

**THE BIRTH OF ISAAC**

Old Testament Lesson #14

As the LORD had promised Abraham and Sarah (see Genesis 18:10), he fulfilled his word to them and Sarah became pregnant. She was 90 years old and Abraham was 100 when the child was born. Abraham had patiently and faithfully waited for 25 years for God to keep the promise he had made to him at Haran (Haran) (see Genesis 12:1-4; Old Testament Lesson 7).

The birth brought great joy to both Abraham and Sarah. Sarah acknowledged that God had brought this joy to her, and now others would laugh and be joyful with her when they heard about this great thing. God had permitted her to bear a son for Abraham in his old age.

In accordance with what God had instructed earlier, Abraham named the boy Isaac (Genesis 17:19). Also, in keeping with the commandment given to Abraham earlier (Genesis 17:9-13), Abraham circumcised Isaac on the eighth day of the boy's life.

Isaac grew and was eventually weaned. At this time, Abraham held a great feast in honor of his son.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- Isaac means "laughter," and it was God who chose his name (Genesis 17:19).
- Romans 4:18-22 records a testimony of Abraham's great faith in believing "against all hope" that God would provide a son to him and Sarah, even though they were well beyond childbearing years. Abraham did not waver in his faith "regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."
- Ishmael (ISH-ma-el), Abraham's son through Hagar (HA-gar), Sarah's handmaid, was 14 years of age when Isaac was born (see Genesis 16:16).
- Weaning of a child in Israel generally occurred between the ages of 2 and 3.

**The Birth of Isaac**

- I. God fulfilled his promise to Abraham.
  - A. Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son.
  - B. Abraham was 100 years old when the baby was born.
- II. The baby's birth brought great joy to the couple.
  - A. Abraham named the child Isaac.
  - B. The name came from God.
  - C. Abraham circumcised Isaac on the eighth day.
  - D. When Isaac was weaned, he was honored with a feast.

**ANSWERS:**

Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She was ninety years old! She was joyful and filled with laughter for what God had done. Abraham was a hundred years old. He did as God had instructed him earlier. He was also filled with joy!

Isaac