

**ABRAHAM PART VI:
THE HARD ROAD TO A MATURE FAITH**

I THE BIRTH OF ISHAMEL (GENESIS 16)

A. SARAI'S SUGGESTION

B. ABRAM'S MISTAKE (16:2B-4A)

II THE RESULTS OF A BAD DECISION: CONFLICT (4-6)

A. GOD'S INTERVENTION (7-12)

1. Hagar is instructed to go back home (8-9)

2. Hagar is given a word of comfort (10)

a. Ishamel = God hears

3. Hagar is given a prophetic word (11-12)

a. Wild man = hostile attitude

B. HAGAR'S REACTION (13)

1. El Roi = God sees

C. EPILOGUE (14-16)

**III THE PROMISE OF GOD MORE FULLY UNVEILED
(GENESIS 17)**

A. GOD IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS EL SHADDAI

1. An all powerful God can fulfill His promises

2. Abram is called to a life of total

3. Names are changed

4. Circumcision is given as the sign of the covenant