

g. Covenant sealing (17)

- 1) You have a gap here.
- 2) The incident when Ishmael was born occurred when Abram was 86 years old.
- 3) Now Abram is 99 years old (that is 13 years after that) and still Sarai (she is 89 years old) doesn't have a clue that she will have a baby.
- 4) The Lord appears to Abram and makes a covenant saying:
 - i) Your name is changed from Abram to Abraham (meaning "father of many")
 - ii) Many nations and kings will come from you.
 - iii) I will be a God not only to you but all your descendants.
 - iv) I am going to take this land and give it to you and your descendants

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- 5) Abram has been in the land for 24 years and God here appears to confirm his previous promise.
- 6) The Lord gives Abram the sign of circumcision to confirm that the promise he made (i. e. ~~to~~ many nations to come from him including kings and ~~to~~ the land given to his descendants).
 - i) Every male was to be circumcised on the 8th day.
 - ii) If anyone doesn't get circumcised, they are to be put to death because they have broken the covenant the Lord has made.
 - iii) Circumcision was a sign of the covenant.
- 7) ^{Sarai} Sarah also has her name changed
 - i) It was changed from Sarai to Sarah.
 - ii) Sarah is going to bear Abraham a son and many nations and kings would come from her.
- 8) When Abraham heard that when he is 100 he is going to have a child, he laughs.
 - i) This was not a laugh of disbelief.
 - ii) It was a laugh of astonishment and joy that this was going to happen.
- 9) Abraham expressed his desire that this blessing would come through Ishmael, but the Lord said it was going to come from one from Abraham's own body.
 - i) He was to name his son Isaac.
 - ii) The Lord would carry the covenant on not through Ishmael, but through Isaac.