

10 - ABRAHAM - PART 3 (GENESIS 16:1-19:38)

I. The Birth of Ishmael (16:1-16)

- Because Sarai was barren, she gave her handmaiden, Hagar, to Abram to _____.

Biblical Note: Surrogate Wife

In the legal custom of that day a barren woman could give her maid to her husband as a wife, and the child born of that union was regarded as the first wife's child. If the husband said to the slave-wife's son, "You are my son," then he was the adopted son and heir.

Historical Note: Hagar

Hagar was the Egyptian handmaiden to Sarah, the wife of Abraham. After God had promised Abraham an heir. Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham according to the marital customs of the time as her substitute. When Hagar conceived, she despised Sarah, which caused problems in the household. Hagar was driven out, but was sent back to Sarah by the Angel of the Lord. When Isaac was born to Sarah and Abraham, at his weaning, Ishmael, the son of Hagar, scoffed. Sarah had Hagar and her son driven out with Abraham's unwilling compliance. God told Abraham that Ismael will become a great nation. Hagar is last mentioned as taking a wife from Egypt for her son. The apostle Paul uses Hagar as an allegory between law and grace.

See: Genesis 16:1,3-4,8,15-16; 21:9,14,17; 25:12; Galatians 4:24-25.

- After Hagar conceived, she despised Sarai, who in turn chastised _____.
- Sarai was abusive to Hagar, which _____.
- The Angel of the Lord found Hagar and told her to return as he _____.

Biblical Note: The Angel of the Lord

The Angel of the Lord is referred to many times in the Old Testament. In almost every case, this messenger is regarded as deity, while being distinguished from God. It seems when the definite article "the" is used, it is specifying a unique being, separate from the other angels. The angel of the Lord speaks as God, identifies Himself with God, and exercises the responsibilities of God. The Angel of the Lord is shown as adopting visible form for the sake of speaking with people. He executes divine wrath and judgment. The Angel of the Lord is Old Testament preparation for the Lord Jesus Christ.

See: Genesis 16:9-11; 22:11,15; Exodus 3:2; Numbers 22:22-27,31-35; Judges 2:1; 5:23; 6:11-12,21-22; 13:3,13-21; 2 Samuel 24:16; 1 Kings 19:7; 2 Kings 1:3,15; 19:35; 2 Chronicles 21:12-18,30; Psalm 34:7; 35:5-6; Isaiah 37:36; Zechariah 1:11-12; 3:1,5-6; 12:8.

- Ishmael was born to Hagar when Abram was _____.

Historical Note: Ishmael

Ishmael is the son of Abraham and Hagar. He was circumcised when he was 13 years old. He scoffed at the proceedings concerning the weaning of Isaac. This resulted in he and his mother being driven out. Ishmael grew up and became famous as an archer in the wilderness of Paran. His mother gave him in marriage to an Egyptian wife. When Abraham died, he returned from exile and helped Isaac bury their father. He became the father of twelve sons and a daughter, who would marry Esau. He died at the age of 137.

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See: Genesis 16:11,15-16; 17:18,20,23,25-26; 25:9,12-13,16-17; 28:9; 1 Chronicles 1:28-29,31.

II. The Promise of the Seed (17:1-27)

A. The covenant reaffirmed (17:1-17)

- When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and _____.
- The Lord changes the names of Abram and Sarai to _____.
- The Lord commands Abraham to establish male circumcision as _____.
- The Lord promises to bless Sarah and _____.

B. Concerning Ishmael (17:18-22)

- Abraham assumes that Ishmael would live before the Lord as _____.
- The Lord proclaims that Sarah will give birth to a son who will _____.

Historical Note: Isaac

Isaac was the only child of Abraham and Sarah. He was the promised seed. He was the second of the three Hebrew patriarchs who were the foundation of the Jewish race. The meaning of his name is laughter. He was born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old. His birth must be regarded as a miracle. Twenty-five years after the Lord promised Abraham a seed, Isaac was born. He is rightly called the son of the promise. Isaac was also offered by Abraham on Mount Moriah at the Lord's command. The Angel of Lord stopped Abraham from slaying his son and substituted a ram. Isaac was married to Rebekah, who was from Abraham's kinsmen in Haran. Through Rebekah, Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Isaac bestowed prophetic blessings on his sons. He died at 180 years of age and his two sons buried him.

See: Genesis 17:19-21; 21:3-12; 22:2-9; 24:4,14,62-67; 25:9-11,19-21,26-28; 26:1,6,9,12,16-18,27,31,35; 27:1,5,20-22,26,30,32-33,37,39,46; 28:1,5-6,8,13; 31:18,42,53; 32:9; 35:12,27-29; 46:1; 48:15-16; 49:31; 50:24; Exodus 2:24; 3:6,15-16; 4:5; 6:3,8; 32:13; 33:1; Leviticus 26:42; Numbers 32:11; Deuteronomy 1:8; 6:10; 9:5,27; 29:13; 30:20; 34:4; Joshua 24:3-4; 1 Kings 18:36; 2 Kings 13:23; 1 Chronicles 1:28,34; 16:16; 29:18; 30:6; Psalm 105:9; Jeremiah 33:26; Amos 7:9,16; Matthew 1:2; 8:11; 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 3:34; 13:28; 20:37; Acts 3:13; 7:8,32; Romans 9:7,10; Galatians 4:28; Hebrews 11:9,17-18,20; James 2:21

- The Lord promises to bless Ishmael and to make _____.
- The Lord proclaims that Sarah will _____.

C. Abraham circumcises his household (17:23-27)

- Abraham was circumcised along with his son Ishmael and _____.

III. The Confirmation of the Promise (18:1-15)

- The Lord and two others appear to Abraham who _____.

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- The Lord reaffirms that _____.
- Sarah laughs as _____ and the Lord hears her.

IV. The Intercession for Sodom (18:16-33)

- As the Lord and the two others leave, he shares with Abraham concerning _____.
- The Lord announces that he will go and judge Sodom and Gomorrah because of _____.
- Abraham intercedes for the righteous in Sodom and the Lord promises not to _____.

V. The judgment on the Cities of the Plain (19:1-38)

- The two angels came to Sodom and Lot _____.
- The angels pronounce that Sodom will be destroyed and that _____.
- The men of Sodom came to Lot's house demanding _____.
- The angels struck the men blind and _____.
- Being warned to flee and not look back, Lot's wife looked back and _____.
- The Lord destroyed the Cities of Plain with _____.
- Because of fear, Lot fled to _____.
- The daughters were impregnated through an incestuous relationship with _____.
- They gave birth to Moab and Ben-Ammi, the fathers of _____.