

"The Natural Way"  
Genesis 16

v. 1a Q. What fact is restated? Cf. 15.2ff

A.

v. 1b Q. What fact appears?

A.

Note: [Rashi] "She was a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_; when he saw the miracles which had been performed for Sarai's sake he said, 'It is better for my daughter to be a \_\_\_\_\_ in this man's house than be \_\_\_\_\_ in another man's house.'" (Genesis Rabbah 45:1).

v. 2a Q. What does Sarai acknowledge?

A.

Note: Abraham's grandson, \_\_\_\_\_, would be even more clear about this in 30:2, "Am I in the place of \_\_\_\_\_ who has kept you from having children."

v. 2b Q. What does Sarai suggest?

A.

1.

2.

[Rashi] "This statement of Sarah teaches that a person who has no children is not firmly \_\_\_\_\_ (literally, built up: his name and

future are not perpetuated) but is \_\_\_\_\_ (lit, demolished)"  
(Genesis Rabbah 45:2).

Q. Was this sinful behavior or acceptable behavior?

A.

1.

2.

Note: Gen. 17:16 - This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time Sarai is actually given the promise of bearing a child.

v. 2c Q. What does Abram think?

A.

v. 3 Q. What does the time factor indicate? Cp. 12:7

A.

1. A sense of \_\_\_\_\_

2. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_

v. 4a Q. What was the result?

A.

1. Hagar \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 4b 2. Hagar began to \_\_\_\_\_ Sarai.

v. 5 Q. A man just can't win! What does Sarai do?

A. She blames Abram for her further \_\_\_\_\_ shame.

Note: Some believe...

1. She blames him for not saying, “\_\_\_\_\_” to her request just as Adam did not say “no” to Eve but still was \_\_\_\_\_. But this goes against two things:
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ acceptability
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ and authority of the prime wife over the affairs of the home.
  
2. Most scholars believe that it has something to do with a revived sense of \_\_\_\_\_ privilege that Hagar had being the daughter of Pharaoh and now the wife of a very powerful rich man. Abram did not \_\_\_\_\_ the reputation and primacy of his first wife.

v. 6 Q. How does Abram reply?

A. Abram \_\_\_\_\_ to his first wife of standing which displays the comparative standing of the concubine wife. There is almost a \_\_\_\_\_ in his response.

Q. What does Sarai do?

A. She used her family \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ her.

Q. What does Hagar do?

A.

v. 7 Q. Who enters the picture?

A.

Q. Who is this? Cp. v. 13

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (God in physical form; he found her; they spoke; she acknowledged)

v. 8a Q. What does he ask?

A.

Note that he addresses her current status: \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 8b Q. What is her reply?

A.

v. 9 Q. What does the Angel of the Lord instruct her to do?

A.

v. 10 Q. What does He tell Hagar that makes this acceptable or endurable?

A. You will rise as well to a place of \_\_\_\_\_ by the children I give you.

v. 11 Q. What does the Angel of the Lord prophecy?

A.

1. He tells her the \_\_\_\_\_ of the child: a son.

2. He gives the child a divinely connected \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: "Ishmael" means "\_\_\_\_\_."

v. 12 3. He will be a wild \_\_\_\_\_ of a man.

Note: Strong and \_\_\_\_\_

4. He will live in constant \_\_\_\_\_ with others – giving and receiving.

5. He will live in conflict with his own \_\_\_\_\_ family.

Note: Some translations have, "He will dwell \_\_\_\_\_ his brethren"  
but Rashi comments and says that it means his territory will be so vast that it  
\_\_\_\_\_ over his brethren – hence, the conflict.

vv. 13-14 Q. What does she then do?

A. She gives a \_\_\_\_\_ to this God that she does not know.  
There is now a \_\_\_\_\_ connection with her and Abram.  
They both had an encounter with the a \_\_\_\_\_ God.

v. 15 Q. What does this verse do?

A.  
1. It \_\_\_\_\_ the above prophesy.  
2. We see Abram coming into \_\_\_\_\_ with her story  
and the divine \_\_\_\_\_ to name him  
specifically according to her \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 16 Q. What facts do we get about Abram from this verse?

A.

Q. Read Galatians 4:21-27. How will God prophetically use Hagar and Sarah?

A.

Q. What does this story teach us about suffering and the will of God?

A.

Q. What does this story teach us about understanding culture before judging?

A.

Q. What does this story teach us about waiting on God and our impatience?

A.