

Oct. 4 Wilderness: A Place Hostile to Human Life

The Wilderness is a dangerous and hostile place towards human life. Where humans don't live and can't really make an existence, because of hostile creatures and lack of resources.

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3

²Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to **humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart**, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, **to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil

Genesis 16:1-4a

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; ²so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ⁴He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

Genesis 16:4b-6

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. ⁵Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

⁶"Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

Genesis 14:7-9

⁷The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. ⁸And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

⁹Then the angel of the Lord told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”

Genesis 16:10-13

¹⁰The angel added, “I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count.”

¹¹The angel of the Lord also said to her:

“You are now with child and you will have a son.

You shall name him Ishmael,

for the Lord has heard of your misery.

¹²He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”

¹³She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”