









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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