

**“THROUGH THE BIBLE”**  
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“The Compromise of Abraham,” Genesis 16:1-16

**I. The rationale for his compromise (Genesis 16:1-3)**

1. The problem (Genesis 16:1): Sarai is still unable to bear a son.
2. The plan (Genesis 16:1-3): Sarai convinces Abraham to marry Hagar, her servant, in order to have a son through her.

**II. The results of his compromise (Genesis 16:4-16)**

1. Hagar’s marriage to Abraham (Genesis 16:4): After Hagar conceives, she begins to look down upon Sarai.
2. Hagar’s mistreatment by Sarai (Genesis 16:5-6): After suffering harsh treatment from the frustrated Sarai, Hagar flees into the desert.
3. Hagar’s meeting with the Lord (Genesis 16:7-14)
  - A. The Lord advises her (Genesis 16:7-9): The angel of the Lord comes to her by a well and tells her, “Return to [Sarai] and submit to her authority.”
  - B. The Lord assures her (Genesis 16:10-14): The angel of the Lord tells Hagar that she will have innumerable descendants through her unborn son, who will be called Ishmael (“God hears”)
4. Hagar’s mothering of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15-16): She give birth to Ishmael when Abraham is eighty-six years old.