

Table 2. Parallels between Ishmael and Isaac.

Birth of Ishmael (Gen 16:15)	Birth of Isaac (Gen 21:2)
And Hagar bore for Abram a son. (<i>vattēled hāgār l^e 'abrām bēn</i>)	And Sarah . . . bore for Abraham a son (<i>vattēled sārāh l^e 'abrāhām bēn</i>)
Name given to Ishmael by Abram (Gen 16: 15)	Name given to Isaac by Abraham (Gen 21:3)
And Abram called the name of his son, (<i>vayyiqrā ' 'abrām šem-b^enō</i>) whom Hagar bore, (<i>'^ošer-yāl^edāh hāgār</i>) Ishmael.	And Abraham called the name of his son, (<i>vayyiqrā ' 'abrāhām 'et- šem-b^enō</i>) the one born to him, whom Sarah bore to him (<i>'^ošer-yāl^edāh-lō sārāh</i>) Isaac.
Age of Abram when Ishmael was born (Gen 16:16)	Age of Abraham when Isaac was born (Gen 21:5)
And Abram was 86 years old (<i>v^e 'abrām ben-š^emōnīm šānāh v^ešēš šānīm</i>) when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.	And Abraham was 100 years old (<i>v^e 'abrāhām ben-m^e 'at šānāh</i>) when his son Isaac was born to him.
Abraham told that Ishmael will be blessed, (Gen 17:20)	Isaac told that he will be blessed (Gen 26:3, 24)
"I will bless him. . . ." (<i>bērakhtī'ōtō</i>)	26:3 "And I will bless you" (<i>va 'bār^ekhekhā</i>) 26:24: "And I will bless you" (<i>ūbērakhtīkhā</i>)
Circumcision of Ishmael (Gen 17:25)	Circumcision of Isaac (Gen 21:4)
And Ishmael was thirteen years old (<i>v^e yišmā 'ē 'l b^enō ben-š^elōš 'ešrēh šānāh</i>) when the flesh of his foreskin was circumcised (<i>b^ehimmōlō</i>).	And Abraham circumcised (<i>vayyāmāl</i>) Isaac his son when he was eight days old (<i>ben-š^emōnat yāmīm</i>)
God with Ishmael (Gen 21:20)	God with Isaac (Gen 26:3, 24)
And God was with the boy (<i>vayyehi 'lohīm 'et-hanna 'ar</i>)	26:3 (to Isaac) "And I will be with you" (<i>v^e 'ehyeh 'imm^ekhā</i>) 26:24 (to Isaac) "For I am with you," (<i>kī- 'itt^ekhā 'ānōkhī</i>)
Ishmael grew up (Gen 21:20)	Isaac grew up (Gen 21:8)
And he grew (<i>vayyigdāl</i>) and dwelled in the wilderness	And the boy grew (<i>vayyigdāl</i>) and he was weaned.
Ishmael becomes the father of twelve princes (Gen 17:20; 25:16)	Jacob (Isaac's son) becomes the father of twelve sons (Gen 29:31-30:24; 35:16-20, 22b)
17:20 "He will father twelve (<i>šēnēm- 'āsār</i>) princes" 25:16 twelve (<i>šēnēm- 'āsār</i>) princes according to their tribes	35:22b and the sons of Jacob were twelve (<i>šēnēm- 'āsār</i>)"