

# **HAGAR IN THE WILDERNESS**

## **Genesis 16 and 21:8-21**

**Though some horrible things happened to her, we'll see what God teaches Hagar and us "in the wilderness."**

### **I. HAGAR IN THE WILDERNESS OF SHUR**

- Genesis 16

#### **A. THE RUCKUS (1-6)**

1. Bad decisions (1-3)
2. Bothersome disrespect (4-6a)
  - a. Hagar: Despising Sarai
  - b. Sarai: Disgruntled with Abraham
  - c. Abram: Dismissing his responsibility
3. Brutal discord (6b) > Sarai's harshness and Hagar's rebellion

#### **B. THE REVELATION (7-12)**

1. Intervention (7-9)
  - a. Questions (7-8)
  - b. Correction (9)
2. Predictions (10-12)
  - a. You will be a matriarch (10)
  - b. You will have a son (11)
  - c. Your son will be unruly (12)
3. Instruction (11b) > Name your son Ishmael
  - a. The reason: Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction
  - b. The reality: God hears ...!
    - Abram and Sarai's plot (1-3)
    - Hagar's disrespect (4)
    - The couple's argument (5-6)
    - Sarai's harshness (6b)
    - That Hagar has no particular plans (8)
  - c. The record: Every time she called his name, Hagar would be reminded that God hears!

#### **C. THE RESPONSE (13-16)**

1. Amazement (13-14)
  - a. Calling God the One who sees! (13)
    - 1) He sees where she was (7)
    - 2) He sees her rebellion and unsubmitiveness (9)
    - 3) He sees her future (10)
    - 4) He sees her unborn son (11)
  - b. Establishing a lasting testimony (14)

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2. Obedience (15-16)
  - a. Returning home
  - b. Having and naming a son

D. SUMMARY: In the wilderness is where God taught Hagar that He hears and sees.

## **II. HAGAR IN THE WILDERNESS OF BEERSHEBA**

- Genesis 21:8-21

### A. BANISHED (8-13)

1. Ishmael's Mischief (8-9)
2. Sarah's Madness (10)
3. Abraham's Misgivings (11)
4. God's Message (12-13)

### B. BURDENED (14-16)

1. Dismissed (14a)
2. Disoriented (14b)
3. Desperate (15-16)
  - No water (15a), strength (15b) or hope (16)

### C. BLESSED (17-21)

1. God's Question (17a)
  - a. What is the matter with you Hagar?
  - b. Where is your faith?
2. God's Command (17b)
  - Fear not!
3. God's Care (17c-21)
  - a. Wonderfully (17-18)
    - 1) God still hears! (17c)
    - 2) God still sees (18)
  - b. Incredibly (19-21)
    - 1) God rescues (19)
    - 2) God guides (20-21)

D. SUMMARY: In the wilderness is where God reassured Hagar that He hears and sees and also revealed that He rescues and guides

## **CONCLUSION:**

**Hagar learned about God's perception and provisions in the wilderness**  
*Might we do the same when God meets us there also.*