

# Prophecy and Birth of Isaac

## Chapter 18

**Verse 1** – “And the LORD appeared unto him (Abraham)” – this is another theophany (an appearance of God); 18:2, 18:3, 18:13

**Verse 9, 10** – The prophecy that Sarah will have a son. It is believed that the Bible is the only book of faith that has prophecies and their fulfillments.

**Verse 12** – Sarah’s response to the prophecy, “Sarah laughed to herself...” Abraham’s response to the prophecy, Gen. 17:17. They both laughed but it is believed that Abraham’s response was an act of faith and rejoicing. But Sarah’s response was a laugh of doubt. That is why Sarah was questioned about her laugh, Gen. 18:12-15.

### Similarities Between the Births of Isaac and Jesus

- Both births were prophesied, Gen. 17:16, Isaiah 9:6
- Both births had an appointed time, Gen. 18:14, Galatians 4:4
- Both mothers questioned the reality of the birth, Gen. 18:12, Luke 1:34
- Both mothers were told about the power of God, Gen. 18:14, Luke 1:37
- God provided the names for both, Gen. 17:19, Matt. 1:18
- Both births were considered to be miracles, (Isaac) Romans 4:19-21, (Jesus) Isaiah 7:14, Matt. 1: 22, 23

**God got the last laugh.** Both Abraham and Sarah laughed at the prophecy concerning the birth of Isaac. But the prophecy was fulfilled. And, God named the child Isaac which means laughter.