

A WILD DONKEY OF A MAN

Request: “I assume that the prophetic word given to Hagar about her son was meant to be encouraging. But as a mother, it didn’t seem encouraging to me that her son would be a “wild donkey of a man.” What am I missing?”

What you may be missing is the important link of this title to the prophetic history of her son.

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletical points and follow-up with nine points from the lesson.

- **Wilderness oasis** (Gen.16:6-8) Miserable (afflicted) Hagar runs away (Gen.12:16; 16:3; 25:18)
- **Word of the Lord** (Gen.16:9-12) Message (3 parts) Herald was The Angel of the Lord (Gen.16: 7, 9, 10, 11)
 - a. (Gen.16:9) Commands - return (shub / kal impv) and submit (anah / hithpael impv)
 - b. (Gen.16:10) Covenant of Ishmaelite – descendants too many to count
 - c. (Gen.16:11-12) Child of Hagar and Abraham – Ishmael (has heard your afflictions)
- **Well of Vision of Life** (Gen.16:13-16) Mother of Arabian Covenant Hagar gave a name to the Angel of the Lord.

2. We will mention four types of manifestations of Christ in the Bible:

- Pre-incarnation of Christ (Theophany)
- Incarnation of Christ (Virgin birth);
- Historical Christ (Christophany) (Acts 7:55; 9:5)
- Second Advent (Of The resurrected Jesus Christ).

3. The Angel of the Lord in our lesson text was a theophany. He speaks in the 3rd Person Singular (Vs.8, 9, 10, 11).

4. Man’s injustices to man is corrected by God’s Justice through Christ (Gen.16:4-6; 1 Pet.3:18)

- Even the believer’s injustice to unbeliever
 - a. Divine court of heaven
 - b. Adjust to the justice of God (Eph.6:9; Ex.3:7).

5. Hagar attempts to runs away from her misery and injustices (psychological escapism)

- a. Typical Old Man Cosmos Thinking (Worldly Thinking) [‘me’ thinking].

6. Angel of Lord asks Hagar two factual questions to get her back into objective reality thinking to teach her the Word of God (Gen.16:8)

7. Angel of Lord gave her 2 reality life commands (Gen.16:9)

- a. Return and submit to Sarah's authority (position not person) [Egyptian servant of Pharaoh] (Gen.12:16). She can correct her thinking.

8. Angel of Lord gave Hagar a prophetic word regarding the descendants of Ishmael by the expression.

- a. He will be a "wild donkey of a man" (pere adam) (Job.5:24; Hos.8:9; Gen.25:18)
- b. His descendents would be anti-establishment, violent, and defiance towards Israelites (Gen.16:12).

9. Hagar makes a declaration of her salvation by giving a name to the Angel of Lord (El-Roi)

- a. Mighty God of Revelation (Gen.16:13; Rom.10:17-18; Acts 4:12; John 1:47-51) [Omniscience].

10. Historical footnote is given in Gen.16:14

- a. The well was called Beer-lahoi-roi
- b. The well of the Living One who sees or the well of the Vision of Life.

Next week we will study the Arabian Covenant given to Hagar and its effect on our history.