

# GALATIANS 12 (4:19-31)

“Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants...”

“Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.”  
– Gal 4:24,28

## 1. “My little children”

This does not diminish our position in sonship/adoption.  
Paul our father? 1 cor 4:14-15, 1 tim 1:2, titus 1:4

## 2. “do you not hear the law?” - Gal 4:21

- argument from the law which the Galatians desired to follow
- Bondmaid: Hagar, Ishmael born after the flesh - Gen 16:1-6
- Free woman: Sarai. Isaac born after the promise - Gen 21:1-7
- NOTICE: Hagar nor Sarah were under the Mosaic law covenant

## 3. “Which things are an allegory”- Gal 4:24

- allegory: the use of figurative language to gain understanding, not literal meaning

**Examples of allegory:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Hos 10:1, John 10:1-16; Rom 3:13, Rev 1:14-16

**Examples of literal:** Isaiah 9:6-7, Isa 66:15-20, 1 Thess 4:16, Col 1:16, Luke 12:33

*Allegory of the covenants –*

Hagar: Mt Sinai – the Mosaic covenant - the Old Covenant - bondage - Jer 31:32

Sarai: New Covenant - Covenant of promise - free (Eph 2:12, Deut 31,  
Gen 15:17-21)

Free from the continual sacrifice of the old - Hebrews 9:13-17

## 4. “Mother of us all”

Definitions: - father: progenitor, creator, founder, he who begets  
- mother: that from which something is made, the source

‘mother of all living’ - Gen 3:20- Eve, who is the father?

Sarai (Jerusalem which is above) is called the ‘mother of us all’ – we are children of promise!

Notice the difference between the promises given to us and to Israel prophetically  
Sarai represents grace, whereas Abraham represents faith - Rom 4:19 - Isaiah 51:2

## 5. “as Isaac was, are the children of promise”

This promise is the same promise in Gal 3:14

Promise of the spirit, blessing of abraham, righteousness by faith, eternal life, titus 1:2,

Who is he born after the flesh? → he that is born of the bondwoman → which is the law at sinai

## 6. “children of the free”

- Since we are children of promise (Gal 3)...
- and the scripture says to cast out the bondwoman as not having inheritance
- THEN... we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free