

## Parashah 13

Genesis 16:1–16 | Isaiah 63:19–64:1 | Galatians 4:21–31

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### [Scriptures used in the study of the these texts from the NASB Bible]

Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.” And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” (Gen 12:4-5)

Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him. Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” (Gen 16:16)

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Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. (Gen 23:1)

These are all the years of Abraham’s life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years. Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people. (Gen 25:7-8)

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### (Genesis 16:1–16)

**1** Now Sarai, Abram’s wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. (Gen 16:1) **[Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.]** (Gen 12:16)

**2** So Sarai said to Abram, “Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

**3** After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram’s wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. **4** He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

**5** And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the LORD judge between you and me.” **6** But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence. **7** Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. **8** He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” **9** Then the angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.”

**10-12** Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.” The angel of the LORD said to her further,

“Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has given heed to your affliction. He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

**13-16** Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?” Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

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**(Galatians 4:22-28)**

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. 23 But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. 24 This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar.

25 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. (Gal 5:16-18)

27 For it is written,

“REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR;  
BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR;  
FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE  
THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.”

28 And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.