

The **Big** Story Of The Bible

19: The Son Of Laughter

"I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations... Regarding Sarai, your wife-her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. And I will bless her and give you a son from her..." Then Abraham... laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?" Genesis 17:1-17 (NLT)

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. Matthew 5:17-18 (NLT)

This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep... All must be circumcised. Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant.
Genesis 17:10-13 (NLT)

3 Remarkable Things:

1. ----- God Came To Sarah.

* The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground. Genesis 18:1-2 (NLT)

* "Where is Sarah, your wife?" the visitors asked. "She's inside the tent," Abraham replied. Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!" Genesis 18:9 (NLT)

* "Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

2. ----- God Came To Sarah.

* Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my husband is also so old?" Genesis 18:10-12 (NLT)

* Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son." Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, "I didn't laugh." But the Lord said, "No, you did laugh."
Genesis 18:13-15 (NLT)

3. ----- God Came To Sarah.

* Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh?" Genesis 18:13 (NLT)

* "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Genesis 18:13 (NLT)

* The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac... Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!" Genesis 21:1-7 (NLT)

* "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:30-33 (NLT)

* Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. Nothing is impossible for God!" Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.
Luke 1:34-38 (NLT)

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