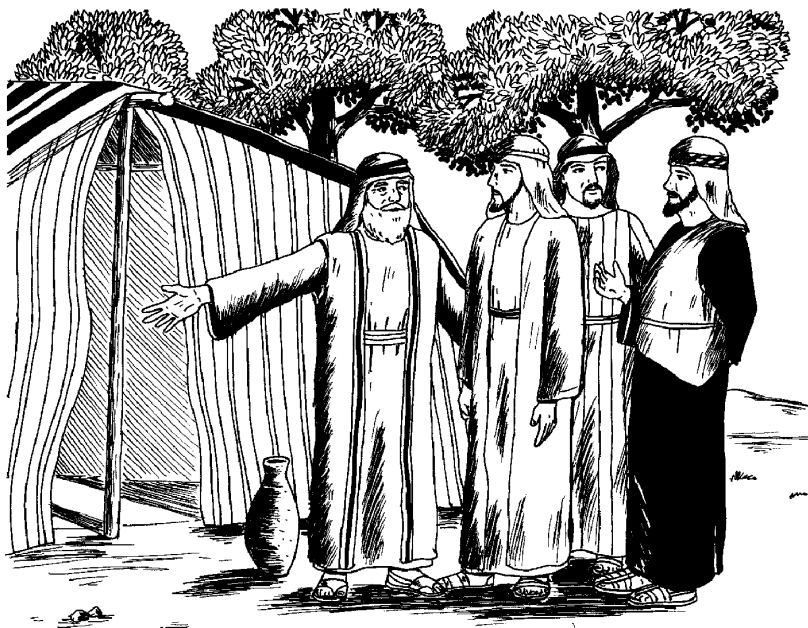
As soon as he saw them, he ran out to meet them. Bowing down with his face touching the ground, he said, “Sirs, please do not pass by my home without stopping; I am here to serve you.

Genesis 18:2b-3



Let me bring some water for you to wash your feet; you can rest here beneath this tree.

Genesis 18:4



I will also bring a bit of food; it will give you strength to continue your journey. You have honored me by coming to my home, so let me serve you.”

They replied, “Thank you; we accept.”

Genesis 18:5



Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, “Quick, take a sack of your best flour, and bake some bread.”

Genesis 18:6



Then he ran to the herd and picked out a calf that was tender and fat, and gave it to a servant, who hurried to get it ready.

Genesis 18:7



He took some cream, some milk, and the meat, and set the food before the men. There under the tree he served them himself, and they ate.

Genesis 18:8



Then they asked him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”

“She is there in the tent,” he answered.

Genesis 18:9



One of them said, “Nine months from now I will come back, and your wife Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah was behind him, at the door of the tent, listening.

Genesis 18:10



Abraham and Sarah were very old, and Sarah had stopped having her monthly periods. So Sarah laughed to herself and said, “Now that I am old and worn out, can I still enjoy sex? And besides, my husband is old too.”

Genesis 18:11-12



Then the LORD asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Can I really have a child when I am so old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? As I said, nine months from now I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

Genesis 18:13-14



The LORD blessed Sarah, as he had promised, and she became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham when he was old. The boy was born at the time God had said he would be born.

Genesis 21:1-2

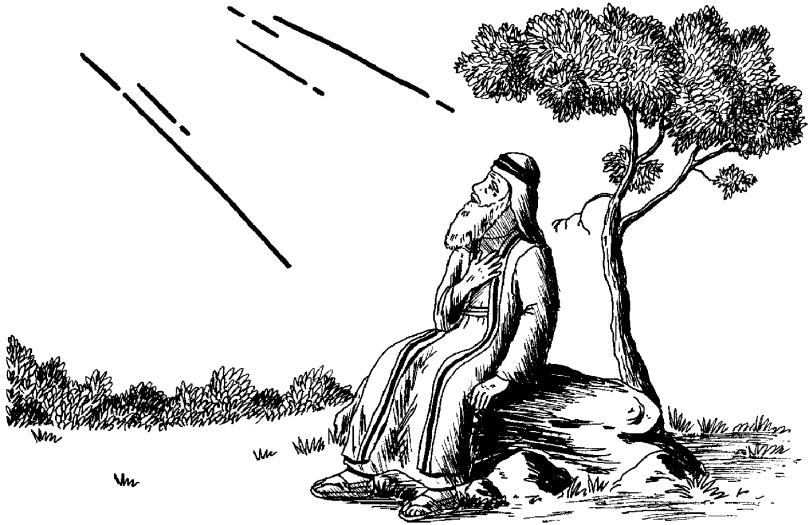


Abraham named him Isaac, and when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded. Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac was born.



Sarah said, “God has brought me joy and laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me.” Then she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Genesis 21:6-7



Some time later God tested Abraham; he called to him, “Abraham!” And Abraham answered, “Yes, here I am!”

“Take your son,” God said, “your only son, Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah. There on a mountain that I will show you, offer him as a sacrifice to me.”

Genesis 22:1-2



Early the next morning Abraham cut some wood for the sacrifice, loaded his donkey, and took Isaac and two servants with him. They started out for the place that God had told him about.

Genesis 22:3



On the third day Abraham saw the place in the distance. Then he said to the servants, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there and worship, and then we will come back to you.”

Genesis 22:4-5



Abraham made Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice, and he himself carried a knife and live coals for starting the fire. As they walked along together, Isaac spoke up, “Father!”

He answered, “Yes, my son?”

Genesis 22:6-7a



Isaac asked, “I see that you have the coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?”

Abraham answered, “God himself will provide one.” And the two of them walked on together.

Genesis 22:7b-8



When they came to the place which God had told him about, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son and placed him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Genesis 22:9



Then he picked up the knife to kill him. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!”

He answered, “Yes, here I am.”

Genesis 22:10-11



“Don't hurt the boy or do anything to him,” he said. “Now I know that you honor and obey God, because you have not kept back your only son from him.”

Genesis 22:12



Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in a bush by its horns. He went and got it and offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:13



Abraham named that place “The LORD Provides.” And even today people say, “On the LORD's mountain he provides.”

Genesis 22:14



The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time, “I make a vow by my own name—the LORD is speaking—that I will richly bless you. Because you did this and did not keep back your only son from me, I promise that I will give you as many descendants as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand along the seashore.

Genesis 22:15-17a



Your descendants will conquer their enemies.

All the nations will ask me to bless them as I have blessed your descendants—all because you obeyed my command.”

Genesis 22:17b-18

