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# Lesson 10

#### 2 Samuel 7:28

"Lord and King, You are God! Your covenant can be trusted. You have promised many good things to me."

## Hagar and Ishmael

#### Genesis 16:1-14, 16

<sup>16:1</sup> Abram's wife Sarai had never had any children by him. But she had a female slave from Egypt named Hagar. <sup>2</sup>So she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go and sleep with my slave. Maybe I can have a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai had said. <sup>3</sup>His wife Sarai gave him her slave Hagar to be his wife. That was after he had been living in Canaan for ten years. <sup>4</sup>Then he slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant.

When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to look down on the woman who owned her. <sup>5</sup>Then Sarai said to Abram, "It's your fault that I'm suffering like this. I put my slave in your arms. Now that she knows she's pregnant, she looks down on me. May the Lord judge between you and me. May He decide which of us is right."

<sup>6</sup>"Your slave belongs to you," Abram said. "Do with her what you think is best." Then Sarai treated Hagar badly. So Hagar ran away from her.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring of water in the desert. The spring was beside the road to Shur. <sup>8</sup>The angel said, "Hagar, you are Sarai's slave. Where have you come from? Where are you going?" "I'm running away from my owner Sarai," she answered.

<sup>9</sup>Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to the woman who owns you. Obey her." <sup>10</sup>The angel continued, "I will give you and your family many children. There will be more of them than anyone can count."

<sup>11</sup>The angel of the Lord also said to her,

"You are now pregnant

and will have a son.

You will name him Ishmael,

because the Lord has heard about your suffering.

<sup>12</sup>He will be like a wild donkey.

He will use his power against everyone,

and everyone will be against him.

He will not get along with any of his family."

<sup>13</sup>She gave a name to the Lord who spoke to her. She called Him "You are the God who sees me." That's because she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." <sup>14</sup>That's why the well was named Beer Lahai Roi.

It's still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

 $^{16}\mathrm{Abram}$  was 86 years old when Hagar had Ishmael by him.



## Questions

| 1  | As time went on, did Sarai have a child by Abram? (Yes/No) (Gen. 16:1)   |
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| 2  | What did Sarai do? Sarai told her husband to go with her named   |
|    | (Gen. 16:1–2)  |
| 3  | Was Sarai trusting in the Lord? (Yes/No)   |
| 4  | Did Abram agree to do this? (Yes/No) (Gen. 16:2)   |
| 5  | Was Abram trusting in the Lord? (Yes/No)   |
| 6  | Because Hagar was Sarai's servant/slave, do you think Hagar had a say in this? (Yes/No)                                  |
| 7  | What did Abram do before he slept with Hagar? Abram made Hagar his second (Gen. 16:3)                                    |
| 8  | Did Hagar get pregnant? (Yes/No) (Gen. 16:4)   |
| 9  | Was Sarai happy now? (Yes/No) Why not? Because Hagar began to look on her. (Gen. 16:5)                                   |
| 10 | Whom did Sarai blame for all her troubles? Sarai blamed (Gen. 16:5)  |
| 11 | What did Abram do to solve the problem? He did (opposite of "something").  Abram told Sarai to deal with it. (Gen. 16:6) |
| 12 | How did Sarai deal with Hagar? Sarai treated Hagar (Gen. 16:6)   |

| 13   | Did Abram step in and deal with the problem when he saw his second wife, Hagar, being treated badly by Sarai? (Yes/No)  |  |
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| 14)  | What did Hagar (who was now carrying Abram's baby) do? Hagar away. (Gen. 16:6)  |  |
| 15   | Did Abram go after Hagar? (Yes/No)  |  |
| 16   | Where did Hagar go? Hagar went to a spring of in the (Gen. 16:7)  |  |
| 17   | Who found Hagar? (In other words, who cared about Hagar?) The angel of the found Hagar. (Gen. 16:7)   |  |
| 18   | What did the angel of the Lord tell Hagar to do? The angel of the Lord told Hagar to go to Sarai. (Gen. 16:9)   |  |
| 19   | What did the angel of the Lord tell Hagar to name her son? The angel of the Lord told Hagar to name her son (Gen. 16:11)  |  |
| 20   | What did the angel of the Lord say Ishmael would be like? The angel of the Lord said Ishmael would be like a wild, and everyone would be him. He would get along with of his family. (Gen. 16:12) |  |
| 21   | How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? Abram was years old. (Gen. 16:16)  |  |
| 22)  | What happens when people stop believing in God and start going ahead of God's will? They and others will <b>S</b> (means "have things not go well").  |  |
| Proverbs 3:5–6   |   |  |
| Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey Him. Then He will make your paths smooth and straight. |   |  |

## God Changes Abram's Name to Abraham

## 17:1-8, 15-22

<sup>17:1</sup>When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him. He said, "I am the Mighty God. Walk faithfully with Me. Live in a way that pleases Me. <sup>2</sup>I will now act on My covenant between Me and you. I will greatly increase the number of your children after you."

<sup>3</sup>Abram fell with his face to the ground. God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"This is My covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>You will not be called Abram anymore. Your name will be Abraham, because I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will greatly increase the number of your children after you. Nations and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will make My covenant with you last forever. It will be between

Me and you and your family after you for all time to come. I will be your God. And I will be the God of all your family after you. <sup>8</sup>You are now living in Canaan as an outsider. But I will give you the whole land of Canaan. You will own it forever and so will all your family after you. And I will be their God."

<sup>15</sup>God also said to Abraham, "Do not continue to call your wife by the name Sarai. Her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup>I will give her My blessing. You can be sure that I will give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations. Kings of nations will come from her."

<sup>17</sup>Abraham fell with his face to the ground. He laughed and said to himself, "Can a 100-year-old man have a son? Can Sarah have a child at the age of 90?" <sup>18</sup>Abraham said to God, "I really wish Ishmael could receive your blessing!"

<sup>19</sup>Then God said, "Yes, I will bless Ishmael. But your wife Sarah will have a son by you. And you will name him Isaac. I will establish My covenant with him. That covenant will last forever. It will be for Isaac and his family after him. <sup>20</sup>I have heard what you said about Ishmael. I will surely bless him. I will make his family very large. He will be the father of 12 rulers. And I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But I will establish my covenant with Isaac. By this time next year, Sarah will have a son by you." <sup>22</sup>When God had finished speaking with Abraham, God left him.

### Questions

| (23)  | How old was Abram when the Lord appeared to him again? Abram was years old. (Gen. 17:1)         |  |
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| 24)   | How old then was Ishmael? Ishmael was years old.  |  |
| 25)   | What did the Lord tell Abram to do? The Lord told Abram to with                                 |  |
|   | Him and to in a way that Him. (Gen. 17:1)   |  |
| 26)   | What did God change Abram's name to? God changed Abram's name to (Gen. 17:5)                    |  |
| 27)   | What did God change Sarai's name to? God changed Sarai's name to (Gen. 17:15)                   |  |
| 28)   | What did God tell Abraham about his wife Sarah? God told Abraham that his wife Sarah would have |  |
|   | a by him. (Gen. 17:16)  |  |
| 29  | What was the response of Abraham when God told him his wife Sarah would have a son? Abraham     |  |
|   | (Gen. 17:17)  |  |
| 30  | How old would Abraham and Sarah be when their son would be born? Abraham would be               |  |
|   | years old and Sarah would be years old. (Gen. 17:17)  |  |
| Luke 1:37   |   |  |
| "That's because what God says will always come true." |   |  |
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| 31  | Whom did Abraham come to love and was thinking about at this time? Abraham came to love   |
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|     | (Gen. 17:18)  |
| 32  | What did Abraham want for Ishmael? Abraham wanted God to <b>b</b> Ishmael. (Gen. 17:18)   |
| 33) | Did God agree to do what Abraham asked? (Yes/No) (Gen. 17:20)   |
|     | did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did learn this week from reading God's Word? |
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