

## Abraham's Promises

Promise Defined: "A declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified."

Abraham – Gen. 11:26

Age 70 before he is mentioned

28 Sarai – wife

30 Had no children, getting past child bearing age

12:1 Abraham's Call

"Get up and go!"

2 Promised to be a great nation

3 Enemies will suffer

1<sup>st</sup> mention of the promise to Abraham

The Promise:

- Great nation – children of Israel
- Bless Abraham
- Great name – James 2:23 "Friend of God"
- Blessing – others would benefit
- Bless those that bless
- Curse those that curse
- All families blest!
- How?
  - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nashon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David – 14 generations
  - Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Kehosaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jeconiah – 14 generations
  - Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Elikim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Elud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph, Jesus – 14 generations

4 Abraham Went

No questioning God

75 years old here

5 Took the whole family

15:1 God appeared to Abraham

2-6 Rebuttal – no children

How can everyone be blessed if there is no seed?

- 16:1 Trying to circumvent God's plan
- 2 Keep the seed line going
- 4 Strife between Sarah and Hagar
- 6 Hagar fled
- 7 Told to go back and be submissive
- 15 Ishmael – not the son of promise
- 16 86 years old here

Ishmaelites – 137 years total – Muslims

Strife with Isaac – strife with Jews/Christians

- 21:1 God visits Sarah and she conceives
- 2 God keeps His promises
- 3 Name given
- 4 Abraham keeps covenant to God
- 5 100 years old, Sarah 90

God testing Abraham

- 22:1 Calls to Abraham
- 2 Take Isaac and offer him
- 3 No question from Abraham
- 4 3 days of travelling and not telling Isaac where they are going!
- 5 Men told to stay
- 6 Ready to obey God
- 7 Isaac has seen offerings before
- 8 God will provide
- God made a promise, Abraham knew God would provide.
- 9 Ready to go through with it!
- 10 Knife in hand

- 11 Angel called
  - 12 Abraham found faithful
  - 13 God provided a ram in the thicket
  - 15 Another promise
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- 25:7 175 years old
  - 8 Gave up the ghost knowing God would keep the promises

Heb. 11:8-13 Mention in the Hall of Faith

God always keeps His promises!

Have you made any promises you are not keeping?

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