



# WONDER WOMEN

**of the Bible**

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# Hagar

Genesis 16





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## Who is She?

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.



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# Who is She?

Remember God Promised to make Abram  
(Abraham) into a great nation

Ten years had passed and there was no heir

So Sarai (Sarah) got an idea on how  
to fix the problem

Enter Hagar





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# Who is She?

Hagar was a slave

She is an Egyptian slave

She was not a voluntary slave

The fact Sarai describes her to her husband probably meant she had other slaves

She became Abram's second "wife"



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# A Truly Horrible Plan

No voice for: God or Hagar

Hagar being a slave is being "forced"

**NO CHOICE**

In having sex with her "master"  
and becoming his "wife"

Continuing to have sex until she becomes pregnant

Carrying and having a baby that was not to be hers



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## Hagar's Feelings

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

Some commentaries point to Hagar's overall dissatisfaction in the way she became pregnant

Other commentaries point to this as Hagar being jealous wanting to replace Sara

Others point out part of the issue is Hagar no longer saw herself a slave





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# Abraham & Sara Attitude

“Your slave is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

(v. 5)



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# Abraham & Sara Attitude

To Abraham and Sara she was still just a slave

She had no value as a person

Even the fact she was pregnant mattered little

No other way to put it Sara began  
to abuse Hagar



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# Hagar Ran





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# When God Shows Up

(v. 7-14)



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# The Greeting

**It must have been disturbing,  
even God saw her as a slave**

**The greeting is not meant to down  
Hagar but show God knows  
the situation**



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# The Question

Where have you come  
from where are you going?

God gave her a Voice: Tell me your story

Tell me your past

Tell me your plan





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# The Instruction

**“Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”**

**God Gave her a choice**

**Go back to the crazy situation?**

**Go back to being mistreated**

**But God asked her to change  
her mentality -- Submit**



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This would have been a hard pill for Hagar to swallow, but God knew at the moment it was the safest place for her

**Hagar knew it too!**



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# The Promises

**You will have a son (Security)**

**He will be a wild donkey of a man (Freedom)**

**His hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him (Nomadic)**

**He will live in hostility toward all his brothers  
(His house would not be Abraham's house)**





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## Hagar's Response

**“You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”**

**Hagar placed her trust in God's promises**

**She did exactly what he asked her to do (faith)**

**She came to the understanding God did not abandon her, he saw her**

**In the end this God became her God**



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God  
Sees You!

