

Events In The Life Of Abraham

1	Abe's 1st encounter with God
Abram and family leave Terah	
Abram	75 yrs
Sarai	65 yrs
2	Abram arrives in Canaan's Land
Abe's 2nd encounter with God	
They go to Egypt.	
Pharaoh takes Sarai	
4	They return to Canaan's Land
5	Abram and Lot part company
Abe's 3rd encounter with God	
6	Abram moves to Hebron
7	Battle of kings. Lot is captured.
Abram and allies rescue them	
Melchizedek blesses Abram	
Abram tithes to him	
8	Abe's 4th encounter with God
God cuts covenant with Abram	
9	Hagar conceives Ishmael.
Hagar runs away	
God speaks to Hagar	

10	Ishmael is born
Abram	86 yrs
Sarai	76 yrs
11	Abe's 5th encounter with God
God changes their names	
God introduces circumcision	
God says Sarah will be a mom	
Abram	99 yrs
Sarah	89 yrs
Ishmael	13 yrs
12	The LORD visits Abraham
Sarah eavesdrops + laughs	
Abraham pleads for Sodom	
Lot is rescued from Sodom	
Sodom is destroyed	
13	Abraham camps in Gerar
Abimelech sends for Sarah	
14	Sarah gives birth to Isaac
Abram	100 yrs
Sarah	90 yrs
Ishmael	14 yrs
15	Isaac is weaned
Abram	103 yrs
Sarah	93 yrs
Ishmael	17 yrs
Isaac	3 yrs *
* Some scholars believe that weaning occurred at 12 yrs, some believe 5 yrs, while the most reliable believe Isaac was 3.	

16	Hagar + Ishmael banished
Ishmael grows up	
17	Ishmael gets married
Abram	126 yrs
Sarah	116 yrs
Ishmael	40 yrs **
Isaac	26 yrs
18	Abimelech and Abraham cut covenant at about the time of Ishmael's marriage
19	Abraham is tested by God and offers up Isaac ***
20	Sarah dies
Abram	137 yrs
Sarah	127 yrs
Ishmael	51 yrs
Isaac	37 yrs
21	Abraham dies
Abram	175 yrs
Ishmael	89 yrs
Isaac	75 yrs

**** Note:** These ages are speculative. Isaac and Esau were both married at 40. We don't know how old Abraham and the other Patriarchs were when they married. IF Ishmael was also 40 when he married, then Isaac was 26, Abraham was 126, and Sarah was 116.

***** Note:** We do not know how old Isaac was when Abraham offered him up as a sacrifice. However, based on the events preceding and following this act, we can calculate that he was probably older than 26 and certainly younger than 37 years of age.

The reason why many believe that Isaac was a young boy at this time is because of Genesis 22:5, where Abraham calls Isaac 'the lad'. The Hebrew word he uses here is 'naar'. It is the same word that is used for the young men whom Abraham left with the donkey. They were not young children. Neither was Isaac.

We know that Isaac is a 'type' of Christ. Jesus started his ministry at 30 years of age and it ended at 33. I am personally convinced that Isaac was probably 30 years old when he started the 3 day walk with his Father up to the altar to be sacrificed. However, I could also very well believe that he was 33!

Whatever his age ... he was old enough to say Your will, not mine, be done

Please note that numbers in red are speculative. Numbers in black are specified in the Bible or calculated from numbers that are specified in the Bible.