

When Faith Tires of Waiting **Genesis 16:1-16**

Sarai's impatience leads to a plan that only creates conflict. 1-6

- Sarai blames God for her barren condition and commands Hagar to be a “surrogate mother” (see 30:1ff.). What has she forgotten?
- How should Abram respond? His passiveness recalls Gen. 3:17.

- Why does Sarai blame Abram for her plan backfiring? Abram is passive again, which leads to abuse. What ought he have done?

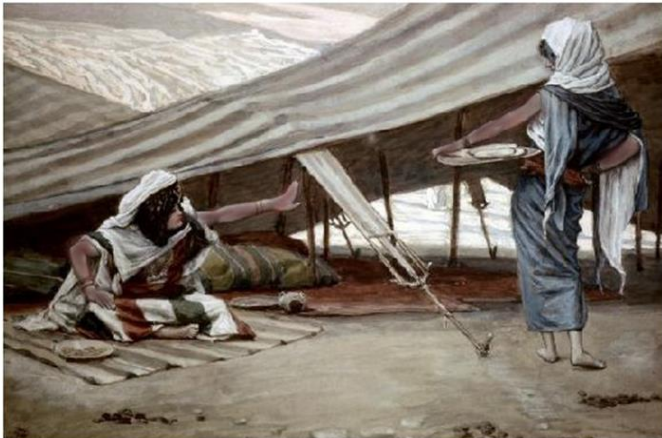
Runaway Hagar receives guidance & hope from the Lord. 7-14

- This is the 1st mention of the *Angel of Yahweh*. This is likely the preincarnate Christ. See 22:11,12, 31:11-13, Jdgs. 6:22,23.
- God's solution to Hagar's situation is something we need to hear!

- Hagar is told of her countless descendants (21:13) and specifics about her son. Later, additional unintended consequences of Sarai's bad plan can be seen, 37:28, Num. 22:7, 31:1ff., Jdgs. 6:6.

Abram is 86 when Hagar gives birth to his son Ishmael. 15,16

13 more years of waiting will go by till Abram is told the birth of his promised son will be the very next year. See 17:24,25, 18:10, 21:5.



What are some things we can do to make the delays in life a little easier for us to handle?