

# The Torah Project

## Genesis 16

16:1-2

הגר = "the sojourner"  
"Hagar"

גרשם = "a sojourner there"  
"Gershom"

## Exodus 2:22

Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have been a **sojourner** in a foreign land."

16:3-6

## Q: Why didn't Abraham defend himself against Sarah's attack?

### Genesis 12:11-12

And it came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live."



### Genesis 12:16

Therefore [Pharaoh] treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

Hagar became Sarah's handmaid due to Abraham's **fear**.  
Hagar became Abraham's concubine due to Sarah's **doubt**.

The result: **ISHMAEL**

## Genesis 16:6

But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai **dealt harshly** with her...

## Genesis 15:13

And *God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and **oppressed** four hundred years.”

## Exodus 1:11-12

So they appointed taskmasters over them to **afflict** them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.<sup>12</sup> But the more they **afflicted** them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

ענה

(*anah*)

### Genesis 16:9

Then the angel of Adonai said to her, “Return to your mistress, and **submit** yourself to her authority.”

### Genesis 16:11

The angel of Adonai said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because Adonai has given heed to your **affliction**.”

### Numbers 12:3

Now the man Moses was very **humble**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.

### Genesis 18:27

And Abraham **answered** and said, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am *but* dust and ashes.”

## Psalm 147:7

**Sing** to Adonai with thanksgiving...

עֲנָה

(*anah*)

*Decision Point* →

- Afflict
- Submit
- Humble
- Answer
- Sing!

16:7-9

## 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the **way of escape** also, that you may be able to endure it.

→ **ἐκβασιν**

## Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering **outcome** of their conduct, imitate their faith.

16:10-15

ישמעאל

(*Yishmael*)

### Ishmael's Character

“MAN”  
(*adam*)

פרא אדם

“WILD-DONKEY”  
(*pere*)

### Ishmael's Activities

- His hand will be against everyone
- Everyone's hand will be against him
- He will dwell against his brothers

<sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 16:13** ... “Thou art a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?”

<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 16:13** ...”You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

<sup>CJB</sup> **Genesis 16:13** So she named *ADONAI* who had spoken with her *EI Ro'i* [God of seeing], because she said, “Have I really seen the One who sees me [and stayed alive]?”