

Abraham and the Promise of a Son (Genesis 12:1–21:7)

- a **Introduction:** Journey to Canaan and the *promise of descendants* (12:1–9)
- b **Abram lies about Sarai** in Egypt; *God protects her* in foreign king's court (12:10–20)
- c **Lot settles in Sodom** (and Abram settles in Hebron) (13:1–18)
- d **Abram intercedes** for *Lot and Sodom* militarily (14:1–24)
- e **Promise of a son:** From Abram himself (15:1–21)
 - f **Ishmael's birth;** promise to him (16:1–16)
 - g **CENTER: Yahweh's covenant:** Abram's and Sarai's names changed; circumcision instituted; promise of a son reiterated (17:1–21)
 - f' **Ishmael and Abraham circumcised** (promise to Ishmael) (17:22–27; cf. 17:18, 20)
- e' **Promise of a son:** From Sarah herself (18:1–15)
- d' **Abraham intercedes** for *Sodom and Lot* in prayer (18:16–33)
- c' **Lot flees Sodom**, which God destroys; settles in Moab (19:1–38)
- b' **Abraham lies about Sarah** in Gerar; *God protects her* in foreign king's court (20:1–18)
- a' **Conclusion:** *Birth of Isaac* (and tension resolved) (21:1–7)