



## **Genesis 16**



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. Overlooked by Man but Part of God's Plan 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** 

Overlooked by Man but Part of God's Plan 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"

Overlooked by Man but Part of God's Plan **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

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

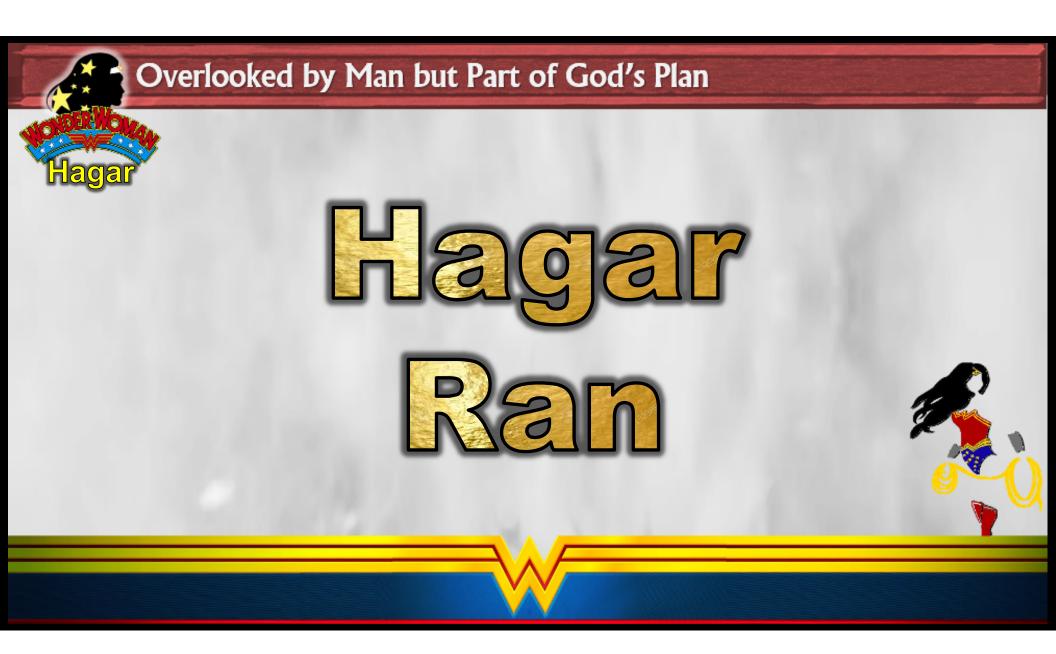


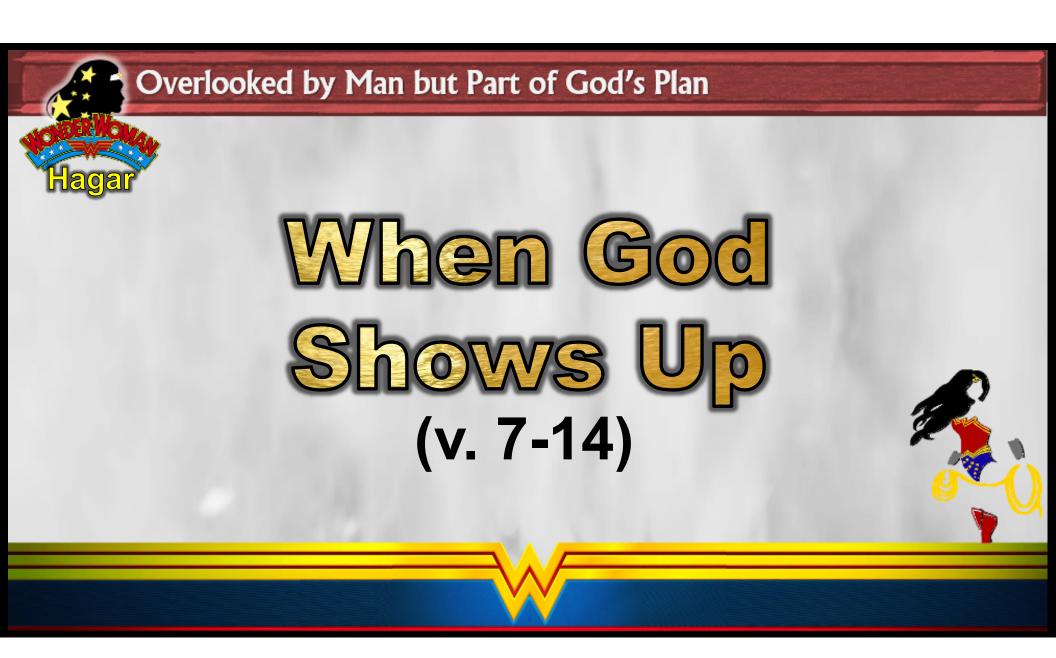


"Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

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Overlooked by Man but Part of God's Plan 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







## 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



# 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





"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

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





### 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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"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

