

## Timeline of Truth – Abram Tries His Own Solution (Gen 16:1-16)

<p><sup>1</sup> Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no <i>children</i>.</p>	<p><b>1. Sarai's <u>Problem</u></b></p>
<p>And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.</p>	<p><b>2. Sarai's <u>Maidservant</u></b></p>
<p><sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing <i>children</i>. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her."</p>	<p><b>3. Sarai's <u>Solution and Influence</u></b>  <i>Does this remind you of the <u>Garden of Eden</u>?  Other influence of a <u>wife</u> to her <u>husband</u>?</i></p>
<p>And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.</p>	<p><b>4. Abram's <u>Choice</u></b>  <i>Does this remind you of the <u>Garden of Eden</u>?  What did Abram NOT do?</i></p>
<p><sup>3</sup> Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.</p>	<p><b>5. Sarai's <u>Selfless Gift</u></b></p>
<p><sup>4</sup> So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived.</p>	<p><b>6. Hagar's <u>Conception</u></b></p>
<p>And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.</p>	<p><b>7. Hagar's <u>Pride</u></b></p>
<p><sup>5</sup> Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong <i>be</i> upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."</p>	<p><b>8. Sarai's <u>Regret and Blame</u></b>  <i>Could / <u>Should</u> Abram have foreseen this?  Did Sarai rightly <u>blame</u> Abram?</i></p>
<p><sup>6</sup> So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid <i>is</i> in your hand; do to her as you please."</p>	<p><b>9. Abram's <u>Cowardice</u></b>  <i>Wasn't Hagar his <u>wife</u> (v.3)?</i></p>
<p>And when Sarai dealt harshly with her,</p>	<p><b>10. Sarai's <u>Treatment of Hagar</u></b></p>
<p>she fled from her presence.</p>	<p><b>11. Hagar's <u>Flight</u></b></p>
<p><sup>7</sup> Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.</p>	<p><b>12. God's <u>Care of Hagar</u></b>  <i>Victim of circumstances she could not <u>control</u> (3)  Victim of circumstances she could <u>control</u> (4)</i></p>
<p><sup>8</sup> And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."  <sup>9</sup> The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand."  <sup>10</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."  <sup>11</sup> And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you <i>are</i> with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.  <sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild man; His hand <i>shall be</i> against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."  <sup>13</sup> Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"  <sup>14</sup> Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, <i>it is</i> between Kadesh and Bered.</p>	<p><b>13. God's <u>Communication with Hagar</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>God's <u>Investigative Question</u> (8a)</b></li> <li>b. <b>Hagar's <u>Truthful Response</u> (8b)</b></li> <li>c. <b>God's <u>Instruction</u> (9)</b></li> <li>d. <b>God's <u>Blessing &amp; Promise</u> (10)</b></li> <li>e. <b>God's <u>Naming of Ishmael</u> (11)</b>  <i>Ishmael = "<u>God Will Hear</u>"</i></li> <li>f. <b>God's <u>Description of Ishmael</u> (12)</b></li> <li>g. <b>Hagar's <u>Naming of God</u> (13, cp. 7)</b>  <i>"You Are the God Who Sees"</i></li> <li>h. <b>The <u>Location</u> (Real Place, Real Happening)</b>  <i>"Well of the Living One Seeing Me"</i></li> </ul>
<p><sup>15</sup> So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.</p>	<p><b>14. Hagar <u>Bears Ishmael</u> (Abram <u>Complies</u>)</b></p>
<p><sup>16</sup> Abram <i>was</i> eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.</p>	<p><b>15. Abram's <u>Age at Ishmael's Birth</u></b></p>