

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK SIXTEEN – LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 16:1-6 Sarai and Abraham

v1-3 Sarai's solution

v3 Sarai gave her because Hagar belonged to Sarai, and because Sarai Abram's 1st wife.

(Jamieson-Fausset-Brown)

v4-6 Sarai's successful plan fails

Genesis 16 6b-16 God and Hagar

v7 towards Shur, near Kadesh = moving towards Egypt – her homeland

v7, 9, 11, esp. 13, 14 This is a Christophany

v12d Not East of, but against, side by side in hostility vs descendants of Isaac

v15-16 Birth of Ishmael

Genesis 17:1-14 God and Abraham

v1-9 Promise and statement of covenant

v10-14 Covenant of circumcision

NT Circumcision – Judaism is not based on the Law of Moses but upon descendency from Abraham, NT reference to circumcision is to be equated to identification as a descendent of Abraham, not an adherent of the Law of Moses, (Acts 15, Galatians).

In Romans 2-4, Paul is equating spiritual circumcision to saving faith as fulfilling Law (in Christ), as opposed to failing to keep the Law, in the flesh, without faith, nullifying spiritual circumcision.

Genesis 17:15-22 Regarding Isaac and Ishmael

v15-19 Covenant to be through Isaac, son of Abraham and Sarah

v20 Regarding Ishmael (25:12-18 twelve princes, 137 years)

Genesis 17:23-27 Abraham's obedience