

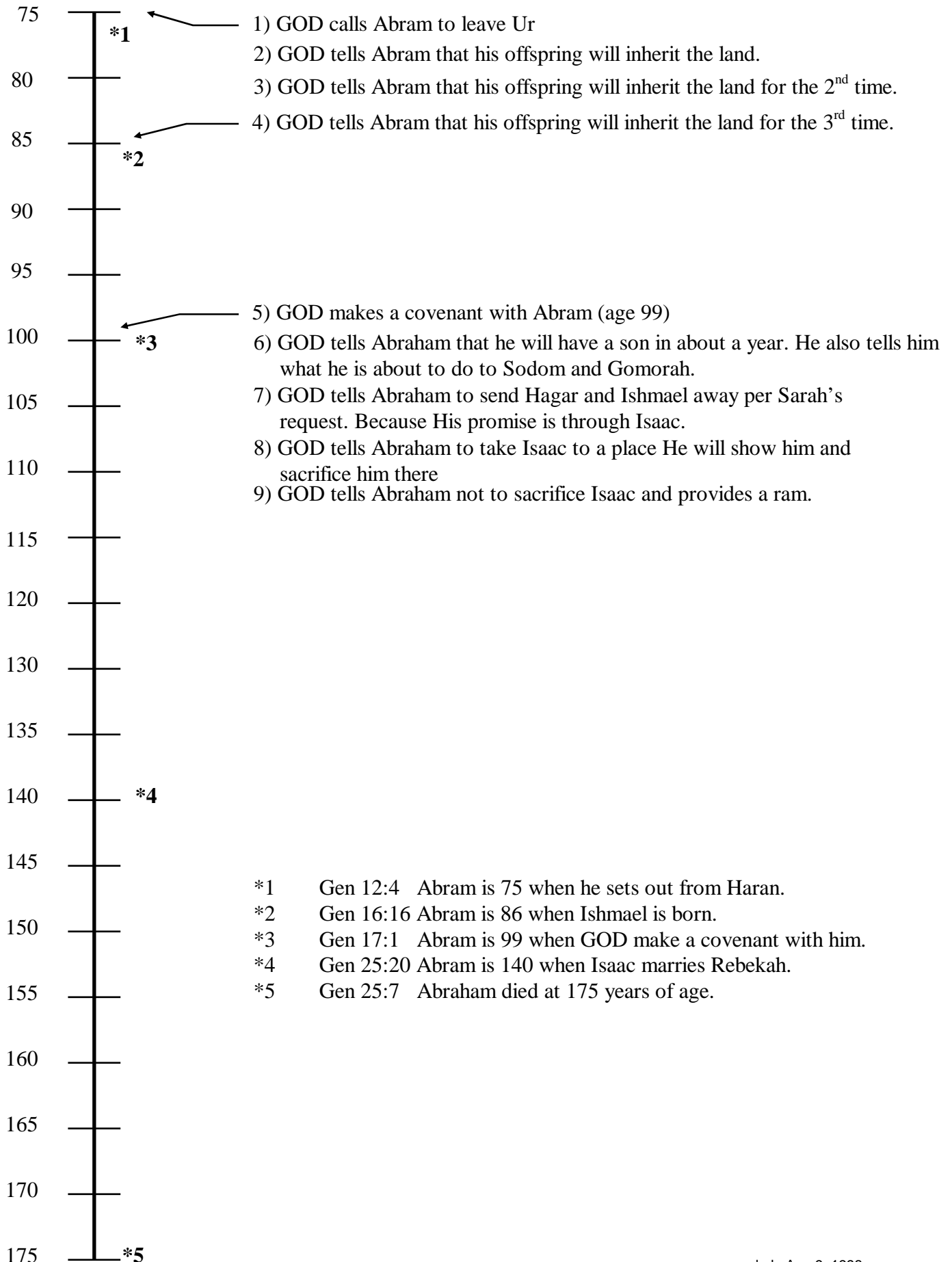
Occasions that GOD talked or appeared to Abraham

1. Gen 12:1 GOD calls Abram. He instructs him to leave Ur and go to a land He would show him.
2. Gen 12:6 Abram arrives in Canaan. At the great tree Moreh at Shechem GOD speaks to him. Telling him that his offspring would receive this land. So he built an alter there where the Lord appeared to him.
3. Gen 13:14 GOD speaks to Abram, telling him to look all around at the land that He was giving to him and his offspring. Abram goes to the great trees of Mamre and builds an alter to the Lord.
4. Gen 15:1 GOD appears to Abram in a vision and tells him not to be afraid. Then tells him of how many his offspring will be (as the stars in the heavens).
5. Gen 17:1 GOD appears to Abram to confirm His covenant with him.

No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. ¹⁰This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. ¹³Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” ¹
6. Gen 18:1 GOD appeared to Abraham near the great tree of Mamre. He appears a One of three visitors. He tells him that Sarah will bear him a son in about a year. The as He is leaving, He tells Abraham that He is going to destroy Sodom & Gomorah.
7. Gen 21:12 GOD speaks to Abraham when Sarah has requested that he send Hagar and Ishmael away. He comforts him.
8. Gen 22:1 GOD tests Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac.
9. Gen 22:11 GOD stops Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac.

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What can we see from this:

There seems to be long gaps between times that GOD talks with Abraham. This could be true in our lives as well. Although He may have talked with him at times which were not in the written account that we know as Genesis.

There are times that GOD talked with Abraham at close intervals. GOD confirmed to Abraham that He was going to give the land to him at 3 different times. GOD can be very close and reassures us in times when we need Him.

GOD always guided him in the direction He wanted Abraham to go. These times He blessed him and told him of gifts that He wanted him to have. He has a plan for our lives as well. And He has blessings and gifts for each of us too.

GOD was always looking out for Abraham, even in the periods that Abraham didn't hear from GOD. (The instances where GOD warned the King of Egypt and the King of Gerar not to harm him or his wife. Even though Abraham was afraid and neglected to call on GOD for His help.). So GOD watches out for us even when it may seem like He doesn't care about us. Especially the more difficult times.

GOD delivered on the promises that He gave to Abraham. We can depend on Him to deliver on the promises for each of us. As well as take care of us through the good times and bad ones.