

# Abraham and Sarah's Family

Portions of Genesis 12,15,17,18 and 21



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Long ago there lived a man named Abram, and his wife's name was Sarai.

Abram and Sarai didn't have the special gift that the Lord can give; a child of their own.

One day, the Lord spoke to Abram and told him that he would give him the land of Canaan to be a land for his children and grandchildren. But Abram was sad.

"Look, you have given me no children," Abram said to the Lord. Who will inherit and live in this land after me?" he wondered.



To answer his question, the Lord came to Abram one night and took him outside his tent. “Look now toward heaven,” He said. “Count the stars if you are able to number them.”

He said, “You will have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky.”

Abram believed the Lord, but he did not understand how this could happen, because he and Sarai did not have any children yet and they were getting old.



As a sign of this promise, the Lord changed Abram's and Sarai's names. Now they were to be called Abraham and Sarah. When the Lord changed their names, the Lord promised them again that they would have a son. Sarah would be called "a mother of nations" because she would have so many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren !

Abraham wondered how they could have a baby. The thought that he and his wife were too old to have children now, was funny to Abraham, and he fell down and laughed.



Then the Lord appeared to Abraham again. Three angels came. Abraham was sitting in the doorway of his tent when they appeared. He invited them to stay for a meal and to wash their feet. He called to Sarah to get food ready.



While the food was being prepared, the Lord told Abraham again that he and Sarah would have a son. Sarah was listening and heard what the Lord said. Like Abraham, Sarah also couldn't believe it, and laughed when she heard it. Wasn't she too old to have a baby? But nothing is impossible for the Lord!



Sure enough, after a time, Sarah did have a baby. Both Abraham and Sarah had laughed to think that the Lord could give them a child at their age. Now they laughed for joy that the child was born! They loved him very much.





“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Genesis 18.14