

10) But then the Lord says, "Because Ishmael is your son, I am going to make a great nation and 12 rulers will come through him."

11) When the Lord finishes speaking to Abraham, Abraham obeys the Lord (this is one of the characteristics of Abraham) and has everyone circumcised.

h. Divine visitors (18)

1) Abraham is at Mamre.

2) Three visitors come to Abraham.

i) The Lord in human form

ii) Two angels in human form

3) He gives them water to wash their feet and has a meal prepared to refresh them.

4) Sarah is in the tent.

5) The Lord speaks to him and says, "At this time next year I am going to visit you and you are going to have a son."

i) The Lord spoke these words for Sarah's benefit.

ii) Sarah responds with laughter of unbelief when she hears these words.

6) The Lord asks, "Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything impossible with God? I will visit you next year at this time and you will have a son."

7) Sarah comes out of the tent and she says, "I didn't laugh."

8) But the Lord said, "Yes you did."

9) The Lord said this to establish her faith.

10) The three visitors leave Mamre

i) They start down toward Sodom and Abraham goes with them.

ii) The Lord speaks to Abraham, "I've heard a tremendous outcry from Sodom, an outcry for punishment for all their sin and I am going down there to see if what they are doing warrants that outcry."

iii) Abraham knew it would and knew that the Lord was going to punish Sodom and Gomorrah and that's why he interceded for Sodom.

iv) There was a reason why Abraham interceded for Sodom: Because Lot and his family were there.

v) Abraham said to the Lord, "Now you won't destroy the righteous with the wicked"

a) We are told in the Word of God that Lot was a righteous man.

vi) He says, "Won't the Judge of all the earth do right?"