



GENESIS Chapters 15–17: The Promise Of Isaac

Chapter 15

- 1 **“Do Not Be Afraid”** – First time in Bible
- 2-3 **“O Sovereign LORD”** - אֲדֹנָי *adonai*, “Adonai,”
- 4-5 **“the word of the Lord came”**; used more than 100 times
- 6 **“Believed”** - יָאֵן *aban* - “to lean your whole weight upon.” (Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23)
- 7-12 **Cutting a covenant** - (See Jer. 34:18-19.)
- 13-16 **“enslaved and mistreated four hundred years”** - Egyptian Captivity foretold.
- 17 **“smoking firepot with a blazing torch”** – Shekinah Glory – see Exodus 40:34-38
- 18-21 **from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates** – It all belongs to the Jews

Chapter 16

- 1-2 **Hagar** – Probably acquired in trip to Egypt. See Gen 12:10-20
- 3-4 **He slept with Hagar, and she conceived** – Taking matters in their own hands
- 5-6 **“You are responsible”** - Sarah blames Abraham

- 7-10 **“the angel of the LORD”** - אֱלֹהֵי יֵשׁוּעַ *Jesus Christ*
- 11 **Ishmael** - יִשְׁמָעֵאל - “God Hears”
- 12-15 **“wild donkey of a man”** – Arab nations
- “Beer Lahai Roi”** – בְּעַר לַחַי רֹאִי - “The well of One who lives and sees me.”

Chapter 17

- 1-2 **“I am God Almighty”** - אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי This is the Hebrew El Shaddai - “the all-powerful and all-sufficient God who can do anything and meet any need.”
- 3-4 **Abraham** – Father of many
- 6-14 **Circumcision** – The cutting away of the flesh - Romans 2:28-29
- 15-16 **Sarah** – Princess - Sarai means strife
- 17 **Abraham fell facedown; he laughed** – Not disbelief but joy