

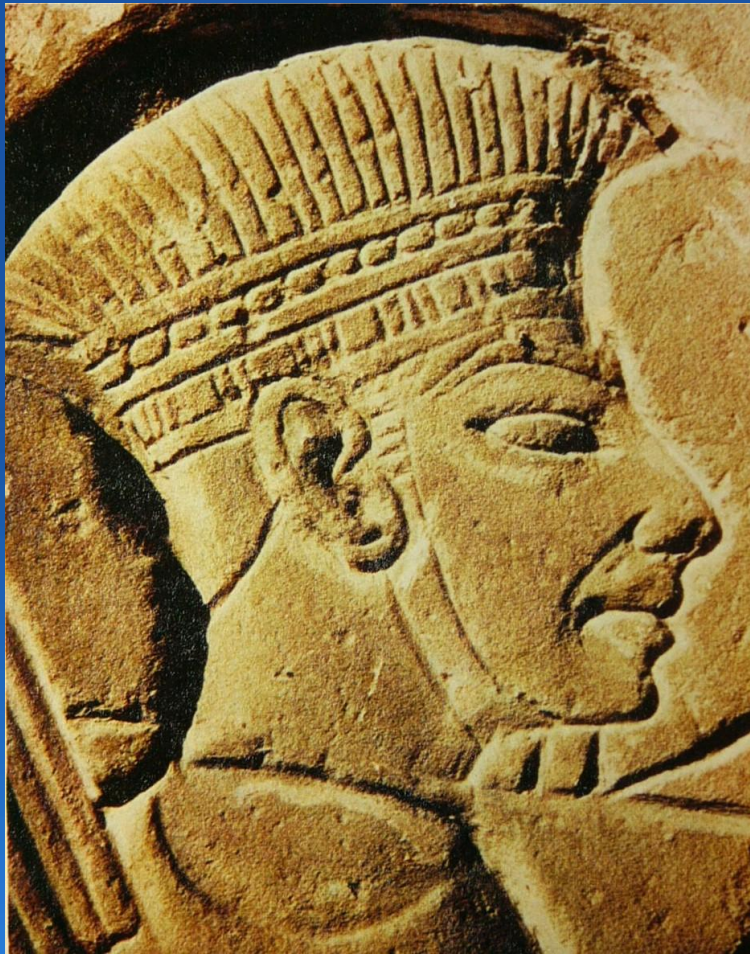
# Genesis 20



- Abraham moves from Hebron
- Move was to get new pasture
- Gerar, area will become Phillistia
- King of Gerar, Abimelech
- Kadesh same as Kadesh-Barnea
- Shur in Egypt
- Shura = shur-a means “a wall”

# GAZA STRIP IS FORMER PHILISTIA

# PALESTINIAN IS GREEK FOR PHILISTINES



# ABRAHAM STARTS HIS DECEPTION AGAIN



- Tells King Abimelech that Sarah is his sister
- **Abimelech** = my father is king
- Another and different Abimelech later in the Bible
- Probably took Sarah NOT as kidnapping, but to make her a wife and ally

# YHWH THREATENS ABIMELECH

- Abimelech's defense is that
  - 1) he did not know Sarah was a married woman
  - 2) He did not have sex with her
- God accepts his defense and says it was divine power that kept him from sin
- God demands Abimelech return Sarah





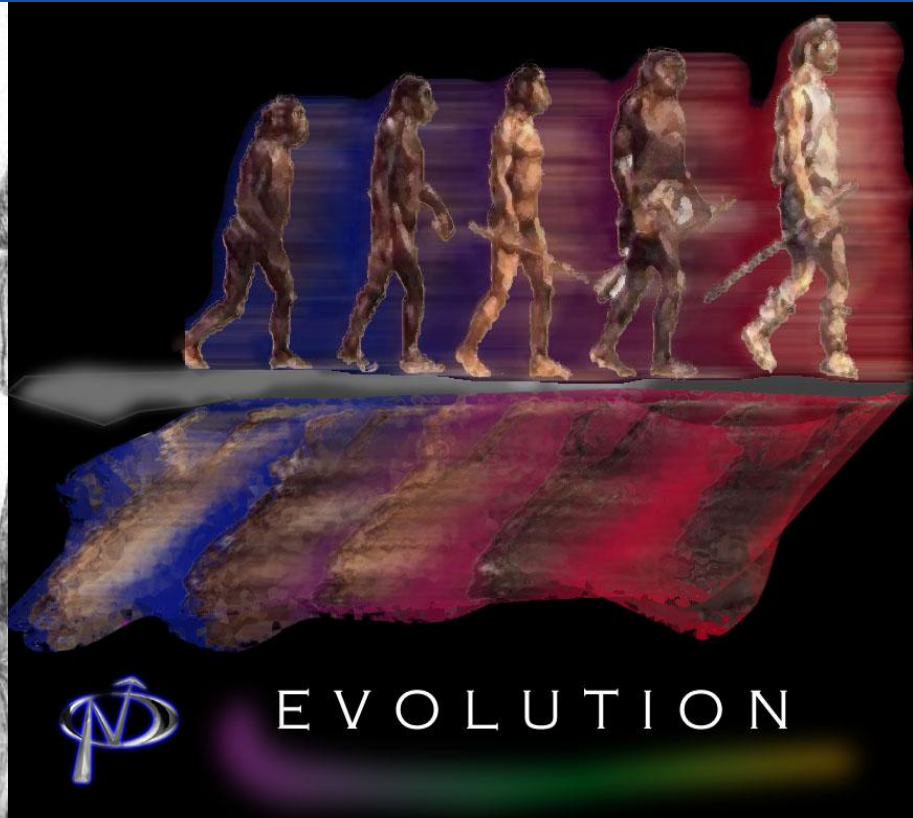
# VISIONS



# DREAMS AND VISIONS

- Standard way of communicating between God and men in that era
- Abimelech was a pagan
- Yahweh has absolute control over all things including HUMANS!
- Yahweh *will* talk with NON-Believers
- Abimelech easily accepted this new god

# THE ENLIGHTENMENT



- Before the 1700's A.D., history knew nothing of a society that did not believe in a higher being (a god)
- The Enlightenment was the birth of Atheism and Secular Humanism

# ABRAHAM THE INTERCESSOR

- Abraham would plead on Abimelech's behalf
- Abraham had pled for the "righteous" of Sodom
- Interceding for Lot
- A "type" and pattern of Moses being developed
- Abraham admits it was fear that drove him to lying (again) about Sarah
- Abimelech added wealth to Abraham and asked him to stay

# GENESIS 21

- 25 years since promises of chapter 12
- The implication was that Abraham and Sarah would have children
- Abraham considered Ishmael to be his heir
- GOD'S PROPHECIES SHOULD BE TAKEN LITERALLY



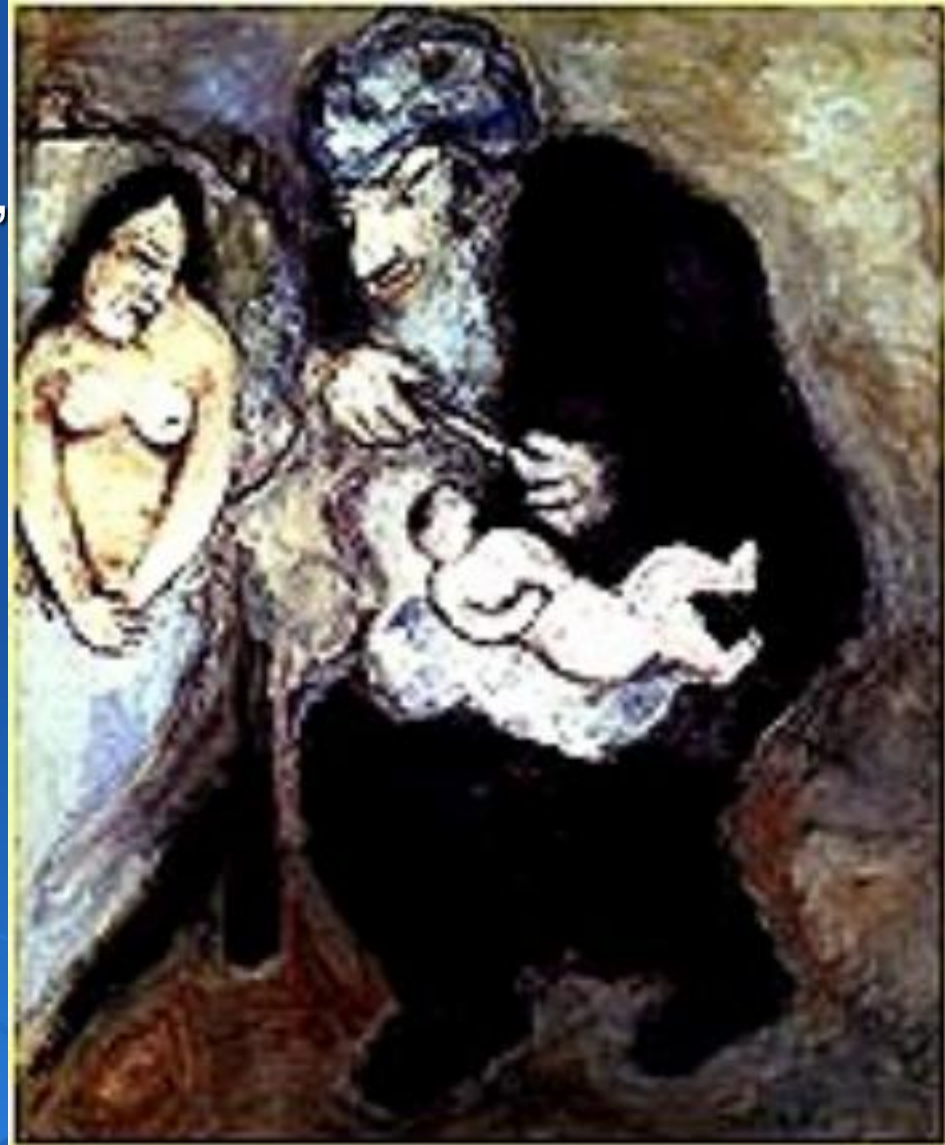


**ISRAEL WILL  
NOT BE  
EXPELLED  
FROM THE  
LAND!**



# ISAAC IS BORN AT THE APPOINTED TIME

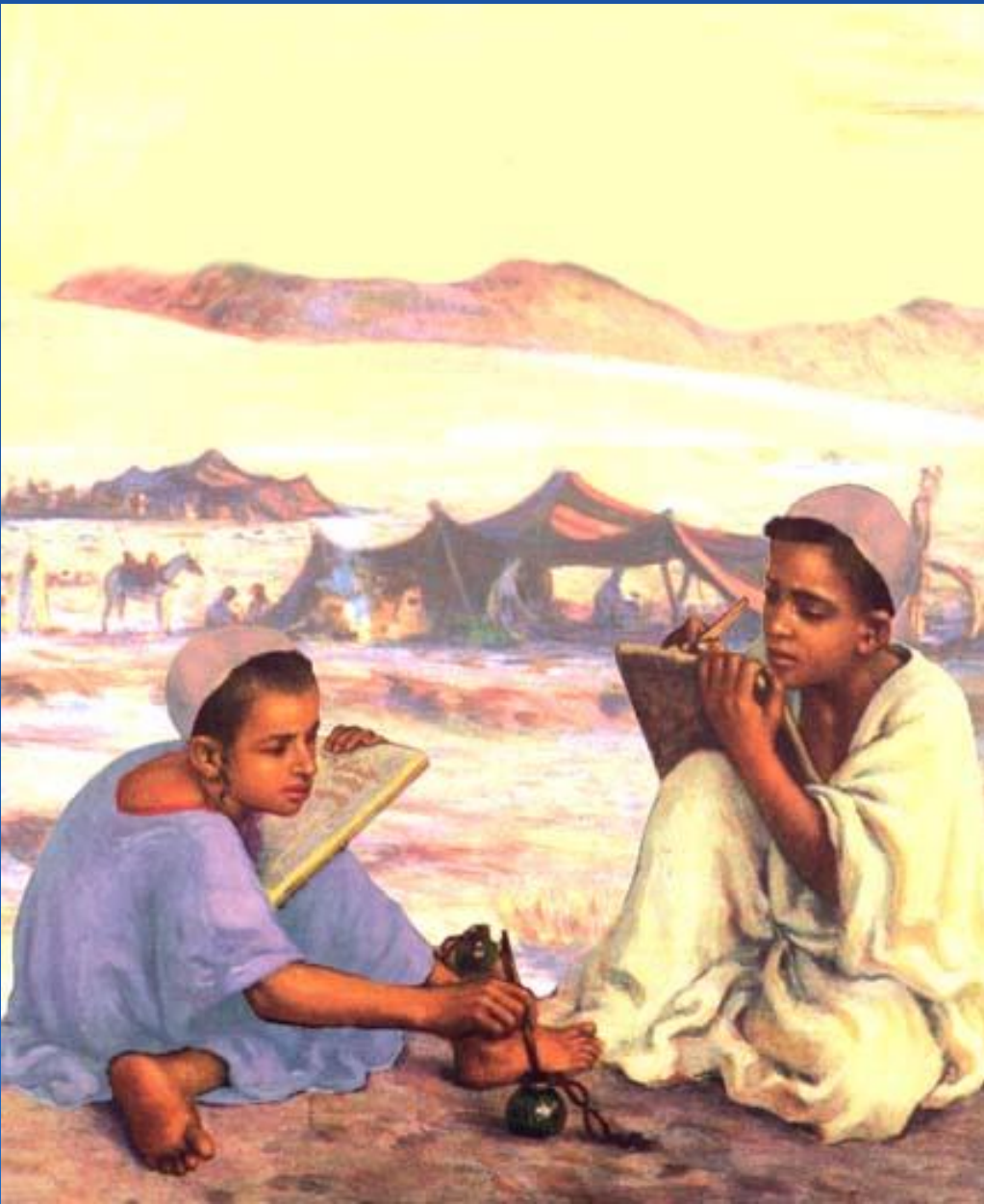
- Yitz'chak (Isaac)= “he laughs”
- Many “set” and “appointed” times by God in the Bible
- Man has NO authority to change or abolish Yehoveh’s set times
- Yet, church doctrine HAS attempted to change YHWH’s FIRST appointed time: *Shabbat*



# YEHOVEH DECLARES THE SET TIMES, AND WHAT IS HOLY

- **NAS Genesis 2:1** *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*
- **OUR DUTY IS NOT TO QUESTION THE APPOINTED TIMES, IT IS TO DISCOVER THEM AND TO OBSERVE THEM**
- **MAN HAS NO AUTHORITY TO BESTOW HOLINESS UPON ANYTHING OR ANYONE**

# THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF ISAAC

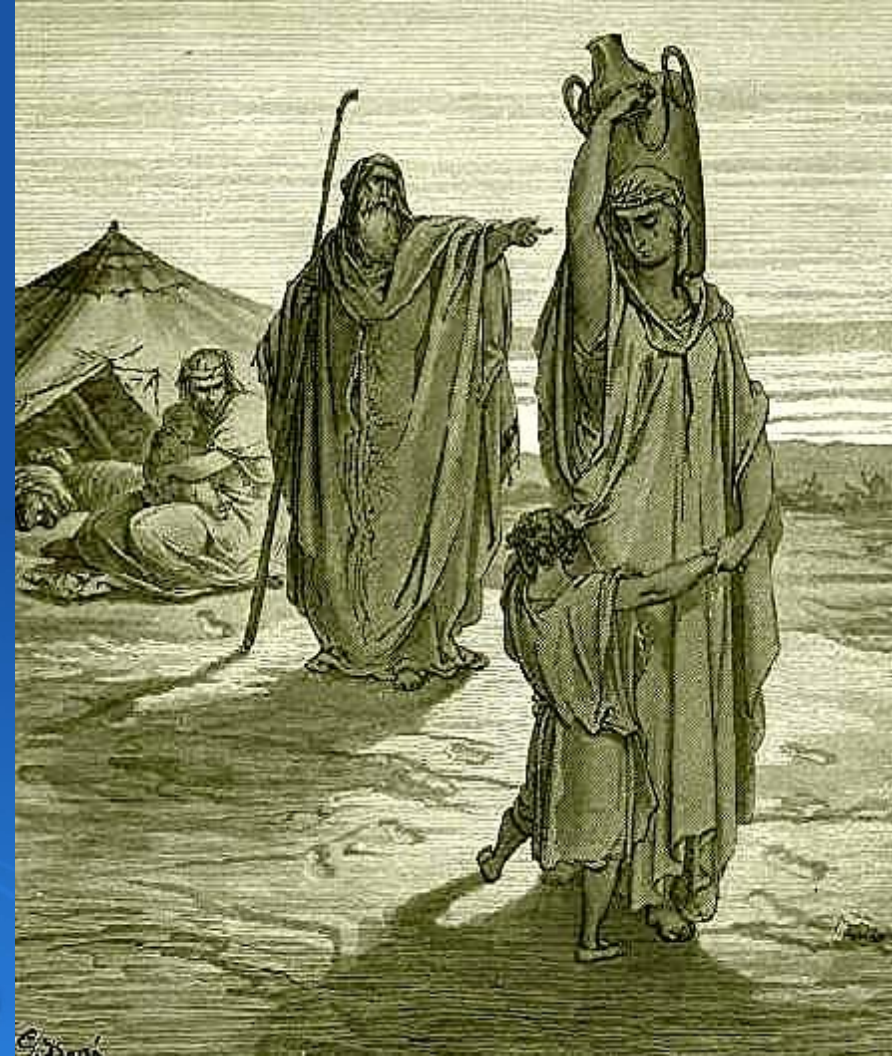


- Abraham 100 years old, Sarah 90
- Sarah had not given birth before
- Amazing she survived the birthing process at 90!
- Ishmael was a teenager when Isaac was born
- Sarah insists Hagar and Ishmael be banished

# SARAH WAS CARRYING OUT GOD'S WILL

- Isaac was to be the “son of promise”, *not Ishmael*
- *Law of Lipit-Ishtar* explains
  - 1) Hagar belonged to Sarah
  - 2) Abraham could choose whether Ishmael was heir or not because he was born of a slave-woman
  - 3) Father could choose whether children went with released slave-mother

**ISHMAEL LOST ALL  
INHERITANCE**



# GOD WOULD SUPPLY EARTHLY BLESSING TO ISHMAEL



- Yehoveh promised 12 princes (12 tribes) to Ishmael
- **SAME NUMBER AS THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL!**
- The **ONLY** thing Ishmael could not have as an equivalent was the covenant promise....
- Abraham loved Ishmael and it hurt him terribly to send him away

# *MAL'ACH ELOHIM* CALLS OUT TO HAGAR



- Mal'ach Elohim means *“messenger of god”*
- God or an Angel?
- Says “I will make a great nation out of him.....”
- This HAD TO BE some manifestation of YHWH
- Ishmael is NOT promised land (territory)....ONLY 12 nations of PEOPLE
- Ishmael will become desert dwellers, in the Sinai and Arabian Peninsulas

# PARALLELS BETWEEN ISAAC AND MESSIAH YESHUA (YAHSHUA)

- Both are “sons of promise”
- Lengthy time between promise and birth
- Miraculous births: Isaac from Sarah’s “dead” womb, Yahshua from a virgin’s womb
- Both had their names decided by God BEFORE their births
- Precise times (set times) set by God for births of Isaac and Yahshua