

## Genesis 21.1-21 key words and chiasms

YHWH visited [or attended to] with **Sarah** as he had said,  
and YHWH did for **Sarah** as he had promised.

### 21.2-7

**A:** **Sarah** conceived and **bore Abraham** a **son in his old age**, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

**B:** **Abraham** gave the name **Isaac** to his **son** whom **Sarah bore, yes bore**, him.

**C:** And **Abraham** circumcised his **son Isaac** when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. **Abraham** was a hundred years old when his **son Isaac was born** to him.

**B<sup>1</sup>:** Now **Sarah** said, "God has brought **laughter** for me; everyone who hears will **laugh** with me."

**A<sup>1</sup>:** And she said, "Who would ever have said to **Abraham** that **Sarah** would nurse **sons**? Yet **I have borne** him a **son in his old age**."

The **child** grew, and was weaned; and **Abraham** made a great feast on the day that **Isaac** was weaned. But **Sarah** saw the **son** of **Hagar** the Egyptian, whom **she had borne** to **Abraham**, playing [with her **son Isaac**]. So she said to **Abraham**, "Cast out this **slave woman** with her **son**; for the **son** of this **slave woman** shall not inherit along with my **son Isaac**."

The matter was powerfully evil to **Abraham** on account of his son. But God said to **Abraham**, "Do not let this be evil in your eyes 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 seed 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 seed."

### 21.14-19

**A:** 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.

**B:** And she departed, and wandered about in the **wilderness** of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot;

**C:** for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the **child**."

**B<sup>1</sup>:** And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the **boy**; and the angel of God called to **Hagar** from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, **Hagar**? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the **boy** where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

**A<sup>1</sup>:** Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the **boy** a drink.

God was with the **boy**, and he grew up; he lived in the **wilderness**, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the **wilderness** of Paran; and his mother got a woman for him from the land of Egypt.