

GENESIS 16; January 16; Ishmael Is Born

ANALYSIS:

1. Whose idea was it for Hagar to become Abram's wife? _____
2. Name some of the sad results of this example of polygamy. _____

3. How is the lovingkindness of the LORD seen in this chapter? _____

4. List some six things foretold to Hagar about her pregnancy. _____

5. By what name does Hagar know the LORD? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Whenever you or I believe the LORD has been ordering our circumstances (remember that Sarai said, "The LORD hath restrained me from bearing"), then let us decide right now that we will "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him ... fret not thyself in any wise to do evil ... those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth" Ps 37:7,8,9. Let us not try some scheme of the flesh as did Sarai.

Do you want a real life proof of the inspiration of Scripture? God so accurately foretold the nature and history of the Arabs, which nearly 4,000 years have confirmed, that this prophecy (Gen 16:10-12) is an incontestable argument for the inspiration of the Bible!

HELP:

1. Sarai's.
2. Contention between the wives, one wife despising the other, wife blaming husband, one wife abusing the other, the Arab nation originated, perpetual conflict among them.
3. The LORD sought out Hagar in her flight, providing for her by her return to Abram & Sarai, promising her a son, named Ishmael meaning God shall hear, and many descendents, who would dwell in the presence of their brethren.
4. Multiply thy seed exceedingly, a son, his name Ishmael, a wild man, his hand against every man and every man's hand against him, he shall dwell in the presence of his brethren.
5. Thou God seest me.