







THE STUDY OF

# GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



# Lunch With Familiar Strangers

Genesis 18:1-15



# Genesis 17:15-16 What's in a name?

- Sarai (שַׂרַי, "my princess") → Sarah (שָׂרָה, "princess without restriction")
- Abram = 'exalted father' -> Abraham (אַבְרָהָם ('ab·rā·hām) 'father of a multitude' or 'chief of multitude' 1) friend of God and founder of the Hebrew nation.

## v.1 Waiting In The Oasis

Mamre (מַמְרֵי mam·rê)

Strong's Hebrew 4471: Mamre = 'strength' or 'fatness' an oak grove on Mamre's land where Abraham dwelt

- Abraham waited for the promises of God in a place of rest and strength.

## v.3-8 Eastern Hospitality

- A cultural duty, for the safety of nomadic people. Herds would move around, and so would the people.
- Spoke of the goodness and integrity of the host.
- Later, became part of the law, to care for strangers. (Lev 19:34)

# **v.3-8 Service With A Smile**

## **Serving the Lord Like Abraham**

- with honor (v.2-3)
- with diligence & speed (v.2,6 & 7)
- with our best (v.6-8)
- with enthusiasm (v.2-8)



## v.2-15 The Mystery Men

### Both Singular & Plural Pronouns Used

(Verse 1) “Then the LORD” הַיְהוָה (Yah·weh)

(Verse 2) “My lord,” אֲדֹנָי ('ă·dō·nāy)

(Verse 5) “they replied” וַיֹּאמְרוּ (way·yō·mə·rū)

-The Lord appeared and with two other with Him. Two others are angels.

# v.1 The Mystery Men

## The Lord (Yahweh) Appeared (v1)

**Christophany** - refers to the pre-incarnate appearances of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. These manifestations are considered to be temporary and visible appearances of the Son of God before His incarnation as Jesus of Nazareth.



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## v.13-15 No Laughing Matter

-Abraham & Sarah wait 25 years for the promise.

-The promise comes at a time when having a baby is physically impossible.

**“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”**





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# Abraham's Chronology:

**Age 75** (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)



**Land Covenant** - “unconditional”  
geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7;  
13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as  
a “conditional” part of the covenant  
(Deut. 30:1-10)

**Age 86** (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had  
Ishmael,

**Age 99** (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as a sign

**Age 100** (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah



**Gen. 22** Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

**Age 137** (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

**Age 140** (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

**Age 175** (**Gen. 25:7**)<sup>19</sup> Abraham dies