

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

HAGAR

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Sarah** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Genesis 16:1-6

2. a) To get a sense of Hagar's background, read **16:1-3**:

Where is she from? _____

Approximately how long has she been gone from home? _____

What is her current role? _____

- b) How do you think Hagar became Sarai's slave? (See **Genesis 12:16**)
3. a) Read **V3-4**. What is Sarai's plan?
 - b) Put yourself in Hagar's shoes; what might she have felt?
4. Do you think God caused Hagar to conceive? Why?
5. Look up the word "despise" in a thesaurus. In **V4-5**, what was going on in Hagar that she despised Sarai once she became pregnant?
6. In **V5-6**, what was Sarai's reaction to:
Abram _____
Hagar _____
7. a) What was Hagar's response?
 - b) In what circumstances are you tempted to have the same response?

SECTION II: Read Genesis 16:7-16

8. Most scholars agree that the “angel of the LORD” was the pre-incarnate Christ. What warms your heart about His initiative with Hagar in **V7**?

9. In **V8**, what do you think is the significance of the angel of the LORD’s address to Hagar as “slave of Sarai”?

10. a) What two soul-searching questions did He ask Hagar?

b) How would you respond to those same two questions? (Consider the following areas: family of origin, marriage, church or workplace.)

11. a) What is the angel of the LORD’s command in **V9**, and why would this be important? See **Ephesians 6:5-9** for additional insight.

b) To whom are you commanded to submit? See **James 4:7, Romans 13:1** and **Ephesians 5:21-24**.

12. Summarize the prophecy given to Hagar in **16:10-12**.

13. a) What is Hagar’s reaction in **V13**?

b) How has God “seen” you in times when you’ve felt lonely or mistreated?

SECTION III: Read Genesis 21:1-21

14. a) Summarize the events that occurred from **21:8-11**. (Bear in mind Ishmael was in his mid-teens.)

14. b) How does this begin to fulfill the prophecy in **16:12**?

15. In your own words, what is God's response to Abraham's distress in **21:12-13**?

16. Why does God bless Hagar and Ishmael? Write a timeless truth about what you learn from **Genesis 16** and **21**.

17. From **21:14-16**, describe the situation and mood of Hagar.

18. From **21:17-20**, list the amazing ways God showed mercy and grace to Hagar.

19. Form a prayer centered on what you'll remember most from Hagar's life.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. God sees! Soak in these Scriptures. How do they comfort you?

2 Chronicles 16:9 _____

Psalm 10:14 _____

Psalm 17:8 _____

Psalm 33:18 _____

Psalm 139:16 _____

Proverbs 15:3 _____

Jeremiah 16:17 _____

Hebrews 4:13 _____

2. God hears! Read **1 John 5:14-15**. How do these verses encourage you?

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 16:13**

