Gen 20:2-3 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife,
"She is my sister." So Abimelech king of Gerar sent
and took Sarah. (3) But God came to Abimelech in
a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you
are a dead man because of the woman whom you
have taken, for she is married."

As in Gen 12.13-20, Abraham lies about Sarah, saying she is my sister, and not admitting she is his wife.

Gen 21:2 So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

Gen 21:5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

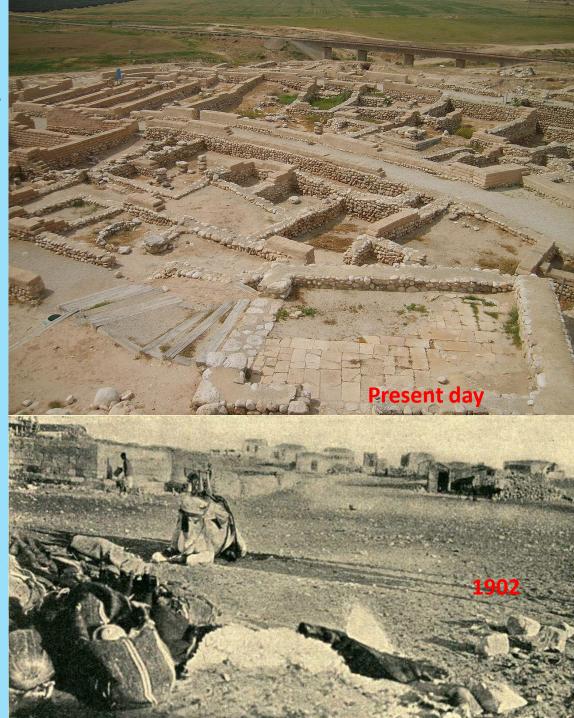
Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

Gen 21:9-10 Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. (10) Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac."

Gen 21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Gen 21:18-20 "Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by the hand; for I will make a great nation of him." (19) Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. (20) And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he lived in the wilderness, and became an archer.

Gen 21:30-31 He said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand so that it may be a witness to me, that I dug this well." (31) Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because there the two of them took an oath.



Gen 22:1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

Gen 22:7-10 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (8) Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. (9) Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. (10) Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

"for now I know" says the Lord – Not a lie, if God knew beforehand, then it was not a test v.1.

Gen 22:12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Gen 22:11 But the <u>angel of the LORD</u> called to him from heaven

<u>becomes God – from me</u>

Gen 22:16-18 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, (17) indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. (18) "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

The promise to Abraham repeated 1. bless you 2. Multiply your seed 3. Possess the land

The Messiah is again promised 12.3; 18.8

Gen 12:3 And 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 will be blessed."

Gen 18:18 since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?

Gen 23:1 Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah.

Sarah dies at 127, leading some to believe Isaac was in his twenties when Abraham offered him to God

Gen 23:9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in your presence for a burial site."

Gen 23:16-18 Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, commercial standard. (17) So Ephron's field, which was in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were within all the confines of its border, were deeded over (18) to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

Gen 24:2-4 Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh, (3) and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, (4) but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

Gen 24:13-18 "Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water; (14) now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also - may she be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master."

(15) Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. (16) The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. (17) Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar." (18) She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.

Gen 24:26-27 Then the man bowed low and worshiped the LORD. (27) He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, the LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

Gen 24:47-48 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her wrists. (48) "And I bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Gen 24:51 "Here is Rebekah before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

Gen 24:65 She said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her veil and covered herself.

Gen 24:67 Then Isaac brought the girl into his mother's tent. Rebekah became his wife that day. Isaac loved her very much. So he was comforted after his mother's death.

Because there are no historical records of those who lived before Moses, theologians?? of a liberal persuasion have said these events are the creation of someone in the 1000 years prior to Jesus birth.

"Ebla tablets are a collection of as many as 1,800 complete clay tablets, 4,700 fragments, and many thousands of minor chips found in the palace archives of the ancient city of Ebla, Syria." ... "The application of the Ebla texts to specific places or people in the Bible occasioned controversy, focused on whether the tablets made references to, and thus confirmed, the existence of Abraham, David and Sodom and Gomorrah among other Biblical references."