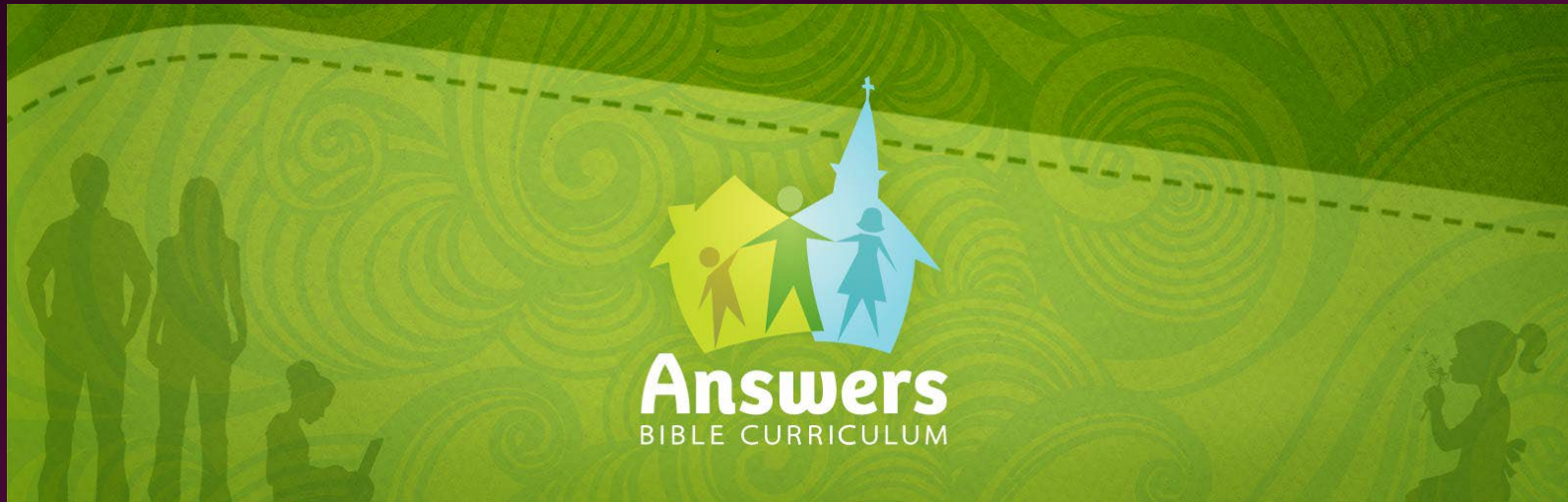


Patriarchs of the Promise

Lesson 5: Isaac, the Child of Promise



Genesis 12:1-2, Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house
To the land that I will show you. And 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.” (ESV)

Lesson Outline

- **Genesis 17, Announcement and Circumcision**
- **Genesis 21, The Birth of Isaac**
- **Application**

Genesis 17:1-27

- No word from God in 13 years?
- Age of Abram and Sarai
- Abraham-> multitude of nations, kings
- Circumcision commanded as sign
- Sarah -> multitude of nations, kings
- A son promised through Sarah in one year
- Abraham laughs, requests Ishmael
- God rejects, though promises blessing
- Child to be called "Isaac", inherit covenant
- Abraham circumcises all males in household



Interpretation

- Why does Abraham laugh?
- How does the chronology of Genesis refute the idea that circumcision was necessary for covenant blessing or righteousness?
- Why was circumcision chosen as the sign of the covenant?
- Application: Is circumcision required today?

Genesis 21:1-21

- Isaac born when Abraham is 100!
- A very long wait!
- Significance of "Isaac" now
- Feast on day of Isaac's weaning, Ishmael mocking
- Sarah demands Hagar and Ishmael be driven out
- Abraham's distress, God's affirmation of Isaac as only son of promise
- Hagar and Ishmael sent away, blessed



Interpretation

- Is there a natural explanation for the birth of Isaac?
- Why did God make Abraham and Sarah wait so long?
- Application: Are you waiting for good in your life?
- How is it right that God instructed Abraham to cast out Hagar and Ishmael?
- Application: What are some implications of blessing/salvation coming only by God's gracious choice for your life?