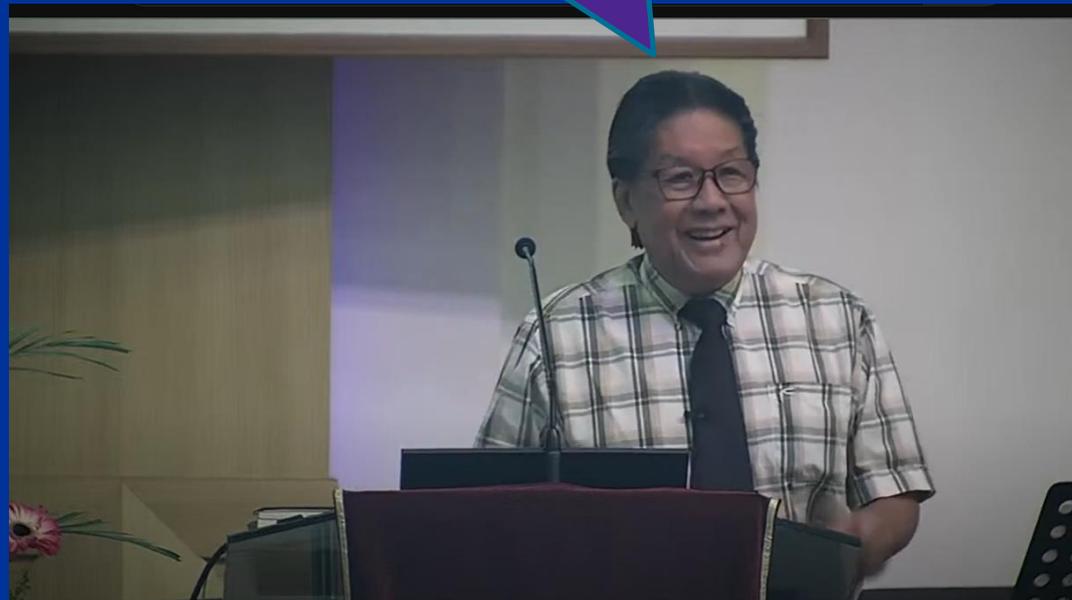


Odyssey to the Promised Son

Genesis 15 - 18A

"I will give you my land, my farm, my properties, my shops and my money in the banks as your inheritance."

"On one condition, you must bring me a bone of **Tyrannosaurus Rex!**"

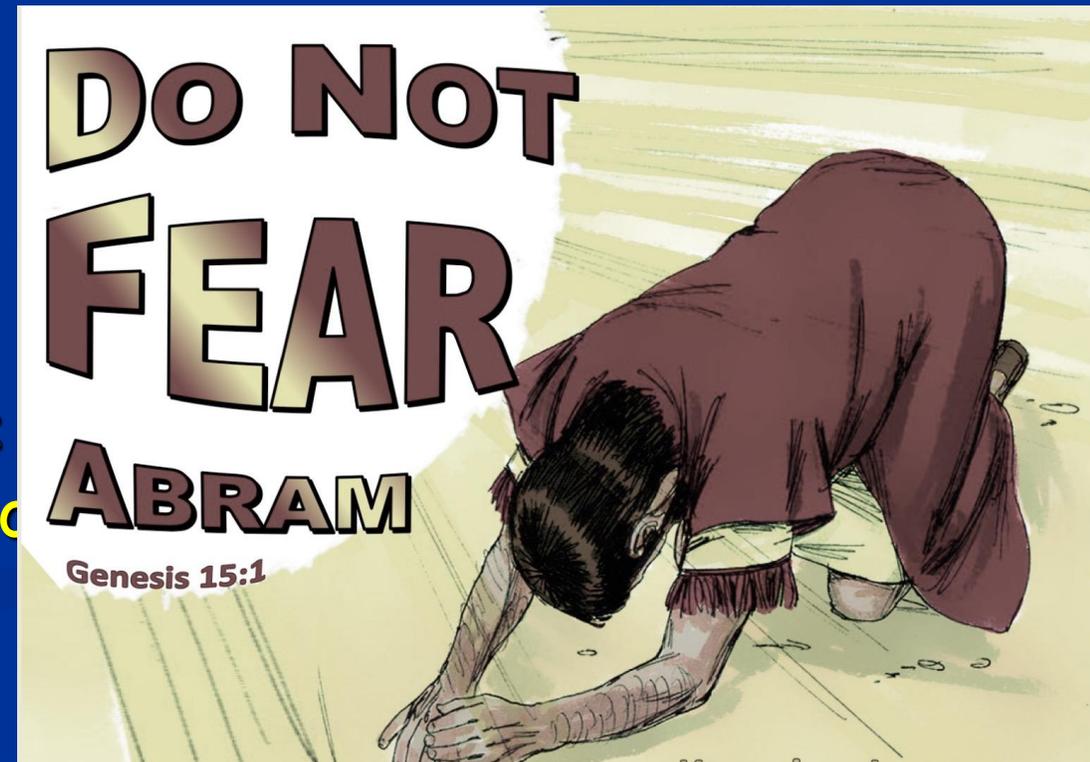


Genesis 15

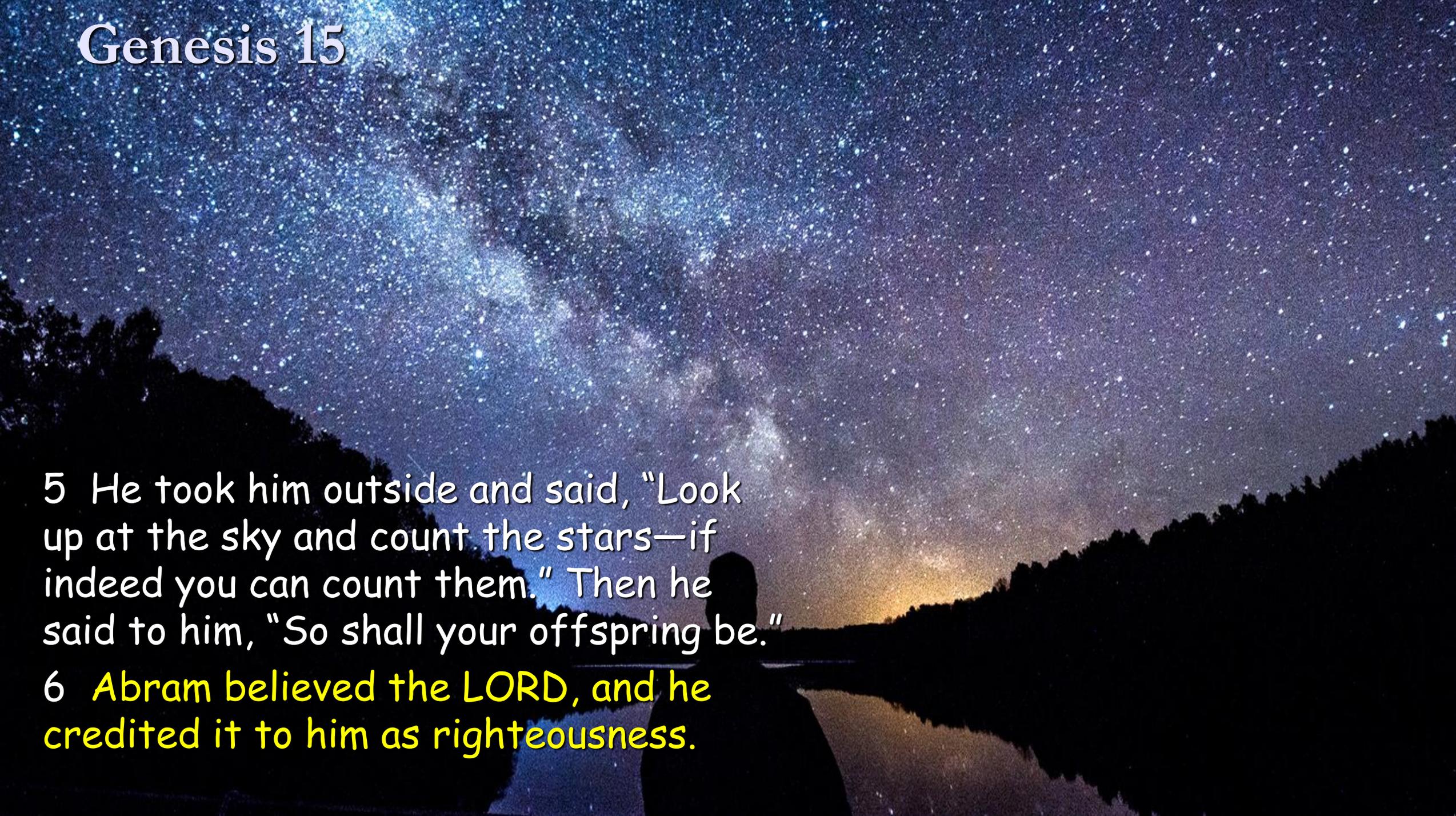
1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood



Genesis 15



5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



Genesis 15

8-10 But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, **how can I know that I will gain possession of it?**" So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other;...

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, **a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.**

Genesis 16

1-2 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named **Hagar**; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; **perhaps I can** build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.



4-6 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began **to despise her mistress**.. Sarai **mistreated** Hagar; so she fled from her.

11-12 **The angel of the LORD** found Hagar near a spring in the desert...
"...name him **Ishmael**, for **the LORD has heard** of your misery." She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are **the God who sees** me,"

Genesis 17

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty ; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

2 Then I will make my (everlasting) covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

4-5 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. .. your name will be Abraham, .."

9-10 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant,This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Genesis 17

15-17..., "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; **her name will be Sarah**. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. ..." Abraham fell facedown; **he laughed** and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.

21 But my covenant I will establish with **Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year."

Genesis 18

2 Abraham looked up and saw **three men** standing nearby...

7-8 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and .. he then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

10-15 Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you **about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.**" Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ... **Sarah laughed** to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" ... "Why did Sarah laugh .. **Is anything too hard for the LORD?...**" Sarah was **afraid, so she lied** and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "**Yes, you did laugh.**"



AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

- Gen 15 - Assurance & Affirmation
- Gen 16 - Alternatives & Attempts
- Gen 17 - 18:15 - Action & Affection

Assurance

After these things the
word of the LORD came
to Abram in a vision,

LORD: *Fear Not,*
I am your
SHIELD,
your very
**GREAT
REWARD.**

GENESIS 15:1

**FEAR
NOT**



"A Son coming from your own body will be your heir."

Affirmation

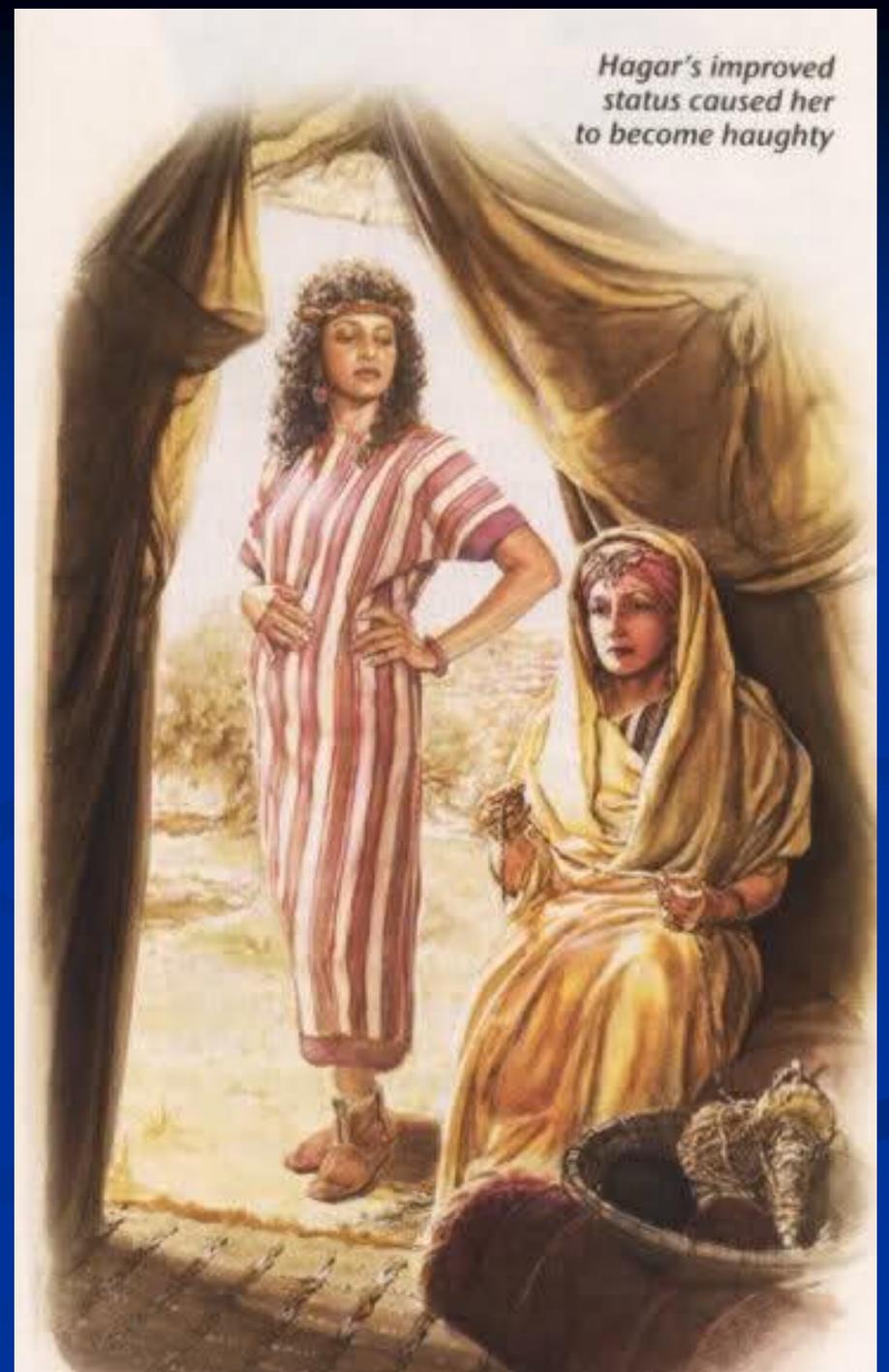
- "How can I know..?"



Alternatives & Attempts

In search of a rightful heir, could it be

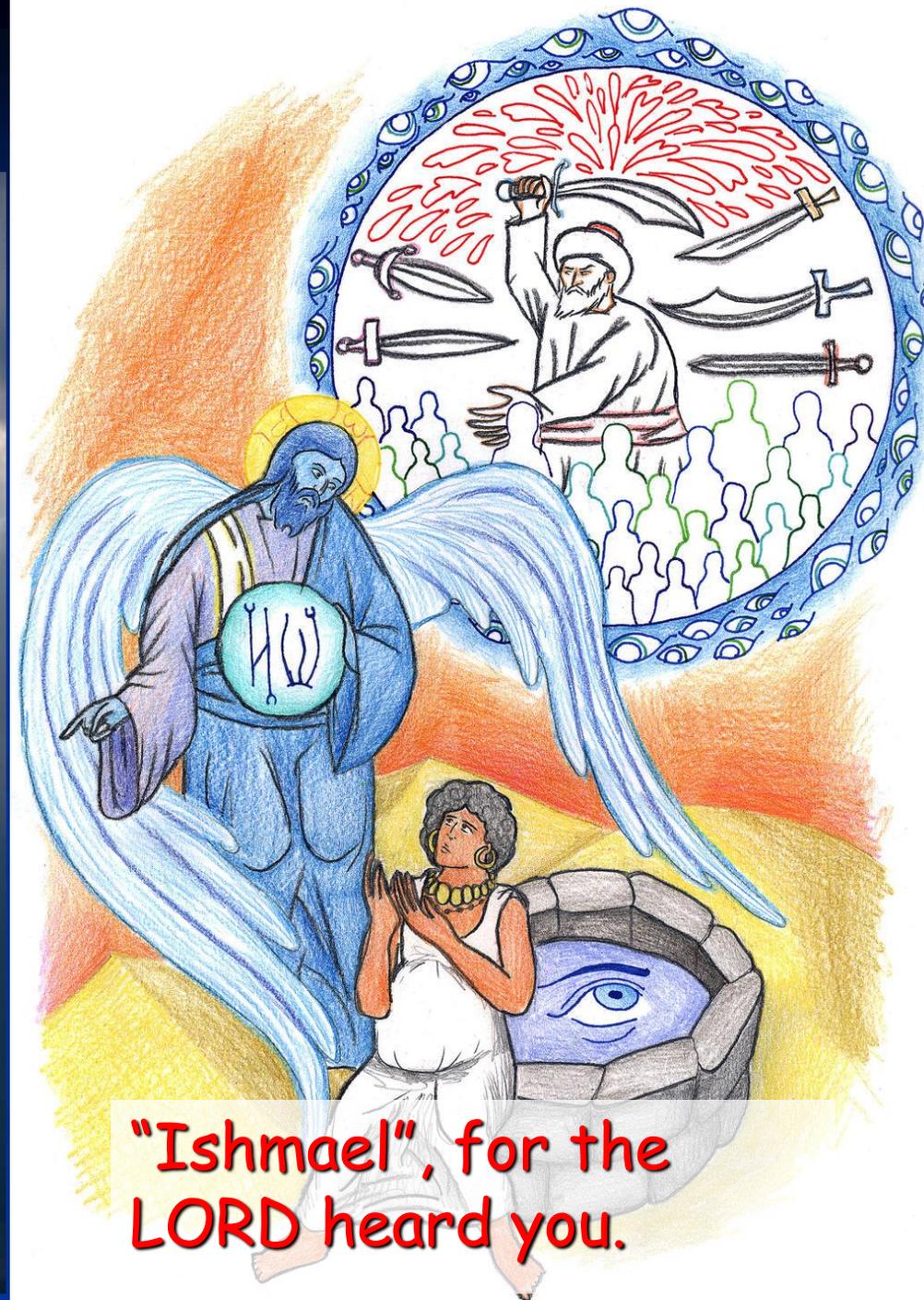
- Lot, his favourite nephew ?
- Eliezer ? or one of the servants ?
- Ishmael ?



Alternatives & Attempts

You are the God
who sees me.

Genesis 16:13



**"Ishmael", for the
LORD heard you.**



GENESIS
17:7

“And I will establish
My covenant
between Me & you
and your descendants after you
in their generations, for an
everlasting covenant,
to be God to you
and your descendants after you”

Almighty

God

before Me and
be blameless.

Genesis 17:1

Action

12:1-2 , “..to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

- 12:7, “To **your offspring** I will give this **land**.”
- 13:15-16, “...I will give **to you** and your offspring **forever**. I will make your offspring **like the dust** of the earth,..”
- 15:4-6, “.. **a son who is your own**.. will be your heir.. (descendants as many as **stars**.), .(the LORD rectified the Covenant & **defined the land**.)
- 17:7, “.. **everlasting Covenant**..” “ .. as for you.. **circumcision**..”
- 17:16, “.. Sarah... I will surely give you **a son by her**..”
- 17:17-19, (Abraham laughed, the name Isaac was given.)

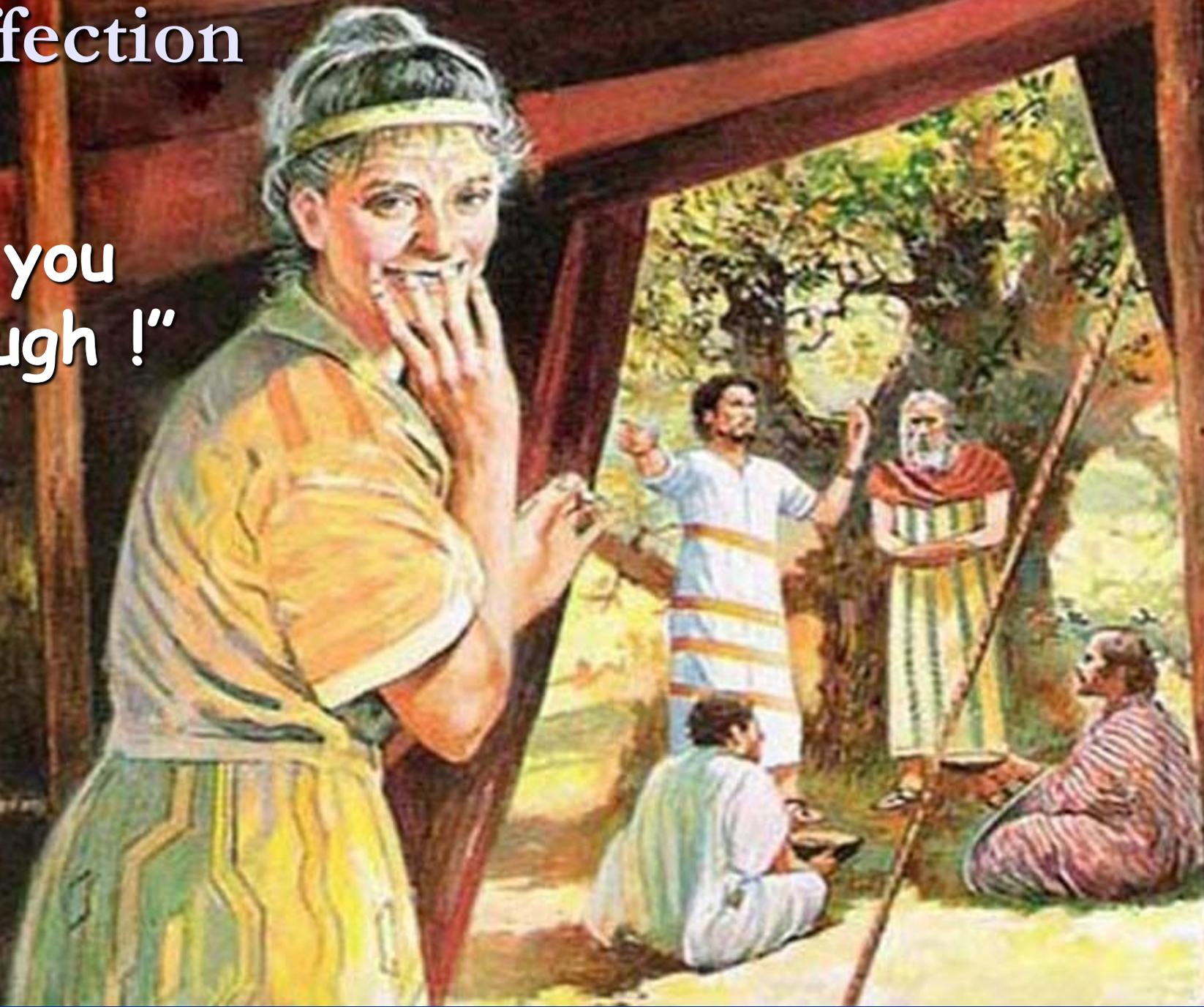
Action

THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH YOU
AND YOUR DESCENDANTS AFTER
YOU, WHICH YOU ARE TO KEEP:
EVERY MALE AMONG YOU MUST BE
CIRCUMCISED.

- GENESIS 17:10

Affection

“Yes, you
did laugh !”



Assurance & Affirmation

A person wearing a red jacket and dark pants stands with their back to the camera on a dark, reflective surface. They are looking up at a vibrant, multi-colored sky with a large, dark, textured structure in the background. The sky is filled with a mix of purple, blue, and orange hues, and is dotted with small, glowing particles. The overall scene is surreal and evocative.

Alternatives & Attempts

Odyssey to the Promised Son

A person in a dark robe with arms raised, standing against a starry night sky with silhouettes of trees.

"A Son is Given."

I PRAY THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY
be enlightened IN ORDER THAT
YOU MAY KNOW THE HOPE TO WHICH HE
HAS CALLED YOU. THE RICHES OF HIS
glorious inheritance IN HIS
HOLY PEOPLE AND HIS INCOMPARABLY
GREAT POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE.

from
EPHESIANS 1:18-19

NIV ™

To Promised Son

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12 NIV