Sarah
The Mother of all Nations

Genesis 17:3-5, 15-22
Reader

A-bram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,
"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."

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

I will bless her, 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-ple-s will come from her."
Then 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, 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!"
But God said, "No, but Sar-ah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name I-saac; and I will e-stab-lish My cov-e-nant with him for an ev-er-las-t-ing cov-e-nant for his de-scen-dants af-ter him."
But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this sea-season next year.”

When He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.
12 Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mam-re, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

13 When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him;
and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, and said, “My Lord, if now I have found fa-vor in Your sight, please do not pass Your ser-vant by.”
Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."
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 said to A-bra-ham, "Why did Sar-ah laugh, say-ing, 'Shall I in-deed bear a child, when I am so old?'"
20 Is any thing too difficult for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

21 Sarah denied it however, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. 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 promised.

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.
A-bra-ham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sar-ah bore to him, I-saac.