



THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

Contrive

Conceive

Contempt

Genesis 16:1-16

v.1 Hopeless and Hagar

Barren = challenge of faith (like famine in ch 12.. which led them into Egypt)

Hagar means "to flee"

v.2-3 Contriving and Blaming

Social Custom of the day

10 years and no children

Fear of missing out unless I....

v.4 Conceived and Contempt

Results are not enough to justify what we do before God.

The flesh profits nothing (John 6:63), but it can produce something

v.5 The Blame Game

I'm a victim!

Pride produces poisonous paths

Humility holds hearts honorably

v.6 Abram Abdicates

Abram hid behind the conventions of the Code of Hammurabi (Law 146)

v.7 The Angel of the Lord

This angel speaks as God, identifies with God, and performs divine responsibilities (Gen.16:7-12; 21:17-18; 22:11-18; Exo.3:2; Jud. 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; 2 Sam.24:16; Zech. 1:12; 3:1; 12:8).

v.8-9 Hagar, *Sarai's maid*

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v.10 Promise of blessing

Ishmael became the ancestor of the Arab people,

his later half-brother Isaac would become the ancestor of the Jewish people

v.11 Ishmael

Ishmael means “God hears” or “God will hear”

v.12 Wild/Donkey man

Free, solitary, nomadic, herdsman,
desert, strong

A wild donkey is a figure of
independence, fierce aggression and
self-will throughout the OT (cf. Job
39:5-8; Jer 2:24; Hosea 8:9)

v.13 The God who sees

The God who sees = El-Roi

Psalm 33:18-19- "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, and upon them that hope in His mercy."

v.14 Between Holyness and a hailstorm

Beer Lahai Roi: "well of the living One who sees me" or "well of the living God"

Kadesh: "Holy"

Bered: "Hail or Hailstorm"

v.15-16 Son of the Bondswoman

The son of the bond-woman that was born after the flesh (Gal. 4:23), representing the unbelieving

Abraham's Chronology:

Age 75 (Ge 12:4-5) (Sarai = 65).

God told him He would make Abe a father of many nations.

Age 86 (Ge 16:16) Abe and Hagar had Ishmael,

Age 99yo (Ge 17:1, 17:17)

In Ge12:3 God preached the gospel to Abraham (Gal 3:8), and not only would the Jews find salvation but so would the Gentiles. The seed that God promised was in fact Jesus Christ, [Ga3:16]

Age 100 (Ge 21:5) Abraham fathers

Isaac with Sarah

Age 137 (Ge 23:1) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (Ge 25:20) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

Age 175 (Ge 25:7) Abraham dies

Where have you come from?

....and where are you going?

Are you more concerned with personal pleasure than with **pleasing God?**

Are you trying to **control** or **surrendering?**

Think biblically to challenge “cultural norms” seek Him first

We have a God who sees you, who hears you, who has a plan for you

Do not buy into the lie that He is keeping something good from you.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

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