

## BIBLE WOMEN - SARAH - MOTHER OF NATIONS

### GENESIS 17:15-22

God changed her name from Sarai (princess of one family) to Sarah (princess of multitudes), making her "Mother of Nations."

#### I. SARAI IN UR

- A. Half-sister to her husband GEN. 20:12
  - 1. Genetics were purer closer to Adam and Eve
  - 2. Not detrimental then but DANGEROUS now
- B. God calls Abram to leave his home GEN. 12:1-4
  - 1. The destination was to a place not known
    - a. Sarai went without complaining
    - b. He followed God, she followed him
  - 2. Abram BELIEVED God GEN. 15:6
- C. Their journey took them to Harran GEN. 11:31-32
  - 1. Abram's father Terah passed away
  - 2. A famine came into the land GEN. 12:10

#### II. SARAI IN EGYPT

- A. She was a beautiful woman / Abram feared GEN. 12:11-13
  - 1. Lying is a sin (EXO. 20:16)
  - 2. Pharaoh plagued and lie discovered GEN. 12:14-20
- B. Abram and Lot split up - many herds and possessions

#### III. SARAI IN REBELLION

- A. Sarai was barren - an issue of cultural shame
  - 1. Abram concerned but God promised GEN. 15:1-6
  - 2. God also promised Abram the land of Canaan
- B. 10 years pass and Sarai is still childless
  - 1. Sarai takes matters into her own hands
  - 2. God sends Hagar back to Sarai GEN. 16:8-9

#### IV. SARAH IN FAITH

- A. 13 years after the birth of Ismael (GEN. 17:15-16)
  - 1. God changes their names and creates covenant
  - 2. Sarah laughs at God's promise GEN. 18:9-15
- B. God was true to His Promise GEN. 21:1-6

#### V. SARAH IN PRAISE

- A. She is honored HEB. 11:1 & 11 / (1 PETER 3:5-6)
- B. She honored her husband and God honored her!

EZO. 20:16 - "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

GEN. 16:8-9 - "And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.(9) And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands."

GEN. 17:15-16 - "And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. (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."

1 PETER 3:5-6 - "For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: (6) Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."