

HISTORY

DISCOVERING JESUS IN GENESIS

Jesus in God's Promise to Abraham

Genesis 15-21



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Jesus in God's Promise to Abraham

THE PROMISE OF GOD

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these events, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield; your reward will be very great.** ²But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what can you give me, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³Abram continued, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house will be my heir." ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to him: "This one will not be your heir; instead, one who comes from your own body will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, **"Your offspring will be that numerous."** ⁶**Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.**

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I Am Your Protector and Provider



GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR



GOD IS YOUR PROVIDER

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2 Corinthians 5:21
He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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God's Promise to Abraham Is Fulfilled in Jesus, a Descendant of Abraham That Makes Us Righteous

Matthew 1:1
An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

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THE BIG MISTAKE

Genesis 16:1-6

¹ Abram's wife, Sarai, had not borne any children for him, but she owned an Egyptian slave named Hagar. ² Sarai said to Abram, "Since the LORD has prevented me from bearing children, go to my slave; perhaps through her I can build a family." And Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³ So Abram's wife, Sarai, took Hagar, her Egyptian slave, and gave her to her husband, Abram, as a wife for him. This happened after Abram had lived in the land of Canaan ten years. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When she saw that she was pregnant, her mistress became contemptible to her. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for my suffering! I put my slave in your arms, and when she saw that she was pregnant, I became contemptible to her. May the LORD judge between me and you." ⁶ Abram replied to Sarai, "Here, your slave is in your power; do whatever you want with her." **Then Sarai mistreated her so much that she ran away from her.**

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They Tried to Help God Keep His Promise

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Jesus Is the Fulfillment of God's Promises Through Divine Action, Not Human Striving (Galatians 4:22-31)

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THE PROMISE OF GOD RESTATED

Genesis 17:1-5

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. **Live in my presence and be blameless.** ² I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: ⁴ "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. ⁵ **Your name will no longer be Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I will make you the father of many nations.**

**Prince of God
 Father of Multitudes or Father of Many Nations**

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THE PROMISE OF GOD RESTATED

Genesis 17:17-18

¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a hundred-year-old man? Can Sarah, a ninety-year-old woman, give birth?" ¹⁸ So Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael were acceptable to you!"

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Genesis 18:11-15

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years. **Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.** ¹² So she laughed to herself: "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I have delight?" ¹³ But the LORD asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Can I really have a baby when I'm old?' ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the appointed time I will come back to you, and in about a year she will have a son." ¹⁵ Sarah denied it. "I did not laugh," she said, because she was afraid. But he replied, "No, you did laugh."

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**This Is Pointing to Jesus' Miraculous Supernatural Birth
 Jesus Was Born of a Virgin**



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Jesus in God's Promise to Abraham

THE PROMISE OF GOD FULFILLED

Genesis 21:1-7
¹The LORD came to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ²Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time God had told him. ³Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac. ⁴When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷She also said, "Who would have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne a son for him in his old age."

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Isaac Is a Child of Promise, Pointing to Jesus, Who Is the Ultimate Fulfillment of God's Promises
 Just as Isaac's Birth Brought Joy and Fulfilled God's Word, Jesus' Birth Brings Eternal Joy and Fulfills God's Promise of Salvation

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Lessons to Learn

God's Timing Is Perfect
God Always Keeps His Promise
If You Make a Big Mistake, You Must Deal with the Consequences
Learn the Value of Waiting on the Lord

Isaiah 40:31
 But those who **wait on the LORD** shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

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The Bible Is Filled With Promises

Romans 10:13
 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Philippians 4:19
 God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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