

Ishmael and Isaac: Abraham's Sons

Now Sarah, Abraham's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; so she said to Abraham, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abraham agreed to what Sarah said. So after Abraham had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarah his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

So Hagar bore Abraham a son, and Abraham gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abraham was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

By faith Abraham, even though he was past age, and Sarah herself was barren, was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

Genesis 16:1-4a, 15-16; 21:1-5
Hebrews 11:11