

### **Hagar, Ishmael, and the God Who Sees**

Gn 16 <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. <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 are 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 shall be 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, it is between Kadesh and Bered. <sup>15</sup> So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

2) Vs 9:

3) Vs 10:

\* **What is** the setting?

4) Vs 11-12:

\* **What are** springs associated with in Scripture?

\* **Who is** "the Angel of the LORD" (AOTL)?

\* **How does** Hagar respond?

1) Vs 13-14:

Jgs 6 <sup>11</sup> Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree... while ... Gideon threshed wheat ... <sup>12</sup>... and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

<sup>13</sup> Gideon said to Him, ... the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go ... and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you? ... <sup>16</sup>... Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites"

Pr 15<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good. de

Ps 34<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.

Ps 138<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar. <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. <sup>8</sup> The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever

\* **What are** the clues of the AOTL's true identity?

1) Vs 8:

2) Vs 15:

\* **What two** questions should we always ask ourselves?

1) Most important:

*1Sa 15<sup>22</sup> "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."*

\* **How must** Hagar & Sarai each live with glory & humility?

2) Also important:

1) Hagar:

\* **What must** we always remember?

1) God is the God who \_\_\_\_\_ us.

2) Sarai:

\* **Who is** the Egyptian in ch 16?

2) God works in \_\_\_\_\_ directions \_\_\_\_\_ the time.

*Gn 16<sup>6</sup> when Sarai dealt harshly [Hb., anah] with [Hagar], she fled from her presence.*

*Ex 1<sup>11</sup> [The Egyptians] set taskmasters over [the Israelites] to afflict them [Hb., anah]*

*Cf. Rv 11<sup>8</sup> "the great city which spiritually is called ... Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."*

*Cf. 2Sam 11 re David & Uriah the Hittite*

*Cf. Jn 8 44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do."*