

Genesis 16

King James Version (KJV)

16 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

²And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

(Sarai became impatient with God's promise of children after three years of waiting. She told Abram to impregnate her maid in stead)

NOTE: (When people try to rush God's plan, nothing good comes of it. This decision will later work against Sarai and against Isaac)

³And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. (Hagar was an Egyptian, not of the seed line of Adam)

⁴And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. (Hagar hated Sarai; just as her offspring, the Muslims, hate Jews and Christians today)

⁵And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. (Sarai regrets having enabled Hagar to have children. Her hatred for Sarai exposed her true character)

⁶But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. (Sarai threw Hagar out of their camp)

⁷And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

⁸And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

⁹And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

¹⁰ And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. (Arabs – today, the Muslims)

(By God's promise, they have multiplied exceedingly all over the Middle East, Africa and Asia)

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. (Ishmael was one of four people that God named. He would sire 12 tribes, just like Jacob did)

NOTE: (the angel of the Lord – is God in angelic form. That is one of His many offices)

¹² And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. (Muslims today – the Arab nations. They hate all non-Muslims. They seek to either convert or kill them. Their "prophet" Mohammad was a robber of caravans, a murderer and a rapist. Islam is a cult of pure evil)

¹³ And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? (The God that cared for me)

¹⁴ Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. (Beerlahairoi = living after seeing <God>)

¹⁵ And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. (As God commanded)

¹⁶ And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. (86 years old)