

A MOTHER OF MANY NATIONS

Our lesson title for our 2021 Mother's Day lesson poses the question, "**Who is the Mother of Many Nations?**"

The answer is found in our lesson text (Gen.17:15-19).

This lesson will study four aspects of doctrine of the Mother of Many Nations.

1. God revealed, and then sealed, the answer to that question in an everlasting Old Covenant Doctrine; that the Mother of Many Nations was Sarah.

(Gen.17:16) "**I will bless her**, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then **I will bless her**, and **she shall be a mother of many nations**; kings of people will come from her."

(Gen.17:19) "But God said, 'No, that **Sarah your wife will have a son**, and you shall call his name **Isaac**; and **I will establish My covenant with him** for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.'"

It is an everlasting covenant because Christ is the seed of Abraham. Isaac, and Jacob.

(Gal.3:16) "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as referring to many, **but rather to one, 'And to your seed,' that is Christ.**"

2. Sarah was a Shemite gentile until the birth of Isaac. It was then that she became a Hebrew and the Mother of Many Nations in Christ.

Sarai's Shemite name was changed to the Hebrew name, Sarah, **Mother of Many Nations**. (Gen.17:15-19)

This was also true for Abram, a Shemite gentile, who became a Hebrew named Abraham by circumcision (Gen.11; 17:1-14). Thus, Abraham became the **Father of a Multitude of Nations**. (Gen.17:4-5)

It surprised me that Matthew's genealogy of Christ included several gentile women, never mentioning Sarah!

- **Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba** (Matt.1:3-6)

Please note that Sarah was the prophetic **Mother of Many Nations** and not just one.

3. Sarah was the prophetic Hebrew Mother of Christ and therefore the Mother of Many Nations.

- **Eve was the Mother of All the Living.**

- (Gen.3:20) "Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living."

- **Mary was the Mother of Christ.**

- (Luke 2:11) "For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord**."
- (Matt.1:21) "She will bear a Son; **and you shall call His name Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins."

- **Sarah was the prophetic messianic Mother of Many Nations.**
 - Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of it (Matt.5:17) - “Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Matt.28:19)

(Acts 1:8) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you **shall be My witnesses** both in all Judea and Samaria, and **even to the remotest part of the earth** (Moody, Alabama).” (Acts 1:2, 13-15; 2:1) (Pentecost)

4. Both Sarah and Abraham’s names were changes as a sign of their spiritually maturity in the Perfect Plan of God (2 Pet.3:18).

The biggest change from Old Man [Cosmos Diabolicus] (Worldly Viewpoint) thinking to New Man (Divine Viewpoint) thinking was seen in Sarah’s volitional submission to authority in the Plan of God (Eph.4:20-24).

- She had reached a place of spiritual maturity in her life where she wanted the Directive Will of God to work daily and consistently in her life, utilizing the Faith Cycle drill (Rom.4:21).

In Hebrew, **Sarai** meant contentious and argumentative towards the person of authority.

- Her Old Man [Cosmos Diabolicus] (Worldly Viewpoint) thinking always went to the person in authority rather than to the position of authority. Sometimes it can passive (Pharaoh), other times aggressive (Hagar/ her personal problem with barrenness).

Sarai laughed at the Directive Will of God, her becoming pregnant at the age of 90 (2 Cor.5:7).

- As a reminder of her Old Man [Cosmos Diabolicus] (Worldly Viewpoint) thinking, God named her only son, **Isaac (laughter)**.

New Man (Divine Viewpoint) thinking:

- “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37; 18:27; Gen.18:14)

God changed her name to Sarah meaning princess or noble grace lady.

- Now she understood the importance of the Faith Cycle drill, submission to the position of the Divinely delegated authority in the Plan of God (Eph.6:6).

(1 Cor.11:3) “But I want you to understand that **Christ is the head of every man (husband)**, and the man is the **head of a woman (wife)**, and **God is the head of Christ.**”