

"In the Beginning, God...."
A Verse-by-Verse Study of the Book of Genesis
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Genesis 16 & 17 - Questions

Chapter 16

1. (:1-4) Who, What, When & Where?
2. (:4-6) What do you think of Abraham's actions here?
 - Was Abraham showing little faith...or was he just doing the best he could with the knowledge he had?
 - Had Abraham ever been told "only Sarah"?
 - Had he ever had any hints? (ch. 12?)
 - What had Abraham suggested in ch 15 as a possible solution to their problem?
 - Should Abraham have agreed to Sarah's plan?
 - Should he have allowed Sarah to abuse Hagar?
 - What mistake do both Abraham and Sarah share?
3. (:7-10) We know from reading on in Genesis that the child of Hagar was not the son God had promised Abraham. In fact, the son of Hagar would turn out to be an enemy of the promised son. Why, then, was the angel of the LORD protecting Hagar?
4. (:11-12) What is the angel's prophecy about the child Hagar will bear?
5. (:13-16) How would you describe Hagar's understanding of the One, True God? Do you think she had faith in God?

Chapter 17

6. (17:1-2) How long did Abraham wait after the birth of Ishmael before God spoke to him again?
7. (:3-5) What was the significance of this change of name?

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What to do when it seems *God* is waiting?
 Luke 18:1-8
 II Peter 3: 11,12
 Habakkuk 3:17-19 (memorize this)