

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
OCTOBER 12, 2022
GENESIS 21.1-7

INTRODUCTION:

1. In keeping with His promises, God gave to Abraham and Sarah the son of promise.
 - a) **GENESIS 21.1:** *“God visited Sarah as He has said”* (cf. Num. 23.19; Josh. 21.45; 23.14)
 - b) Every detail concerning the promised son was fulfilled. (Gen. 15.14; 17.16,19; 18.10)
2. The birth of Isaac was one of the most significant births in biblical history and was a type of the birth of Christ.

I. THE BIRTH OF ISAAC

- A. The name of Isaac.
 1. Isaac (Heb: Yishac): “laughter”
 - a) **GENESIS 21.6:** *“God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me.”*
 - b) Contrast the kind of laughter with the reason she laughed earlier. (Gen. 18.12-15)
 2. With Sarah overjoyed with the birth of Isaac, a new rivalry was created between Sarah and Hagar. (Gen. 21.9,10; cf. Gal. 4.28)
- B. The circumcision of Isaac.
 1. **GENESIS 21.4:** *“Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.”*
 2. Isaac was the first one in biblical history that was circumcised on the eighth day.
 - a) The command was issued by God one year before Isaac was born. (Gen. 17.12,21)
 - b) When was Ishmael circumcised? (Gen. 17.23-25)

II. ISAAC WAS A TYPE OF CHRIST WHO WOULD COME

- A. The birth of Christ was promised.
 1. The first time we read about the promise of Christ. (Gen. 3.15)
 2. God’s promise to Abraham included the birth of Isaac and Christ. (Gen. 12.2,3)
 3. **ACTS 13.23:** *“according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus”*
- B. Jesus was named by God.
 1. The name Isaac was chosen by God...before she laughed. (Gen. 17.19)
 2. The name Jesus was chosen by God for a reason. (Matt. 1.21,25; Luke 2.21)
- C. The birth of Jesus was miraculous.
 1. The birth of Isaac was biologically impossible. (Gen. 11.30; 18.11; Rom. 3.18,19)
 2. The birth of Jesus was against the laws of nature. (Luke 1.34-37)
- D. Jesus was offered as a sacrifice.
 1. Like Isaac, Jesus was God’s only Son.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.2:** *“Take now your son, your only son Isaac”* (cf. Heb. 11.17)
 - b) Jesus had brothers, but God had only One Son. (1 John 4.9; Matt. 13.55,56)
 2. Like Isaac, Jesus was loved by His Father.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.2:** *“Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love”*
 - b) **MATTHEW 3.17:** *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*
 3. Like Isaac, Jesus was offered as a sacrifice.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.2:** *“offer him there as a burnt offering”*
 - b) A burnt offering was a sacrifice for the atonement of sins. (Lev. 1.3,4,9)
 - c) The sacrifice of Christ was for atonement of sin. (1 John 2.2; Eph. 5.1,2)
 4. Like Isaac, Jesus was resurrected from the dead.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.10:** *“And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.”* Isaac was resurrected *“in a figurative sense”* (Gen. 11.17-19)
 - b) Jesus was raised from the dead as a testimony of His sonship. (Rom. 1.3,4)