

Invitations, Promises and Responses in Genesis 12-24

text	Invitation	Promise(s)	Response
12:1-4:	“Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.	I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”	So Abram went, as YHWH had told him
13:14-17	“Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;	for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”	So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to YHWH.
15:1, 4-5	“Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”	“Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”	And he trusted YHWH; and YHWH reckoned it to him as righteousness.
16:9-15	“Return to your mistress, and submit to her.”	“I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.”	So she named YHWH who spoke to her, “You are El-roi”; for she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?”
17:1-2	“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.	And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.”	Then Abram fell on his face
17:4-18	(enter into a covenant with YHWH sealed by circumcision ritual)	I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” “As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”	Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!”

17: 19-23		your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.”	Then Abraham took his son Ishmael and all the slaves born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him.
18: 10-12		“I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”	So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?”
21: 12-14	“Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.	As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.”	So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away.
22:2-3	“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”		So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.
22: 16-20		Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”	So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

