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(1) The LORD appeared to him by the terebinths of Mamre; he was sitting at the entrance of the tent as the day grew hot. (2) Looking up, he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them and, bowing to the ground, (3) he said, "My lords, if it please you, do not go on past your servant. (4) Let a little water be brought; bathe your feet and recline under the tree. (5) And let me fetch a morsel of bread that you may refresh yourselves; then go on—seeing that you have come your servant's way." They replied, "Do as you have said." (6) Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quick, three seahs of choice flour! Knead and make cakes!" (7) Then Abraham ran to the herd, took a calf, tender and choice, and gave it to a servant-boy, who hastened to prepare it. (8) He took curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them; and he waited on them under the tree as they ate. (9) They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he replied, "There, in the tent." (10) Then one said, "I will return to you next year, and your wife Sarah shall have a son!" Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind him. (11) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years; Sarah had stopped having the periods of women. (12) And Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "Now that I am withered, am I to have enjoyment—with my husband so old?" (13) Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying,

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(א) וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו יְהוָה בְּאֵלֶיךָ מִמְּרָא וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב בְּמַחְצֵה הָאֵהָל בְּחֹם הַיּוֹם: (ב) וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה אַנְשִׁים נֹצְבִים עָלָיו וַיֵּרָא וַיִּרְץ לִקְרַאתָם מִמַּחְצֵה הָאֵהָל וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַרְצָה: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי אִם-נָא מִצָּאתִי חַל בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֶל-גָּא מַעְבָּר מֵעַל עַבְדְּךָ: (ד) יִקַּח-גָּא מֵעֹטְמִים וְרַחֲצוּ רַגְלֵיכֶם וְהִשְׁעֵנוּ תַּחַת הָעֵץ: (ה) וְאָקַחְהָ פַת-לֶחֶם וְסַעְדֵי לִבְכֶם אַחַר תַּעֲבְרוּ כִי-עֲלֶיכֶן עֹבְרֹתָם עַל-עַבְדְּכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ כֵן תַּעֲשֶׂה כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ: (ו) וַיִּמְהַר אַבְרָהָם הָאֵהָלָה אֶל-שָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר מַה־רִּי שְׁלֹשׁ סָאִים קָמַח סֹלֶת לְיוֹשֵׁי וַעֲשֵׂי עֲגוֹת: (ז) וְאֶל-הַבָּקָר הָרַץ אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח כֶּבֶד-בָּקָר רֶדֶד וְטוֹב וַיִּתֵּן אֶל-הַנְּעָר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתוֹ: (ח) וַיִּקַּח חֲמָאָה וְחֵלֶב וּכְבֹד-הַבָּקָר אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּתֵּן לַפְּנֵיהֶם וְהוּא-לְעֹמֵד עֲלֵיהֶם תַּחַת הָעֵץ וַיֹּאמְרוּ: (ט) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו אַיֵּה שָׂרָה אֲשֶׁתְּךָ וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה בְּאֵהָל: (י) וַיֹּאמֶר שׁוּב אֲשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כְּעֵת סִיָּה וְהִנֵּה-כֵן לְשָׂרָה אֲשֶׁתְּךָ וְשָׂרָה שָׂמְעַת פֶּתַח הָאֵהָל וְהוּא אַחֲרָיו: (יא) וְאַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה זָקְנִים בָּאִים בְּיָמִים חֲדָל לְהַיָּוֹת לְשָׂרָה אַרְחַ כַּנְּשִׁים: (יב) וַתִּצְטַח שָׂרָה בְּקַרְבָּהּ לֵאמֹר אַחֲרֵי כִלְתִי הֵיטֵה-לִּי עֲדֻנָּה וְאֵלֶיךָ יָקוּם: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָהָם לְמַה זֶה צָחֲקֶךָ שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר הֲאֵפֶלֶא הַחַיִּים אֲמַנִּים אֵלַי וְאֲנִי זָקְנָתִי: (יד) הֲיִפְלֵא מִיָּהוָה דְּבַר לְמוֹלֵד אֲשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כְּעֵת סִיָּה וְלְשָׂרָה כֵּן:

‘Shall I in truth bear a child, old as I am?’
(14) Is anything too wondrous for the
LORD? I will return to you at the same
season next year, and Sarah shall have a
son.”



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