

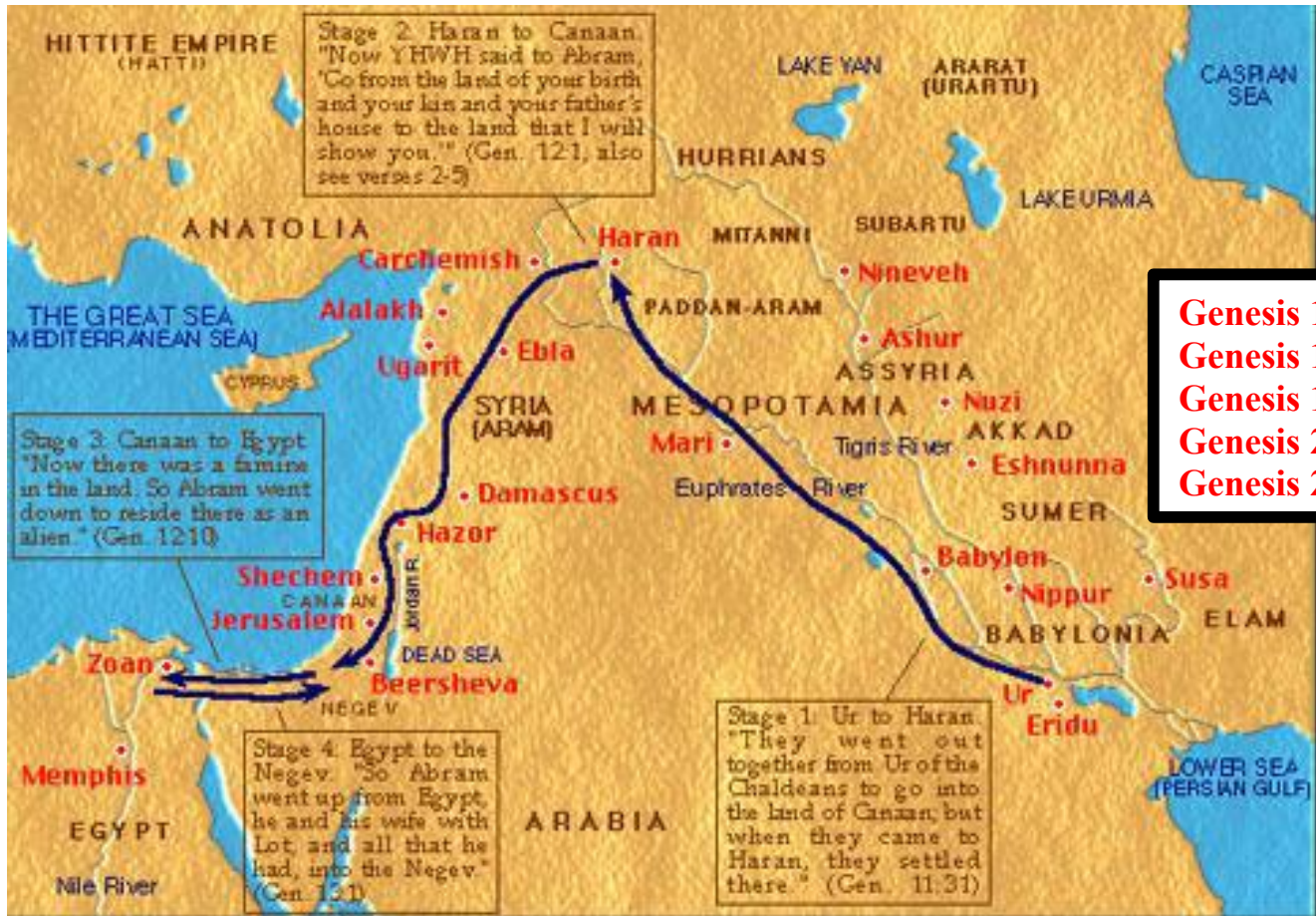
Abraham & Sarah

Life Events In Scripture

****The Call: Ur to Haran to Shechem to Egypt PROMISE #1**

age 75/65, Genesis 12:1-5

Abraham's Journey to Canaan



**Genesis 12
Genesis 16
Genesis 18
Genesis 21-22
Genesis 25**

Source: <http://www.israelmybeloved.com/land/maps/maps2.htm>

****The Deception #1: Egyptian Pharaoh**

age 75/65, Genesis 12:10-20

PROMISE #2

Genesis 13:14-17

PROMISE #3 & 4

Genesis 15: 1-20

****Sarah's Solution: Hagar**

Age 86/76, Genesis 16:1-6

****PROMISE #5 Name Change**

age 99/90, Genesis 17:1-6; 15-22

****The Three Visitors PROMISE #6**

Genesis 18:1-15

Deception #2: King Abimelech

Genesis 20:1-17

****Isaac**

age 100/90, Genesis 21:1-7

****Hagar & Ishmael**

Age 103/93, Genesis 21:8-21

****The Test**

Genesis 22:1-19

Sarah Death

Sarah age 117, Genesis 23:1-4

****Keturah**

Abraham 137, Genesis 25:1-4

Abraham Death

Abraham age 175, Genesis 25:5-11

God's Promise Progression

	Scripture	What Is Promised (Underline what is <i>specifically</i> promised.)
1.	Genesis 12:1-3	² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
2.	Genesis 13:14-17	¹⁵ for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.
3.	Genesis 15:1-6	But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ^[a] ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD ^[b] reckoned it to him as righteousness.
4.	Genesis 15:18-21	¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."
5.	Genesis 17:1-8	¹⁵ God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" ¹⁹ God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. ^[a] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year." ²² And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.
6.	Genesis 18:10	¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

NOTE: Promise numbers 1-6 are not meant to denote six different promises, just distinguish between God's covenantal promise as it progresses over the course of Abraham's life.

Abraham's children

(8 Sons by three women!!)

Mother (Title identified in Scripture)	Child	What Scripture tells us	Reference
Sarah "issa"*** wife	Isaac	Son of promise; born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age	Gen. 17:19; 21:1-3
Hagar "sipha" Servant/ slave "issa" wife "pilagsim" concubine(s)?	Ishmael	Abraham's firstborn; Hagar was Sarah's Egyptian servant	Gen. 16:1-16; 25:6
Keturah "issa" wife "pileges" concubine	Zimran	Son of Abraham and Keturah	Gen. 25:1-2; I Chron 1:32
	Jokshan	Father of Sheba and Dedan	Gen. 25:2-3
	Medan	Son of Abraham and Keturah	Gen. 25:2
	Midian	Ancestor of the Midianites	Gen. 25:2, 4
	Ishbak	Son of Abraham and Keturah	Gen. 25:2
	Shuah	Son of Abraham and Keturah	Gen. 25:2

***Remember: "issa" often translated as "wife" is also accurately translated as "woman"

Abraham's Connection to "many nations"

- **Isaac** → Israel and Edom
- **Ishmael** → twelve Ishmaelite tribal rulers
- **Keturah's sons** → Midian and numerous other Arabian-associated peoples/clans

God's Promises to Abraham/Isaac and Hagar/Ishmael

Abraham Blessing of the COVENANTAL LINE	Hagar / Ishmael Blessings of DESCENDANTS AND NATIONHOOD
Gen. 12:2 — "I will make of you a great nation ."	Gen. 21:18 — "I will make a great nation of him [Ishmael]."
Gen. 13:16 — "I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth."	Gen. 16:10 — "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude."
Gen. 17:4-6 — Abraham will be "the ancestor of a multitude of nations "; God will make him "exceedingly fruitful."	Gen. 17:20 — "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous ."
Gen. 17:6 — "Kings shall come from you."	Gen. 17:20 — Ishmael "shall be the father of twelve princes ."
Gen. 17:7 — God establishes his covenant with Abraham and his offspring.	Gen. 17:21 — "But my covenant I will establish with Isaac ."

HAGAR

NOTEWORTHY:

- Pharaoh gave female servants during the Sarah incident – Gen. 12:16
- Egyptian – Gen. 16:1
- Belonged specifically to Sarah – Gen. 16:1
- *Was Hagar a “gift” from Pharaoh? (Ancient rabbinic speculation and tradition...)*
- Angel of the Lord seeks her out in the wilderness – twice (Gen. 16:7-14; 21:14-21)
- Receives a direct annunciation concerning her child. (Gen. 16:10-12)
- Personally receives a promise from God (Gen. 16:10)
- Her child is named by God before birth (Gen. 16:11)
- She names God “El-Roi” the God who sees” (Gen. 16:13) *A pagan gentile’s promise and naming of God is preserved in Scripture!*
- God promises her son a nationhood (Gen. 21:18)
- God remains specifically “with” Ishmael (Gen 21:20)
- “Unchosen,” foreign, pagan, female, enslaved, pregnant, alone, running away after mistreatment...and God seeks her out.

Paul’s ALLEGORY of Sarah and Hagar – Galatians 4:22-31

Hagar / Ishmael	Sarah / Isaac
LAW	GRACE
Sinai Law (OLD COVENANT)	Covenantal promise (NEW COVENANT)
Human process (INFERIOR)	Divine Grace/Love (SUPERIOR)
slavery	Freedom
enslaved woman	free woman
child born “ according to the flesh ” (kata sarka)	child born “ through the promise ” (dia tēs epangelias)
present Jerusalem	Jerusalem expanded to creation

Galatians 4:22-31, *The Message*

Tell me now, you who have become so enamored with the law: Have you paid close attention to that law? Abraham, remember, had *two* sons: one by the slave woman and one by the free woman. The son of the slave woman was born by human connivance; the son of the free woman was born by God’s promise. This illustrates the very thing we are dealing with now. The two births represent two ways of being in relationship with God. One is from Mount Sinai in Arabia. It corresponds with what is now going on in Jerusalem - a slave life, producing slaves as offspring. This is the way of Hagar. In contrast to that, there is an invisible Jerusalem, a free Jerusalem, and she is our mother - this is the way of Sarah. Remember what Isaiah wrote: “Rejoice, barren women who bears no children, shout and cry out, woman who has no birth pangs, Because the children of the barren woman now surpass the children of the chosen woman.” It is it clear, friends, that you, like Isaac, are children of promise? In the days of Hagar and Sarah, the child who came from faithless connivance (Ishmael) harassed the child who came - empowered by the Spirit- from the faithful promise (Isaac). Isn’t it clear that the harassment you are now experiencing from the Jerusalem heretics follows that old pattern? There is a Scripture that tell us what to do: “Expel the slave mother with her son, for the slave son will not inherit with the free son.” Isn’t that conclusive? We are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman. (Phil. 3:20-21)