

GENESIS CHAPTER 16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children; and she had an Egyptian maid, whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children, go therefore in to my maid, that I may get children for myself through her." And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So Sarai, Abram's wife, having taken Hagar the Egyptian her maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived, and saw that she was with child, and her mistress was dishonored before her.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You have hurt me! I gave my maid into your bosom, and when I saw that she was with child, I was dishonored before her. The Lord judge between me and you!"

6 And Abram said to Sarai, "Behold your maid is in your hands, use her as it may seem good to you." And Sarai afflicted her, and she fled from her face.

7 And the Angel of the Lord found her by the fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 8 And the Angel of the Lord said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, from where do you come, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai."

9 And the Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." 10 And the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will surely multiply your seed, so that they shall be too many to count." 11 And the Angel of the Lord said to her, "Behold you are with child, and shall bear a son, and you shall call his name Ishmael, for the Lord has hearkened to your humiliation. 12 He shall be a wild man, his hands shall be against all, and the hands of all shall be against him, and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

¹³ And she called the name of the Lord God who spoke to her, "You are the God who sees"; for she said, "For I have openly seen Him that appeared to me."

14 Therefore she called the well, The well of Him whom I have openly seen; behold it is between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ And Hagar bore a son to Abram; and Abram called the name of his son which Hagar bore to him, Ishmael. 16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.