

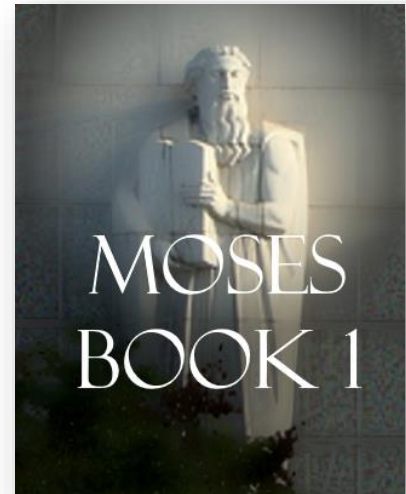
# GENESIS 16 vs 1

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In this chapter, Abram listens to his wife Sarai and Ishmael is born; later chapters will include the birth of Isaac (chapter 21), the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (chapter 24) the death of Abraham as well as the birth of Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob (chapter 25); and all the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21<sup>st</sup> century,

Abram was 86 years old; the Birth of Ishmael



**<sup>1</sup> Now Sarai, Abram's wife bore him no children: and she had an Egyptian maidservant, whose name was Hagar / and I bet Sarai loved Hagar dearly, at least until Sarai came up with this faithless hair-brained plan. Isn't it interesting how we all come up with idiotic ideas that we think are so wonderful; yet turn out so disastrous? And then we usually want to blame the Lord for not stopping us; when He values un-coerced freedom, more than any of us can imagine.**

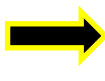
**<sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, See now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing: please, go in to my maidservant; perhaps I will obtain children by her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai / and it doesn't appear that 86-year-old Abram, objected one bit, does it?**

**<sup>3</sup> And after Abram lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife took Hagar her Egyptian maidservant, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.**

**<sup>4</sup> And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.**

**<sup>5</sup> And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong be upon you. I gave my maidservant into your embrace; when she saw that she conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the LORD judge between me and you.**

**<sup>6</sup> But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maidservant is in your power; do to her what is good in your eyes. So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.**

** <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, servant of Sarai, Where have you come from? and where are you going? And she said, I fled from the presence of my mistress Sarai.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her power / and it doesn't seem the Angel of the Lord was bothered so much with the birth of Ishmael, does it? It is almost as if the Lord is a great multitasker, who continues to work with His creation; to help make even mankind's foibles and errors fit in with His wonderful intentions.**

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<sup>10</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to her, I will greatly multiply your offspring; they will not be able to count the multitude.

<sup>11</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to her, Behold, you have conceived and will bear a son, and will call his name Ishmael; for the LORD has listened to your affliction.

<sup>12</sup> **And he will be a wild jackass of a man;** his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand will be against him; and he will live over against all his brothers / so it sounds like he will fit in very well with all those of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, don't you think?.

<sup>13</sup> And she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You are God who sees me / literally: You are El; this name is mentioned for the first time by an individual; previously only Melchizedek mentioned El 4 times: for she said, **Here also I have seen the backside of Him who sees me?**

<sup>14</sup> Upon this the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup> So Hagar bore Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

<sup>16</sup> And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

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