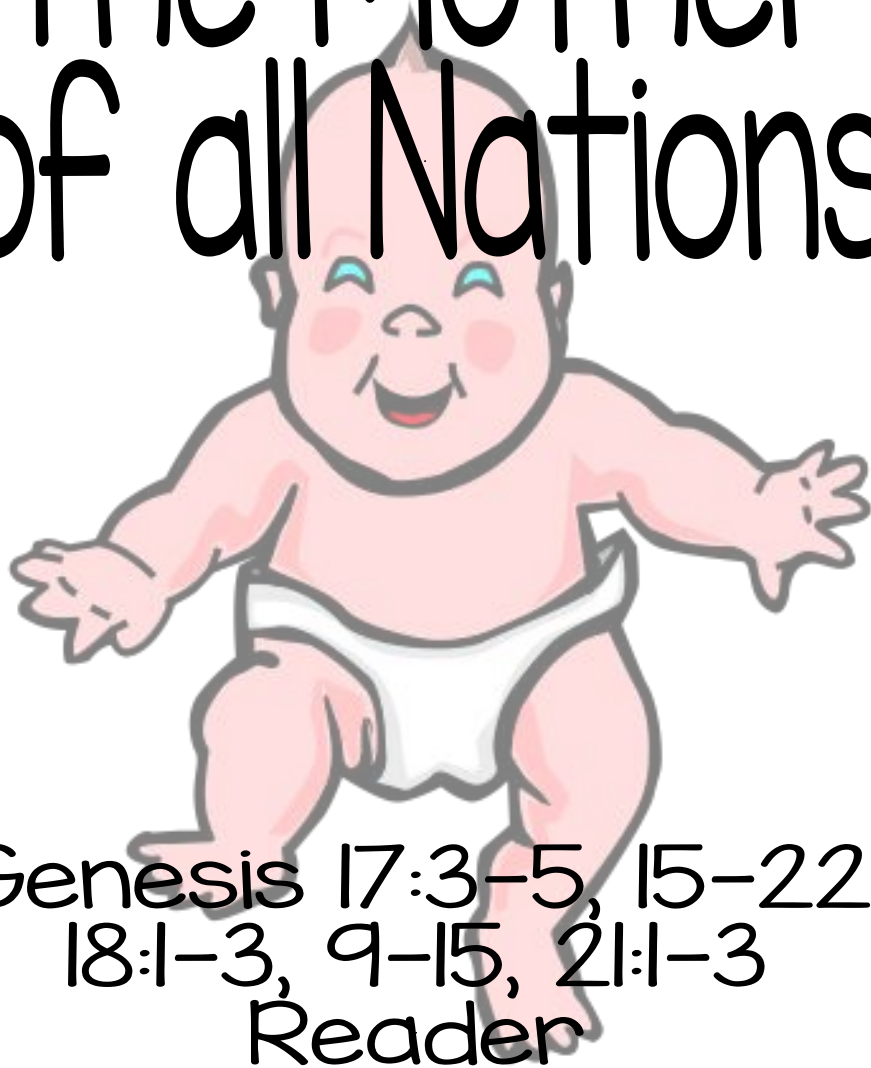


Sarah The Mother of all Nations



Genesis 17:3-5, 15-22
18:1-3, 9-15, 21:1-3
Reader

A-bram fell on his¹
face, and God
talked with him,
say-ing,

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"As for Me,
be-hold, My
cov-e-nant is
with you,
And you will be
the fath-er of a
mul-ti-tude of
na-tions.

3

"No long-er shall
your name be
called A-bram,
But your name
shall be
A-bra-ham;
For I have made
you the fath-er
of a mul-ti-tude
of na-tions."

⁴Then God said to
A-bra-ham, "As
for Sar-ai your
wife, you shall
not call her name
Sar-ai, but
Sar-ah shall be
her name.

I will bless her, ⁵
and in-deed I will
give you a son by
her. Then I will
bless her, and she
shall be a
moth-er of
na-tions; kings of
peo-ples will come
from her."

⁶Then A-bra-ham
fell on his face
and laughed, and
said in his heart,
"Will a child be
born to a man
one hun-dred
years old?"

And will Sar-ah, ⁷
who is nine-ty
years old, bear a
child?" And A-
bra-ham said to
God, "Oh that
Ish-mael might
live be-fore You!"

8 But God said, "No,
but Sar-ah your
wife will bear you
a son, and you
shall call his name
I-saac;

9
and I will
e-stab-lish My
cov-e-nant with
him for an
ev-er-last-ing
cov-e-nant for
his de-scen-dants
af-ter him.

10

But My
cov-e-nant I will
e-stab-lish with
I-saac, whom
Sar-ah will bear
to you at this
sea-son next
year.”

11

When He fin-ished
talk-ing with him,
God went up
from
A-bra-ham.

¹² Now the Lord
ap-peared to him
by the oaks of
Mam-re, while he
was sit-ting at
the tent door in
the heat of the
day.

When he lift-ed up¹³
his eyes and
looked, be-hold,
three men were
stand-ing
op-po-site him;

14 and when he saw
them, he ran
from the tent
door to meet
them and bowed
him-self to the
earth,

15 and said, "My
Lord, if now I
have found
fa-vor in Your
sight, please do
not pass Your
ser-vant by."

¹⁶Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

He said, "I will ¹⁷surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."

18 Sar-ah laughed
to her-self,
say-ing, "Af-ter I
have be-come
old, shall I have
plea-sure, my
lord be-ing old
al-so?"

And the Lord said¹⁹
to A-bra-ham,
"Why did Sar-ah
laugh, say-ing,
'Shall I in-deed
bear a child, when
I am so old?'

²⁰Is an-y-thing too
diff-i-cult for
the Lord? At the
ap-point-ed time
I will re-turn to
you, at this time
next year, and
Sar-ah will have
a son.”

Sar-ah de-nied it²¹
how-ev-er,
say-ing, “I did not
laugh”; for she
was a-fraid. And
He said, “No, but
you did laugh.”

Then the Lord
took note of
Sar-ah as He had
said, and the
Lord did for
Sar-ah as He had
pro-mised.

So Sar-ah
con-ceived and
bore a son to
A-bra-ham in his
old age, at the
ap-point-ed time
of which God had
spok-en to him.

²⁴A-bra-ham called

the name of his

son who was

born to him,

whom Sar-ah

bore to him,

I-saac.