

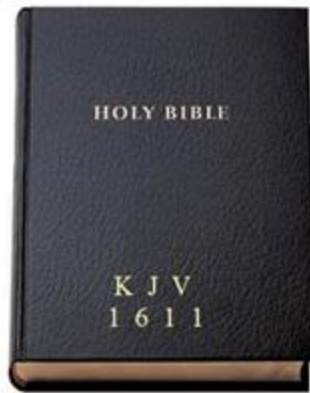
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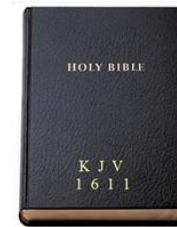
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## Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy

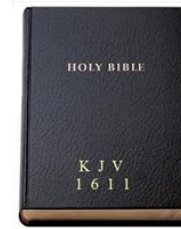
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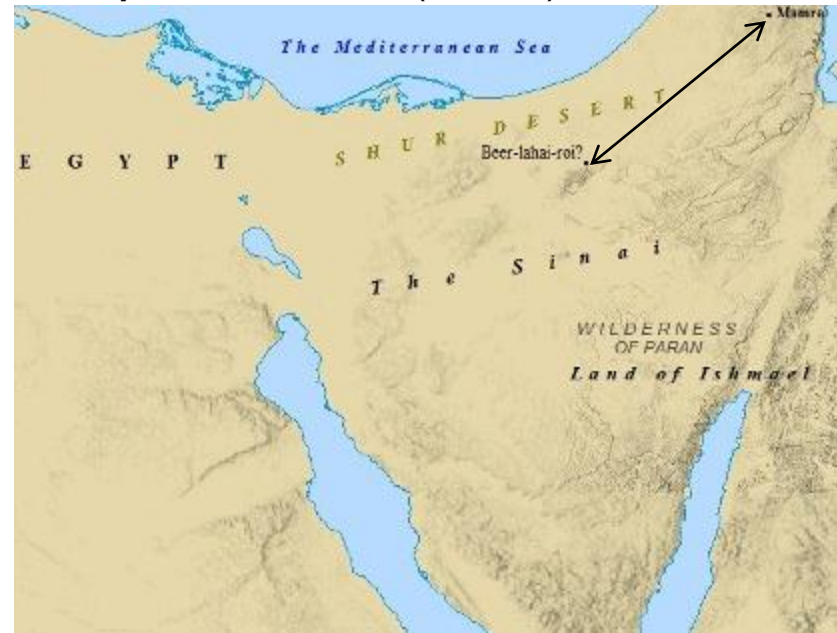
## ABRAHAM: THE PROGENITOR

- Genesis 12 = Abraham's **CALLING**
- Genesis 13 = Abraham's **CONDESCENSION**
- Genesis 14 = Abraham's **COURAGE**
- Genesis 15 = Abraham's **COVENANT**
- Genesis 16 = Abraham's COMPROMISE**
- Genesis 17 = Abraham's CIRCUMCISION**
- Genesis 18 = Abraham's **COMPASSION**
- Genesis 19 = Abraham's **CORRUPTED Kin**
- Genesis 20 = Abraham's **CARNALITY**
- Genesis 21 = Abraham's **CHILD**
- Genesis 22 = Abraham's **CONFIRMATION**
- Genesis 23 = Abraham's **CAVE**
- Genesis 24 = Abraham's **COMMISSION**
- Genesis 25 = Abraham's **CONCLUSION**

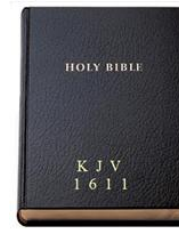
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- Sarah's suggestion that Abraham use Hagar as a surrogate was due either to: (1) her belief that circumstances proved this was how the promise of God (15:4) was to be fulfilled; or (2) her taking matters into her own hands out of faithlessness and desperation
- **Abraham's Fourth Sin: ACTING PRESUMPTUOUSLY AND NOT PRAYERFULLY** (i.e.- he compromised with sin)
- Hagar flees from Mamre (13:18) all the way toward Shur (16:6-7)



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## The 4-fold prophecy regarding Ishmael (16:12)

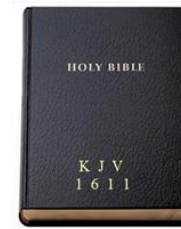
1. He will be a wild man
2. His hand will be against every man
3. Every man's hand will be against him
4. He shall dwell in the presence of his brethren

## The Consequences Of Abraham's Fourth Sin

1. The birth of Ishmael, father of the Arab peoples, the greatest enemy of Israel (16:15)
2. Loss of divine fellowship for 13 years (16:16; 17:1)
3. Possible delay in the fulfillment of God's promise- if Abraham had prayed and asked the Lord about Sarah's suggestion, he may have revealed the promise of (17:19) at this time instead of 13 years later



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## Lessons To Learn From Abraham's Fourth Sin

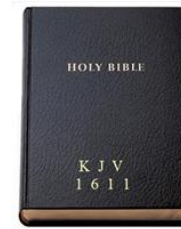
1. When circumstances seem to contradict the promise of God do not take matters into your own hands to fulfill it
2. Nothing is too SMALL, SAFE, or CERTAIN to pray about

**Note:** This is the second time in the Bible that a woman has brought an idea to a man that was contrary to the will of God, and the man went right along with it without first praying about it cf. (3:6). The results of both these instances are evident throughout the entire earth to this day.

- The terms *Almighty God* and *(Lord) God Almighty* appear 7x in the OT (17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3; Exo 6:3; Eze 10:5); and 7x in the NT (Rev 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7,14; 19:15; 21:22)
- *Abram* (“high father”) becomes *Abraham* (“father of many nations”) (17:5); and *Sarai* (“contentious; dominative”) becomes *Sarah* (“lady noble; princess; queen”) (17:15)



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## 7 Notable Name Changes

1. *Abram to Abraham (v.5)*
2. *Sarai to Sarah (v.15)*
3. *Jacob to Israel (32:28)*
4. *Joseph to Zaphnath-paaneah (41:45)*
5. *Daniel to Belteshazzar (Dan 5:12)*
6. *Simon to Cephas (John 1:42)*
7. *Saul to Paul (Acts 13:9)*

- **Abraham's Fifth Sin: UNBELIEF IN THE WORD OF GOD**
- *Isaac = "laughter" (17:17,19)*

