

Facing the Covid-19

Battle Together with His Joy

Genesis 21:1-7

Going



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**BEFORE
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1970 - 2019

**NOW
SEKARANG**



2020

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Battle Together with His Joy

Go out and Sing Song of joy!



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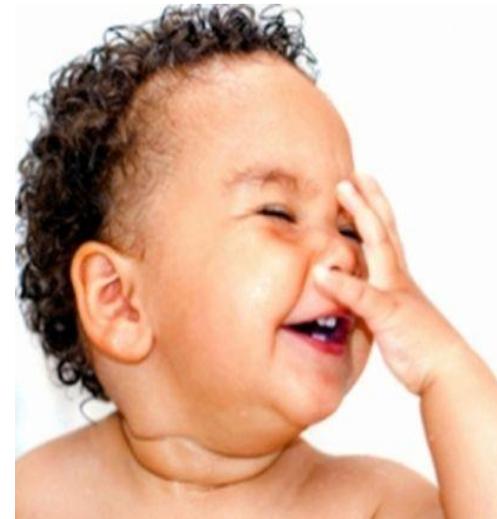
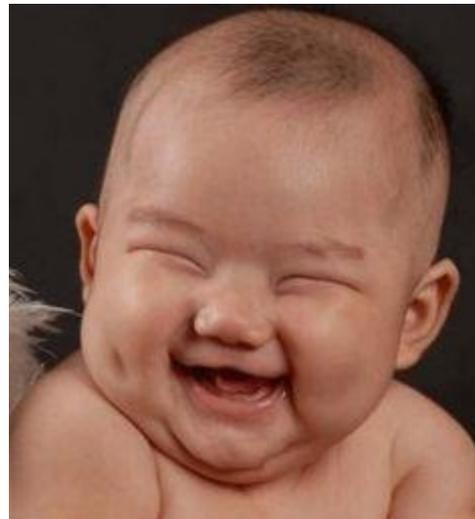
Laughter

Belly laughter

Nervous laughter

Etiquette laughter

Contagious laughter



The Holy Laughter of Joy

Genesis 21:1-7

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The Lord Visited Sarah

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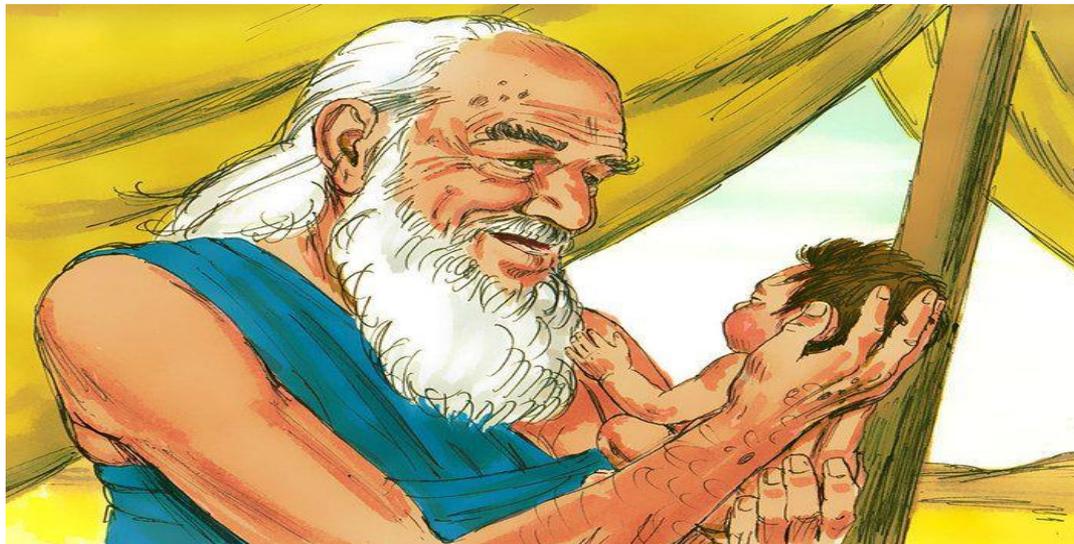


**A Gracious
Timely Visit
God fulfilled
His promise**

Abraham Laughed!

***³ Abraham gave the name
Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.***

***Isaac, Yitzhak, for laughter is his name
as he was told in Gen. 17:19***



Sarah Laughed!

⁶ Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.'

The laughter of Joyous Surprise!

⁷ And she added, 'Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'



Isaac
A Surprise
Gift of Joy

Another laughter of Sarah

Genesis 18:12

So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought,
*“After I am worn out and my master is old,
will I now have the pleasure?”*

The Laughter of Disbelief

‘How is that possible laugh?’



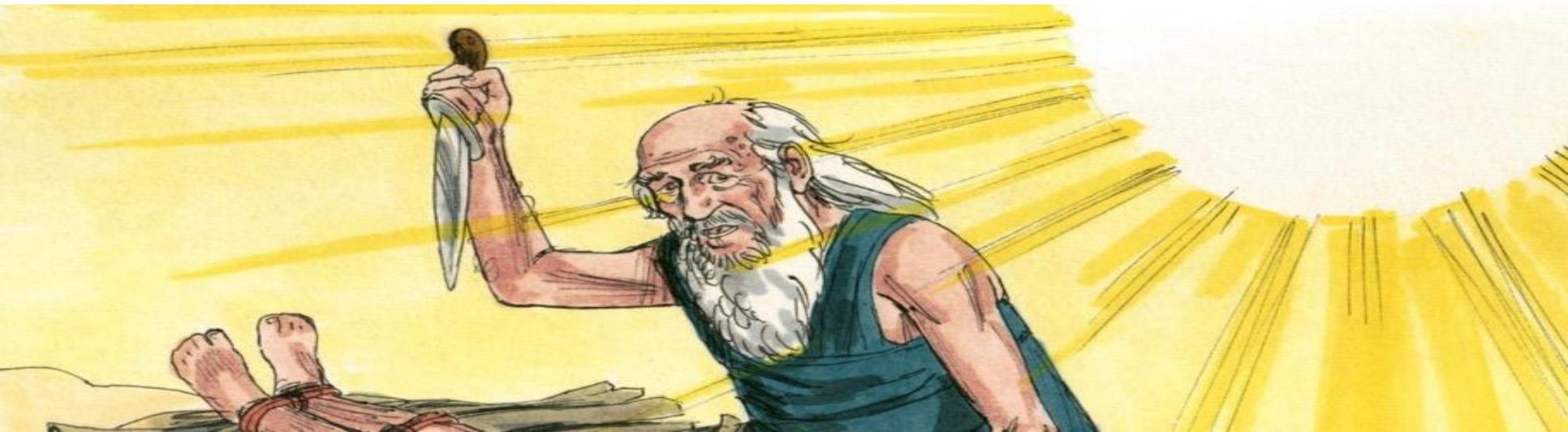
Isaac the Gift of Joy
is special to us

Isaac A type of Jesus

His birth and life

Genesis 22:2 Mt Moriah

“The Lord has provided”



We are children of promise
through Isaac

Romans 9:8-9

8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.



9 For this was how the promise was stated: 'At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.'

Our 'Isaac', Jesus is born to us!

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.



***We become children
of God filled with
His Spirit by Faith***

Enjoying A Spirit-filled Life of Grace and Love with Great Joy by Faith

- **Abraham's two sons by two women**
Slave vs. Free
- **Two types of life in Galatians 4:21-31**
- **Life under the Law vs. Life under Grace**
- ***Bondage of the law vs. Freedom from the law***



A Life of Faith

Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Joy is a characteristic of
Christian Pilgrimage**



Discipleship

Engage

Equip

Encourage

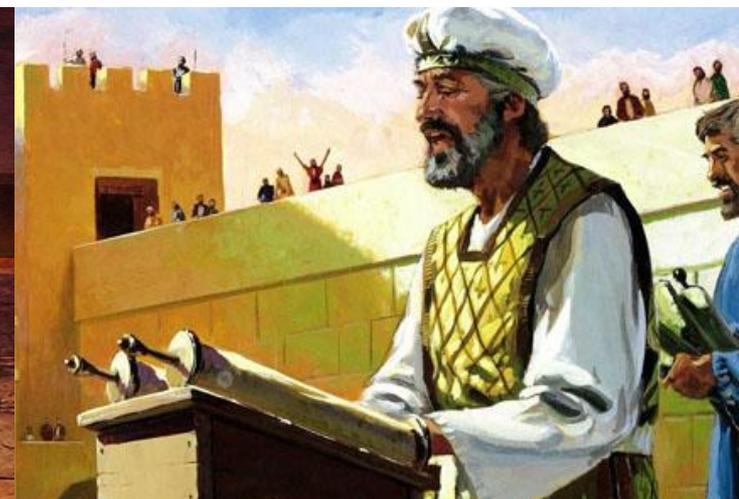
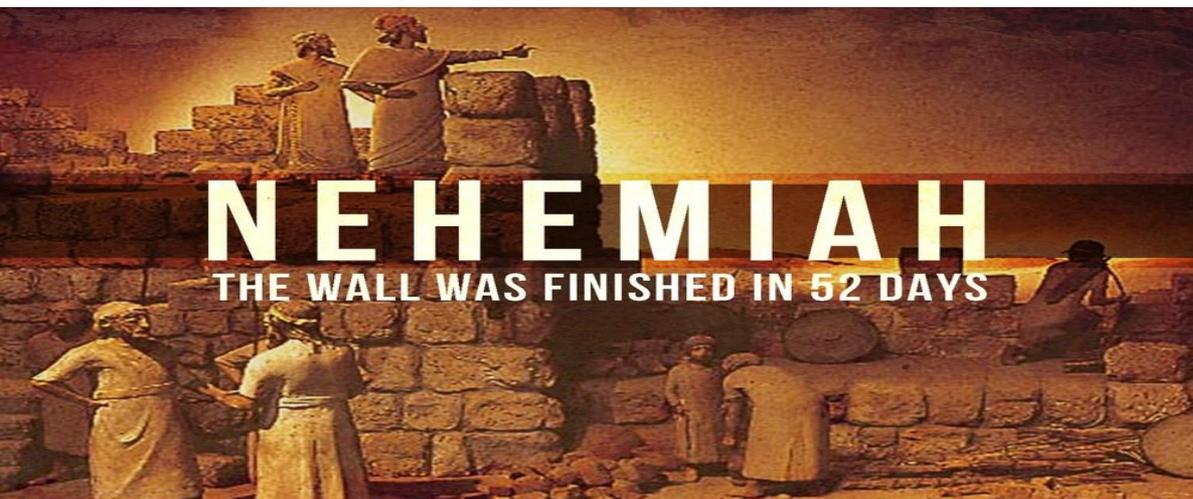
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The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength

Nehemiah 8:10

Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks... This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

Recounting and Instructing the Law



Sing Psalm 126

Memory of past joy

***¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.***

***² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.***

***³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.***

Experience of present joy

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Flows over into future Joy

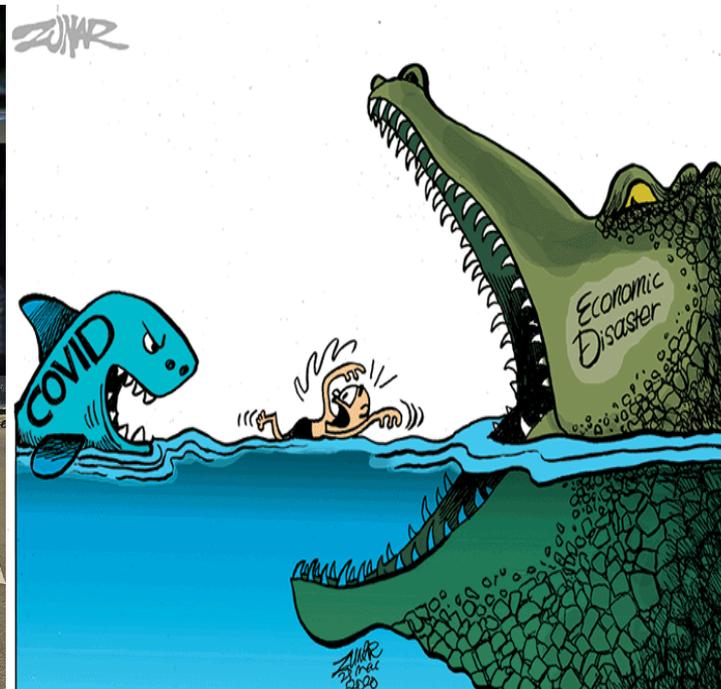
⁴ Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev. ⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.



Facing the Covid-19 Pandemic

- ***'Our Negev'***
- ***'Our weeping sorrow'***
- ***'Our sheaves'***



Joyful expectation

He floods the 'Negev'

He turns 'Weeping sorrows to Joy'

He brings in the harvest



A photograph of a church building at night. The church has a large, illuminated, white canopy over the entrance. A crowd of people is gathered outside, and streetlights are visible in the background.

Holy Lighters
Go Mission with God

**Live as his good
witnesses with His
love, joy, and peace.**