

## 2. SARAH

### LAST LAUGH

#### *Genesis 17:15-19*

**'I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations'**

It doesn't take much to see that the world needs help. Sixty seconds of TV news are normally enough to make that clear.

How would you help the world? What would you do if you were, let's say, God? Would you start again? Force people to be nice? Make everything taste of chocolate?

Well, the Bible says that God has already done something to rescue the world. He made a promise. He promised Abraham that he would save the world through him. The Bible is all about what's going to happen through Abraham and his family.

So, Abraham's a pretty important guy, then.

As you'd expect, from a Bible 'Big-cheese', he attends a lot of high powered meetings, with God. On the other hand his wife, Sarah, doesn't. She's very much in the background. But it gets worse for her. God's promise depends on Abraham having children but Sarah cannot give him any. So not only is Sarah in the background but she can't deliver the goods! What's a 'Big-cheese' to do? Well, Abraham side-steps Sarah and gets someone else pregnant! Job done?

Actually, no. That's not the way things work with God. Sarah may seem less important but, to God, she's just as important. The child of promise must come through her or not at all. No Sarah, no rescue plan! She may be more on the sidelines than the headlines but as far as God is concerned, Sarah is a history-maker.

Do you ever feel like you're in the background? Well remember this; God doesn't see you like that. He has plans to bless you and make you into a blessing.

***God uses people on the side-lines to make history***