

## WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

# SARAH

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Eve** has been helpful to you?

#### SECTION I: Read Genesis 12:1-20, 16:1-6

2. a) In **V1**, what was God's command to Abram?  
  
b) Summarize God's promises to Abram in **V2-3** and **7**.
3. What was Abram's response in **V4-7**, and how old was he?
4. a) Describe the events that took place in **V10-16**.  
  
b) How and why do you think God intervenes? (**V17-20**)
5. According to **16:3**, at least how many years had passed since God's first promise to Abram?
6. a) After that long wait, what does Sarai do according to **V1-3**?  
  
b) What were the results (**V4-6**)?

7. In what way are you trying to, or tempted to “help” the progression of God’s plan in a specific area of your life?

**SECTION II: Read Genesis 17:15-22, Genesis 18:1-15**

8. a) What does God say will happen to Sarai in **17:15-22**?

b) What new facts surface about God’s promise in **V21**? Why would this be significant, especially to Sarah?

9. a) According to **17:17**, what was Abraham’s reaction to the news that Sarah would have a son in a year?

b) What was Sarah’s reaction? (**18:9-12**)

10. What strikes you about the Lord’s response to Sarah in **V13-14**?

11. In **18:15**, what did Sarah do and why?

12. In what present situation do you need to pray and trust that nothing is too hard for the LORD?

**SECTION III: Read Genesis 20, Genesis 21:1-6**

13. a) The plot thickens in **Genesis 20**. What sin resurfaces?

b) How could this sin have compromised God’s promise?

14. a) From **21:1-6**, identify several attributes of God surrounding the birth of Isaac.

14. b) Share about a time when God showed extreme grace in impossible circumstances. (See **21:1**)

15. The name Isaac means “he laughs” in Hebrew. How is the laughter in **21:6-7** different from that of Abraham and Sarah? (See **Question 9a** and **9b**)

16. Re-read **21:1** together with **Hebrews 11:11**. How do these verses encourage you in light of the many failures and lack of faith evident in Sarah’s story?

17. Form a prayer request from this week’s lesson on Sarah. (See **Questions 7** or **12** for ideas.)

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. a) Find God’s promises to you in the following verses:

**Matthew 28:20b** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 14:1-3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:28** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:37-39** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 12:9** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Timothy 1:7** \_\_\_\_\_

b) Which promise are you struggling to believe right now and why?

2. a) What are some practical things you can do while waiting on God’s promises?

b) What do these Scriptures suggest you do while waiting?

**Proverbs 3:5-6** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 10:23-25** \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 18:14a**

