

Isaac the Child of Promise

(Genesis 21-35:19; Galatians 4:26, Hebrews 11)

Isaac: the one and only son promised to Abraham and Sarah in fulfillment of the covenant God made with Abraham.

- Second patriarch of the Jews
- Miraculous conception in Sarah’s womb from Yahweh
- Born to Sarah (90 years old)
- Half-brother to Ishmael
- Name means “laughter”
- Only heir of Abraham’s fortune
- Willingly offers himself to God to be a burnt offering
- Nearly sacrificed to death in the testing of Abraham
- Married Rebekah, the sister of Laban, at 40 years old
- Fathered two twin boys: Esau and Jacob
- God confirmed the same covenant promises with Isaac as with Abram
- Lies about wife in Egypt, like his father
- Worships Yahweh, like his father Abraham
- Deceived into blessing Jacob instead of Esau
- Lived to be 180 years old

Sarah, the mother of Isaac	Mary, the mother of Jesus
God promises to bless her	Blessed are you among women
Bear a son	Bear a son
Barren and old	Virgin and young
My husband is old	Does not have a husband
Is anything too hard for Yahweh	Nothing will be impossible with God
Born according to the Spirit (Gal 4:29)	To Mary: The Holy Spirit will come upon you

Old Testament	New Testament
Abraham—the Father	God—the Father
Isaac, heir of the covenant promises	Christ, heir of all things
Israel inherits the covenants, the law, the land, blessing and all the promises (Rom 9:14)	Christ’s church are the heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus (Rom 8:17)

Isaac, a Type and Shadow of Christ	
Isaac, the child of Promise	Jesus, the ultimate son of Promise
Yahweh visited his mother Sarah in conception	Holy Spirit is the agent of conception
Yahweh said ‘call his name Isaac’	The Lord told Joseph to call His name ‘Jesus’
Circumcised on the 8th day	
One and only son, greatly loved by his Father	
Had to be sacrificed to make atonement (Lev 1:4)	
Both willingly submitted to the will of their Father	
Accompanied to his place of death by two men	Crucified with two criminals
Both carried the wood they were offered upon	
Isaac was bound to a pile of wood	Jesus was bound to a wooden cross
Both may have been offered to the Lord on Mount Moriah	
Supposed to be a burnt offering	Offered up as a fragrant offering (Eph 5:2)
Did not die because of a ram (male sheep)	Died as the Lamb of God
God provides the ram as the substitute	The Son of God is the substitute
Figuratively raised from the dead (Heb 11:19)	Literally raised from the dead
Abraham proved his great love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son	God proved His love for us while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Rom 5:8)
Deceived Abimelech about his marital relationship to Rebekah	No sin, no deceit was found in His mouth (1Pe 2:22)
Died the age of 180 years old	Ever lives to make intercession for all whom God has saved (Heb 7:25)