



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



# THE STUDY OF



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 BlamingSocial Custom of the day10 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 God, and performs divine responsibilities (Gen.16:7-12; 21:17-18; 13:3-22; 2 Sam.24:16; Zech. 1:12; 3:1; 12:8.

- This angel speaks as God, identifies with 22:11-18; Exo.3:2; Jud. 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24;



# v.8-9 Hagar, Sarai's maid Abram hid behind the conventions of the Code of Hammurabi (Law 146)



v.10 Promise of blessing Ishmael became the ancestor of the Arab people, his later half-brother lsaac 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 Lord is upon them that fear Him, and upon them that hope in His mercy."



# Psalm 33:18-19- "Behold, the eye of the

# 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 20

dies Age 140 (Ge 25:20) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah Age 175 (Ge 25:7) Abraham dies

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

Where have you come from? ...and where are you going? pleasure than with pleasing God? Are you trying to control or surrendering?

# Are you more concerned with personal

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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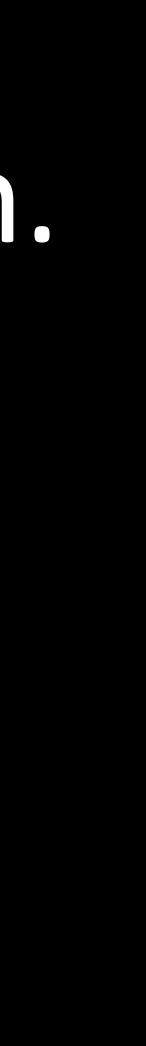
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