

## Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 21.1-12      Jesus and Isaac      July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### v2 “Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son”

- Sarah was not just old . . . Sarah was too old to bear children
- **Gen 18.11** says “Sarah had passed the age of childbearing”
  - lit. “the manner of women had ceased to be with Sarah”
- **Gen 17.17** shows that Sarah was 90 years old
  - That Sarah had a child was not amazing ~ it was miraculous

### 1 of 7 Similarities between Isaac and Jesus

1. Miracle birth foretold ~ **Gen 15.4** “one who will come from your own body”
  - **Is 7.14** ~ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son”
2. Long time between the promise and the fulfillment (**Gen 12.4** ~ 25 years)
  - From Isaiah to birth of Jesus is nearly 600 years
3. Both women disbelieved then evidenced faith (Sarah laughed but then . . .)
  - **Heb 11.11** says Sarah “received strength to conceive”
  - Mary said “How can this be?” but then said “Let it be to me . . .”
4. Both babies were named before birth (**Gen 17.19** and **Luke 1.31**)
5. Both babies born when God chose . . .
  - **Gen 21.2** ~ “at the set time of which God had spoken”
  - **Gal 4.4** ~ “when the fullness of the time”
6. Both sons were a joy to their father (**Gen 22.2** and **Mat 3.17**)
7. In **Chapter 22** we’ll get into their similarities c/sacrifice

### Isaac is a Type of Jesus ~ *What does that mean?*

- These types were evidence of Christ buried in the OT
- They were appealed to by Christ as proof that the OT taught of Him
- We can do the same ~ Point at Christ over 6,000 years
  - from Adam to Abraham, Abraham to Jesus, Jesus to today

God’s Word Changed Sarah ~ She laughed - But then she believed

God’s Word Changes us too ~ First we scoff - then we reflect - then we accept

As we learn God’s Word we pray for faith to believe and courage to obey