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GENESIS

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Hagar & Ismael, 1851

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Sodom & Gomorrah Ablaze

by Jacob de Wet, 1680



**“If you can count the STARS in the sky”
said El Shaddai, *God Almighty***

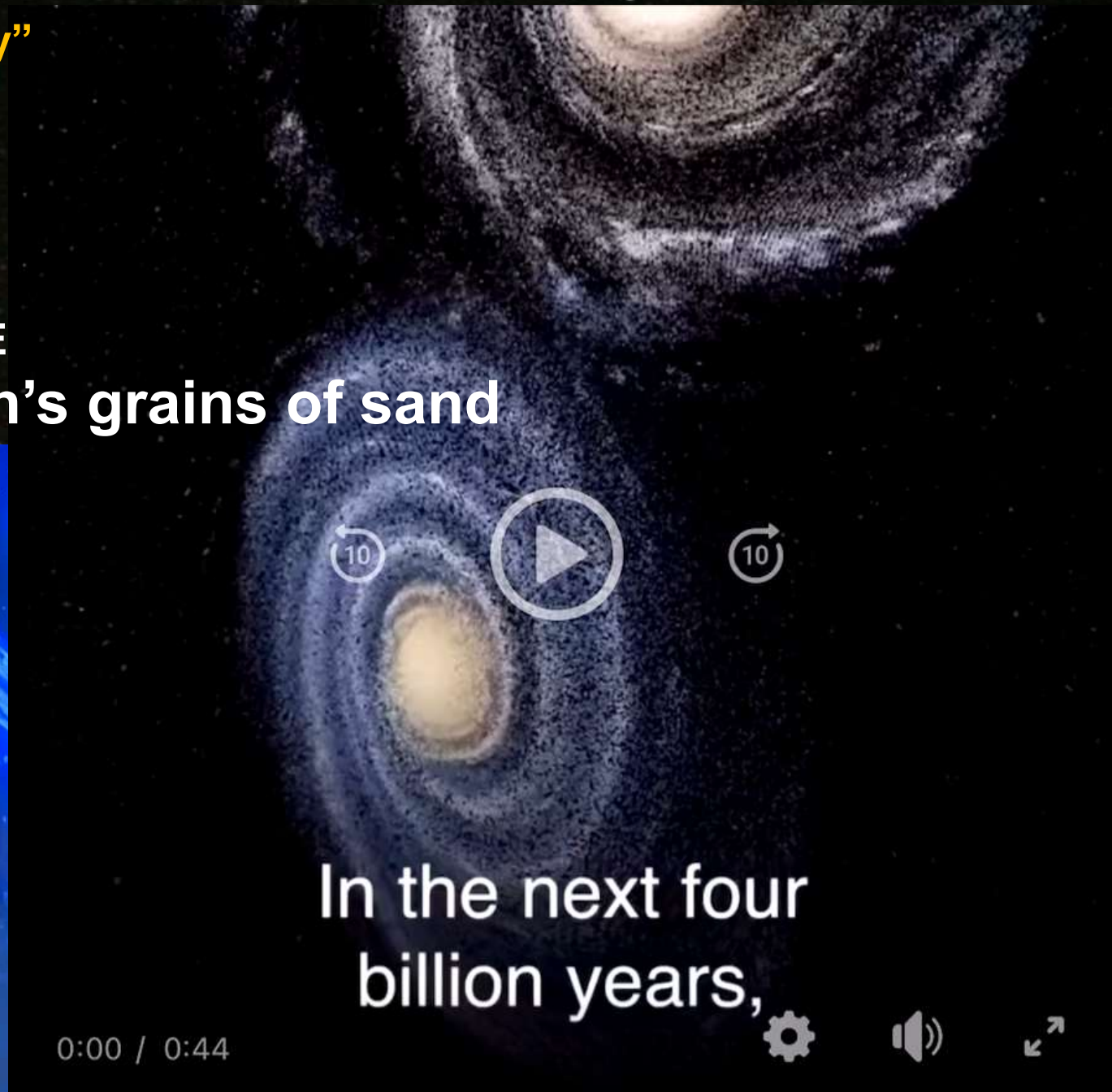
A Trillion Stars in Andromeda Galaxy

1,000,000,000,000+

– on a collision course w Milky Way

Astronomers *estimate* there are MORE

STARS than ALL of Earth’s grains of sand



by the home fire



Gen 11 - Abram's 1st 75 Silent Years

Gen 12 - Abram w Sarai & Lot to new Home, Egypt, & back

Gen 13 - Abram & Lot Separate – to Abram, All the land you see—yours

Gen 14 - Abram beats 4 Kings, Rescues Lot, Gives Back—Measure of a Man

Gen 15 - Abram's Star Pre-Covenant 4 & Firepot Confirmation

Abram “fell into deep sleep ... thick & dreadful darkness came over him”

Gen 16 - Abram w Hagar, Sarai Bitter, Son Ishmael

Hagar—“You are the God who SEES me.”

Sarai to Sarah

Contentious to Princess

Gen 17 - Abram, 100, Sarai 90 - Covenant of Circumcision > Abram to Abraham

“for I have made you a father of many nations”

High Father to Father of Multitudes

Gen 18 - 3 Angels to Abraham - Sarah Laughs - Abraham Pleads for Lot in Sodom

“outcry against Sodom & Gomorrah is so great & sin so grievous”

Gen 19 - 2 Angels to Sodom - Lot Offers Daughters - Angels, “HURRY!”

Abraham sees Sodom burning ... Lot's daughters bed Lot

Lot of territory ... morally ... emotionally ... spiritually ...

AFTER God saves Lot & destroys Sodom, Gomorrah, other cities ...

At *end* of Gen 19 ... we see the strange affair of Lot's daughters

Gen: 19:30 Lot & his two daughters left Zoar ... to mountains
... afraid to stay in Zoar.... lived in a cave.

31 **ONE DAY** the older daughter said to the younger,
“Our father is old ... no man to give us children ...

32 Let's get our father to drink wine & then
sleep with him & preserve our family line through our father.”

33 That night ... got Lot drunk ... older did....

34-35 Next day ... got Lot drunk ... younger did...

36 Both of Lot's daughters ... pregnant by their father.

37-38 Older ... son, Moab ... Moabites.

Younger ... son, Ben-Ammi ... Ammonites

An odd story w SO MUCH missing from the time of his offering them ...

THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM

GEN. 11:27-12:9

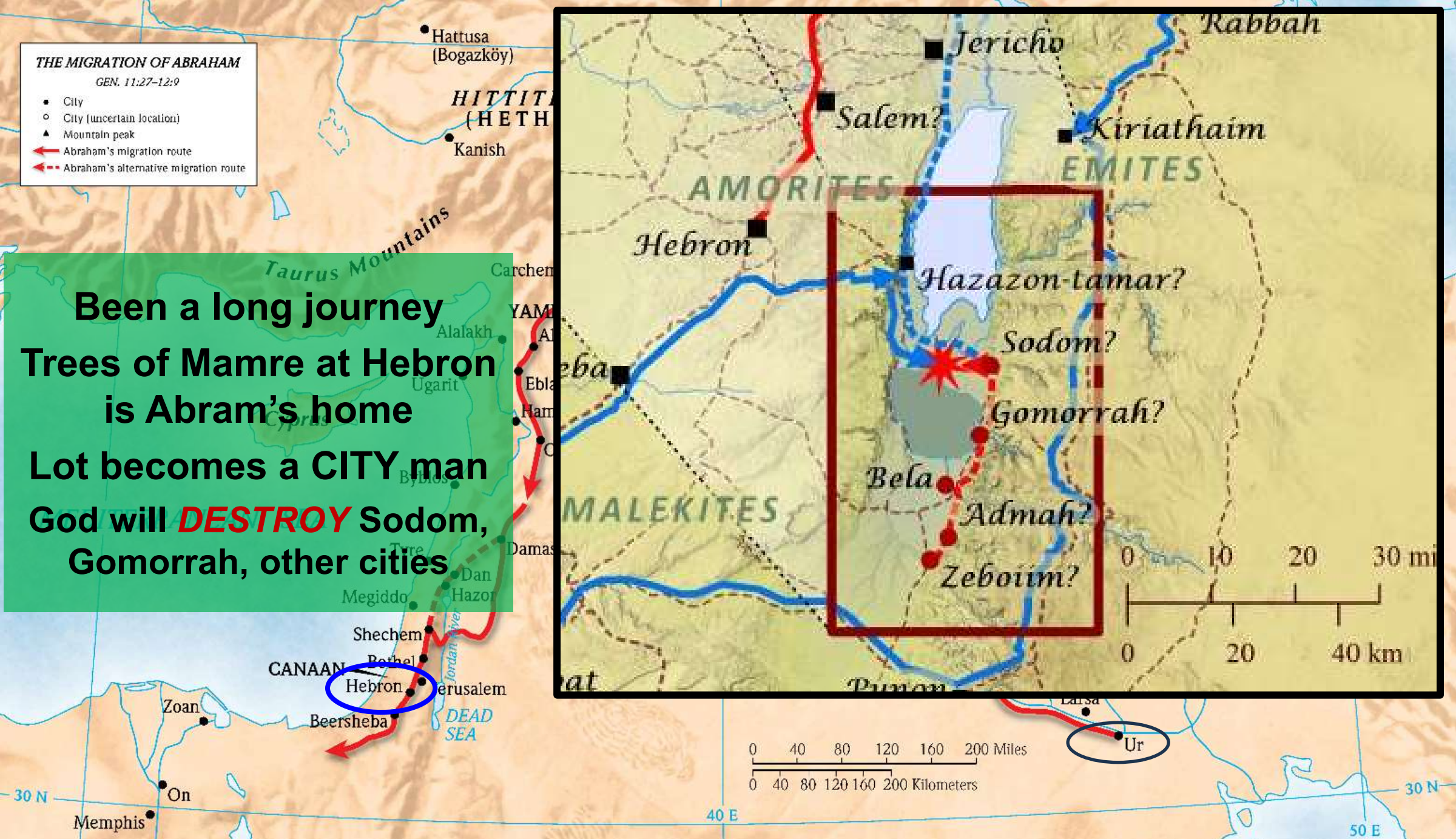
- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Abraham's migration route
- - - Abraham's alternative migration route

Been a long journey

Trees of Mamre at Hebron
is Abram's home

Lot becomes a CITY man

God will **DESTROY** Sodom,
Gomorrah, other cities



REALLY crazy thinking
Gen 15-19 - seems
EVERYONE misses God
EVERYONE doubts
Reminds of James Gregory
on Global Warming

Coming soon is some
VERY ODD THINKING

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COMEDY



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Gen 15:1 After THIS – [Abram's defeat of kings & saving Lot]
the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do NOT be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield, a your very great reward.”

2-3 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord,
what can you give me since I remain childless &
the one who will inherit my estate .. a servant...”

ABSENT in the Bible is how Lot forsake or lost his HERDS ...

Soon, we see Lot in Sodom, a CITY BOY ... no longer a nomad

Lot was NOT as good alone as he was with Abram ...

HERE – we see DISTANCE ... his nephew-like son ... a SON NO MORE

4 Then the word of the Lord came to Abram:

“This man – *faithful servant* – will not be your heir,
but a son who is your own flesh & blood will be your heir.”

Louis Armstrong & his band **All Stars**
released **The Home Fire** in 1968
seems to capture Abraham in Hebron ...



Pardon the smile on my face my friend
Dreamin' of reachin' my journey's end
I'm headin' straight for my heart's *desire*
Gee, it's good to know I'm near
the Home Fire

Abram & Sarai have been **TALKING** about kids
Since their 50th wedding anniversary – **LESS SO**
Yet, to Abram—listen to this ... **LISTEN** closely ...
To Abram at 85ish, Sarai is still the ... **STILL** the
MOST BEAUTIFUL woman in the **WORLD**



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We NEVER hear a fight
NEVER hear of ABUSE
Sarai at 75+ STILL stole an
Egyptian Pharoah's heart

At 75+, still had Abram
worried someone would

STEAL HER

Even AFTER young Hagar ...
that permitted affair ...

Abram deferred to SARAI

To HER wishes ...

Do what you WANT
with Hagar ...

“High Father” Abram LOVED Sarai



“Biblical” by Calum Scott

Gen 15:5 God took him outside & said,
“Look up at the SKY & count the STARS—
if *indeed* you can count them.”
Then he said to him,
“So shall your offspring be.”

6 Abram believed the Lord, and
God credited it to him as righteousness > Pre-Covenant 4

Pre-Covenants of 12-15

- 1st 12:1-3 “Great Name, Bless those who bless YOU”
- 2nd 12:27 “To your offspring I will give this land”
- 3rd 13:14-17 “E, W, N, S, all this land to offspring—Dust of the earth”
- 4th 15:5 “Look up to SKY, count STARS—so shall your offspring be”

How *literal* are we to take this verse ... seriously ...

200 Billion *Trillions* of Stars in observable universe =

200 Sextillion Stars
200 + 21 zeros

w 7.9 Billion on Earth ... Christ *cannot* come back for MANY more millennia



Gen 15:7 God a/so said to him, “I am the Lord,
who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land to take possession of it.”

8 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord,
how can I KNOW
that I will gain possession of it?”

9-11 Lord instructs sacrifice of heifer,
goat, ram, dove, pigeon ...
all ... cut in two ... except birds....

Lot ... perhaps ... forsook/lost herds ...
certainly—Lot becomes CITY man in Sodom

Childless Abram was at his home ... in Hebron

Childless Abram just ... had a ... a promise ...



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All of the folks that I love are there
I got a date with my favourite chair
With every step every hope grows higher
Didn't know how much I missed
the Home Fire



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Gen 15:12 As the sun was setting,
Abram fell into a DEEP SLEEP,
thick & dreadful darkness came over him.



Fearful ... Nightmare ... DREADFUL sleep
Mighty Abram ... in darkness ... dread ... MADE afraid

13-14 Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for
400 years your descendants will be strangers ...
they will be enslaved & mistreated there.
But I will punish the nation....

15-16 YOU, however, will go to your ancestors in peace &
be buried at a good old age....
4th generation ... will come back here

Lord shares with Abram the Babylonian exile & return

ABRAM ... tough position
Another wait ... for ...
As confusing as all this is
Sarai is right there for him
So much still between them
YET UNSAID

What about when the
DARK TIMES **HIT**



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"High Father" Abram LOVED Sarai

Gen 15:18-20 On THAT DAY the
Lord made a covenant with Abram & said > Pre-Covenant 5

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great river, the Euphrates—land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,
Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites & Jebusites.”

THIS has NOT happened YET ... “Wadi” meaning *here uncertain*
Wadi in Israel is a dry riverbed that occasionally floods

Huge territory ...



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- 5th 15:18-20 “to your offspring ... [Nile?] Egypt to Euphrates”



FIVE Pre-Covenants to prepare Abram for Gen 17

Covenant of Circumcision

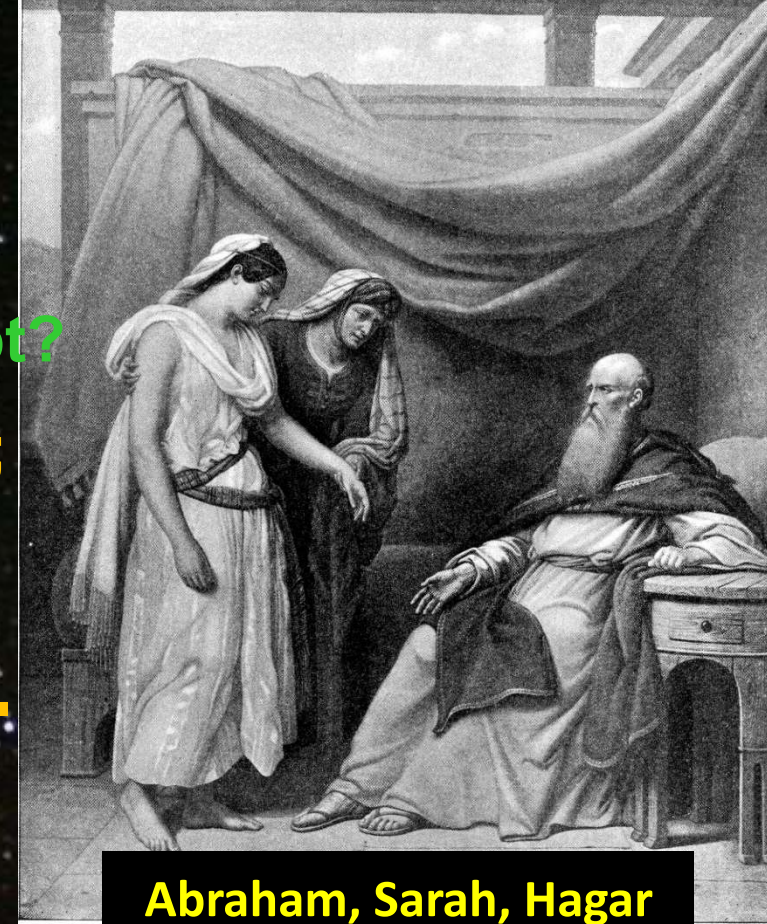
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had borne him no children.

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perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram *agreed* to what Sarai said.



Abraham, Sarah, Hagar
in *Bible Pictures* by
Charles Foster (1897)

So ... in the O.T. MAN's World
Abraham's beautiful WIFE Sarah
Who EVERYONE thinks beautiful
Abram STILL sees his WIFE as
so beautiful men will **KILL** for her
HE sees how ashamed SHE is
SHE sees how much a son means
He truly LOVES SARAI ...
She asks HIM to WHAT?
Take her beautiful YOUNG Slave
to BED ... for a child
What's a man to do?
He wants Sarah to be happy
Abram says **OKAY**



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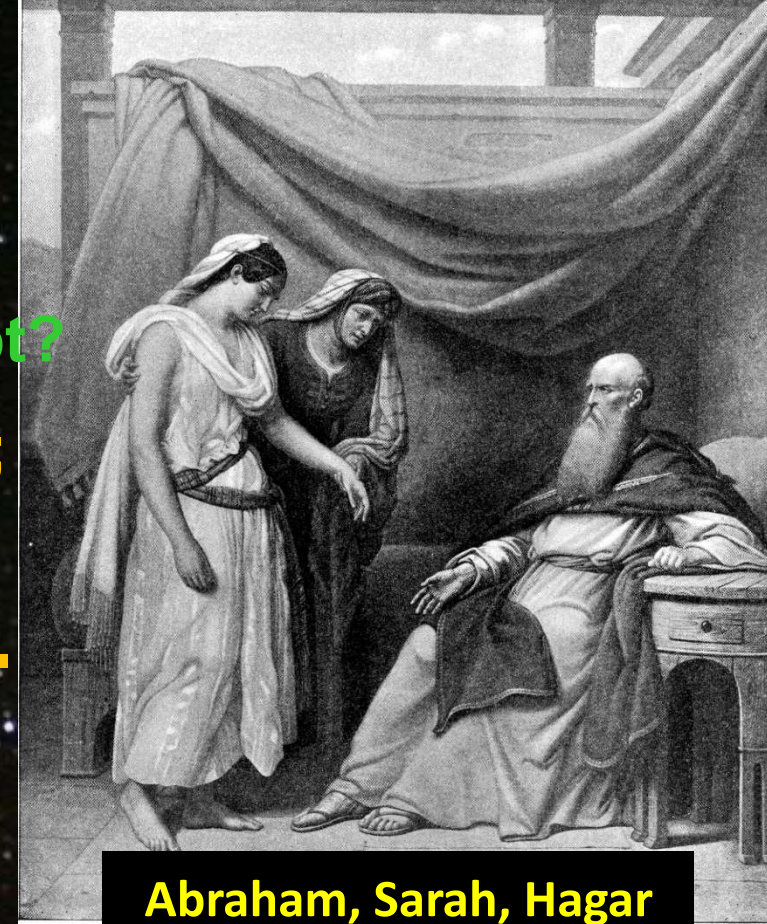
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3-4 after 10 yrs in Canaan ... Sarai gave & HE DID
slave bore a child ... Sarai despised her

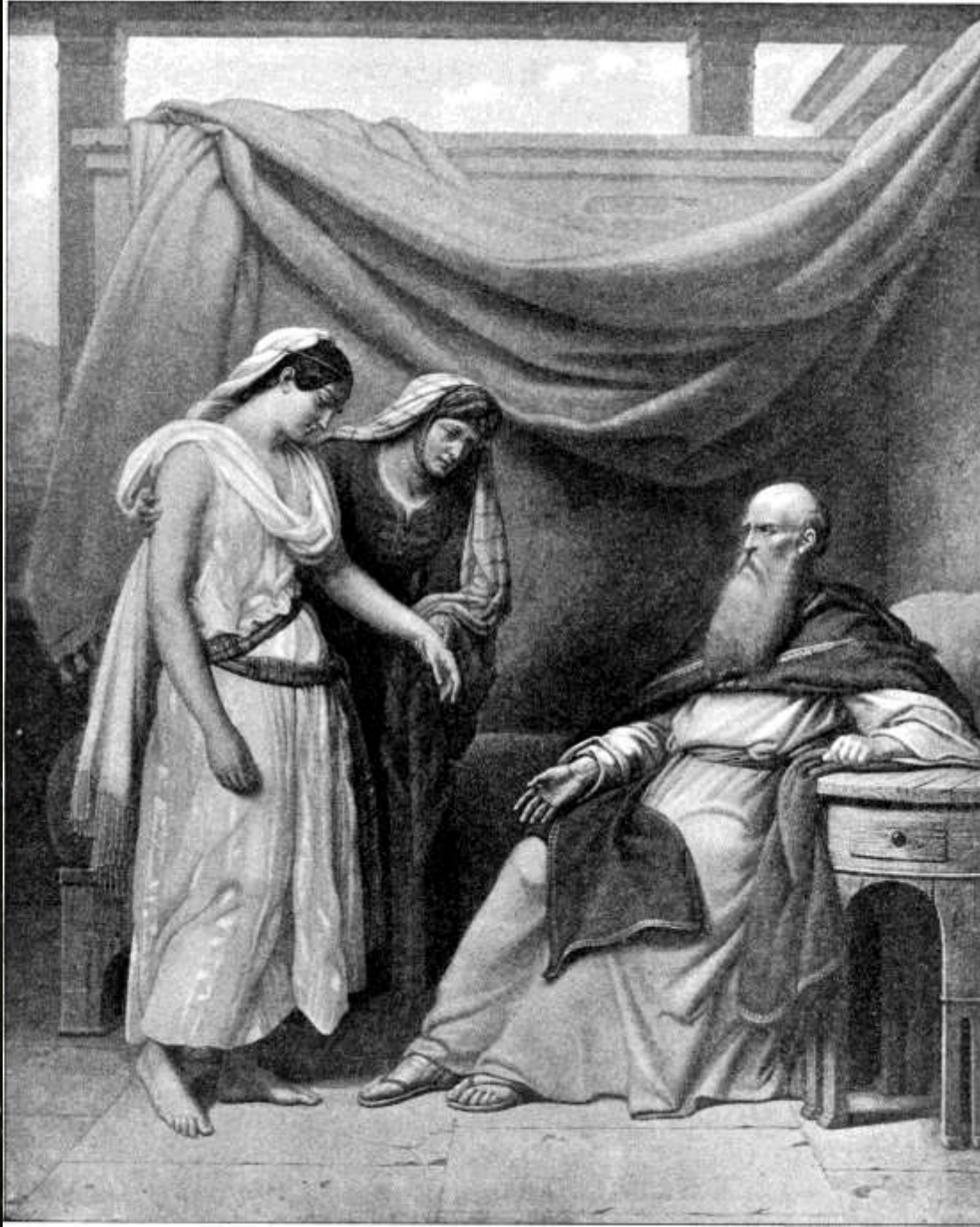
5-6 *Sarai bitterly blames Abram & mistreats Hagar ...*
Hagar flees

Can anyone blame Hagar? ... innocent & forced & mistreated

for Sarai, it is SHAME to be barren ... God-BLESSED to have children



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Gen 16:7-8 Angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring

**“Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from,
where are you going?” She replied,
“I’m running away from my mistress Sarai.”**

9-10 Angel of the Lord told her,
**“Go back to your mistress & submit to her.”
“I will increase your descendants....”**

11 Angel of the Lord also said: **“name him Ishmael,
for the Lord has heard of your misery.**

12 **He will be a wild donkey of a man;
his hand will be against everyone ...
he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”**

Some see Ishmael as the line of Arabs ... Islam part of curse

Impossible for us to FULLY understand in a New Testament Church



**Hagar & Ismael, 1851
by Luigi Alois Gillarduzzi**



Hagar & Angel in Wilderness
by Francesco Cozza (1605-1682)



Hagar, 1875
by Edmonia Lewis

Gen 16:13 She gave this name to the Lord +
who spoke to her:

“You are the God who SEES me,” for she said,
“I have now SEEN the One who SEES ME.”

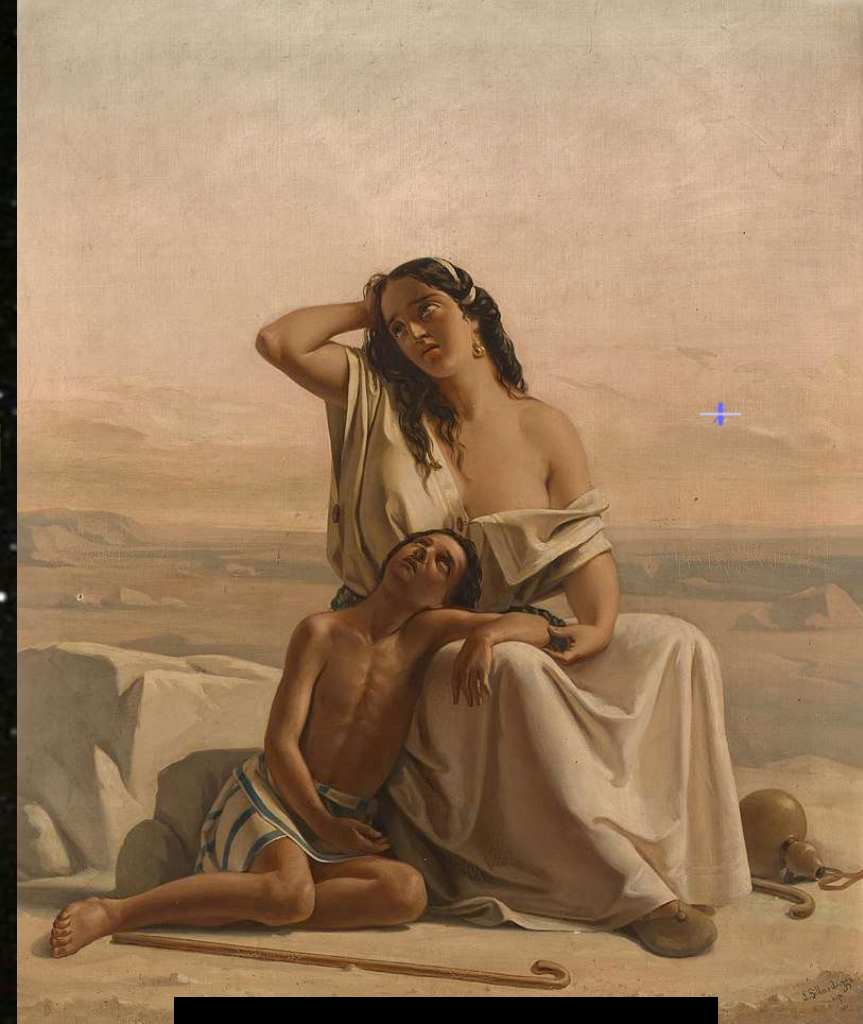
14 That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi
it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son ... Ishmael....

16 Abram was 86 years old....

In spite of all ... all the hate ...
all the abuse of Hagar ...

GOD SAW HER



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Charles H. Surgeon, “Omniscience,” 6-15-1856
in evening, Genesis 16:13, “Thou God seest me.”

Gen 17:1 When Abram was 99 years old, Lord appeared to him
“I am God Almighty - *El Shaddai*
Walk before me faithfully & be blameless.

2 Then I will make my COVENANT between me & you....

3 Abram fell facedown—God said to him,

4 “As for me, this is my COVENANT with you:
You will be the father of many nations.

5 No longer will you be called Abram—
your name will be Abraham,
for I have made you a father of many nations.

6-7 fruitful ... nations of you ... establish ...
EVERLASTING COVENANT ... your descendants ...
to be your God & God of your descendants after you.

God renamed him “Father of Multitudes” ... *then ...*

Gen 17:8 Whole land of Canaan ... everlasting possession....

9 Then God said to Abraham,

“As for you, you must keep my **COVENANT**,
you & your descendants....

10 This is my covenant ... you are to keep:

Every male among you shall be CIRCUMCISED.

11 **YOU** are to undergo circumcision....

12-13 For the generations to come every male ... **8 days old**

all ... born, bought ... must be circumcised.

... to be an **EVERLASTING COVENANT**....

15-16 Sarai ... Sarah.... mother of nations....

Sarai “Contentious” is renamed Sarah “Princess”

Yet, what Abraham has to undergo ... in his old age ...

Gen 17:17 Abraham fell facedown;
he **LAUGHED** & said to himself,
“Will a son be born to a man a 100 years old?
Will Sarah bear a child at the age of 90?”

19-20 God said, “Sarah **WILL** bear you a son ... call him Isaac....

21-22 My covenant I will establish with Isaac,
Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

23 **ON THAT VERY DAY** Abraham took his son Ishmael & all ..
circumcised them, as God told him.

24-27 Abraham at 99 ... was circumcised ...
Ishmael 13 ... every male ... born or bought ...
was circumcised with him.

That hurt ... took awhile to heal ... and we do **NOT** like to talk about it
yet **circumcision** becomes a cornerstone of Hebrew life & later Judaism

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released **The Home Fire** in 1968
seems to capture Abraham in Hebron ...



Now Abram has had young Hagar ... too
You can BET ... after circumcision ...
Kinda helpless ... just a healin' up ...
He's resting by the Home Fire ...

The noises, the TV, the rusty old pipes
The cat always teasin' my dog
The neighbors, the quarrels, the screaming of kids
For the first time in years
I'll sleep like a log



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Gen 18:1 Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

2 Abraham looked up & saw 3 men standing.
... hurried ... bowed low to the ground.

3-5 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes
offered water ... food ... fine ...

6-8 asked Sarah to fix din-din ... kills calf ...

9 “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.
“There, in the tent,” he said.

10 One said, “I will surely return to you about this
time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening....

Timing of this is very hard to nail down ... perhaps it was after circumcision



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Abraham & Angels
by Aert de Gelder, c. 1680–85
Museum Boijmans Van
Beuningen, Rotterdam

Gen 18:11 Abraham & Sarah ... old....
12 So Sarah *laughed* to herself....
13 Then the Lord said to Abraham,
“Why did Sarah laugh ... ?”
14 Is anything too hard for the Lord?
I will return to you ... Sarah ... a son.” ...

Interlude ...

16-22 Outcry against Sodom & Gomorrah ...
Lord gonna **SEE FOR HIMSELF**.... Two to Sodom....
23 Then Abraham approached him and said:
“Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?
24-32 50 righteous? ... 45? ... 40? ... 30? ... 20? ... 10?
33 When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham,
he left, and Abraham returned home.



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Gen 19:1 Two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening
Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city.
When he saw them, he got up to meet them and
bowed down with his face to the ground.

2-7 Long story you know well ...

2 of Abraham's **3** angels go to Lot ... perverted men want to rape them
Lot offers his two virgin **DAUGHTERS** ...

8 ...do what you like with them.... Not these men....

9-11 Sodomites persist ... 2 Angels **BLIND** the Sodomites

12-14 2 Angels order Lot & family to leave – **FIRE** coming

15-16 @ dawn, Angels take Lot & wife's hands ...
lead them out....

Meanwhile, Abraham is by the home fire healing up ...



Gen 19:17 Two angels said, “Don’t look back ... don’t stop...”
Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!”

18-23 Lot negotiates over their flight ... to weak ...
Angels agree spare Zoar ... Lot goes to Zoar ...

24 Lord rained down burning sulfur on
Sodom & Gomorrah—
out of the heavens.

25 Lord overthrew *cities* & entire plain,
destroying all ... also the vegetation.

26 But Lot’s wife looked back, and
she became a pillar of salt.

Jewish historian Josephus said he
saw the pillar of salt, Lot's wife

Church Fathers Clement of Rome A.D. 88 & Irenaeus A.D. 2000



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Gen 19:27 Early the next morning
Abraham got up & returned to the place
where he had stood before the Lord.

28 Abraham looked down toward Sodom & Gomorrah,
toward *all the land of the plain*, and
he saw dense smoke rising from the land,
like smoke from a furnace.

29 So when God destroyed the
cities of the plain,
he remembered Abraham, and
Lord brought Lot out of the catastrophe....

Important to notice it was NOT Lot
NOT Lot's virtue that saved Lot
Abraham's PRAYER that saved Lot
There is a LOT more to be said ...



Abraham lost his nephew Lot ... *formerly like a son*
Lot lost all his friends (?) in Sodom ...
Lot's daughters ... well ...



Abraham has GOD's promises ...

He steps out of his tent to see smoke ... *then*

Heaven is waiting for me, my friend

Seven or eight dreams around the bend

And if you're ever in town *inquire*

We'll be glad to have you share

the Home Fire

We do NOT know the future ...

But Abraham had God, his wife Sarah ...

Sarah meaning *princess* ... though she always was a princess to him

For us—**WE** have many *more* promises – 7 or 8 dreams around the bend

