



## Introduction

*God's covenants with Abraham.*



## Questions

1. What does God ask Abram to do when he is 99 years old and what will be the result?
2. What is to be the name of Sarah's son?
3. What does God promise to do for Ishmael?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** God makes a covenant with Abram and repeats and adds to the earlier promises he made to him. He renames him Abraham which means father of a multitude
- **v 9 to 14** God tells Abraham to circumcise all males (see theme) to indicate the covenant God has just made with them
- **v 15 to 22** Sarai is renamed Sarah and is told she will have a son. Abraham questions this, but God assures him that he will have a son with Sarah. God's covenant is to be with this son whom they call Isaac. But Ishmael will also be blessed
- **v 23 to 27** Abraham and all his household are circumcised at God's request

Timeline to 2000 BC



## Theme

### Circumcision

*A selection of verses relating to circumcision.*

It is the token of the covenant between God and the Jews:

*Genesis 17 verse 11*

The letter to the Romans tells us that there is more to circumcision than just the physical sign:

*Romans 2 verses 28 and 29*

The same letter points out that Abraham is approved by God because of his faith before he is circumcised:

*Romans 4 verse 11*

The letter to the Galatians tells us that we can become heirs to the promises made to Abraham by having faith in Christ and being baptised:

*Galatians 3 verses 26 to 29*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 19, Q 3: v 20

## Bible timeline

