# THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS (ABRAHAM) III

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5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

### **GENESIS 17:15**

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

# **GENESIS 17:16**

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

### **GENESIS 17:17**

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

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17 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?"

18 And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

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17 Abraham fell with his face to the ground. He laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man who is 100 years old? Will Sarah have a child at the age of 90?"

18 Abraham said to God, "I wish Ishmael could receive your blessing!"

19 Then God said, "I will bless Ishmael. But your wife Sarah will have a son by you. And you will name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him.

### **GENESIS 17:18**

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

# **GENESIS 17:19**

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

### **GALATIANS 4:22**

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

# **GALATIANS 4:23**

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

# **GALATIANS 4:28**

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

# **GALATIANS 4:29**

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

# **JOHN 3:6**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

### JOHN 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

# ROMANS 7:18

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

### **GALATIANS 5:16**

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

### **GALATIANS 5:17**

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

### I PETER 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

### **GENESIS 17:20**

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

### **GENESIS 17:21**

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

### **GENESIS 17:22**

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

### GENESIS 20:1

1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

Gerar is located in the southern part of the land generally controlled by the Philistines. It is on the southwest side of Palestine. Gerar was where a major Philistine power was located in those days.

### GENESIS 20:2

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

### GENESIS 20:3

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

# GENESIS 20:4

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

### GENESIS 20:5

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

# GENESIS 20:6

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

### GENESIS 20:7

Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Naby' "prophet," he who speaks by God, of God, and to God, who declares to people not merely things future, but also things past and present, that are not obvious to the sense or the reason."

The word prophet contains the idea of a person acceptable to God, who can ask and obtain favours for men.