

ISHMAEL, HAGAR, PARAN & MECCA

Tract M23

Abraham's wife, Sarah, thought herself too advanced in age to bear a child, so she encouraged Abraham to have a child with her handmaiden Hagar, so that Abraham's name could be carried forward. But later on the Lord did bless Abraham and Sarah with a son.

Genesis 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Genesis 21:8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the [same] day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And **Sarah saw the son of Hagar** the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, **mocking**. 10 Wherefore **she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son**, [even] with **Isaac**. 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. 12 And **God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy**

sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; **in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called**. 13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he [is] thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave [it] unto Hagar, putting [it] on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and **she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba**. 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

It goes on to say Hagar went and sat about the distance of a bowshot away, so she didn't have to watch her son Ishmael die of thirst.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

Muslims have actually been taught that the "well of water" referenced in verse 19 above is the well of Zamzam in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. That would mean that between verse 14 when they were sent away, and 15 when their water ran out, Hagar and Ishmael would have had to have traveled across 1200 kilometers of - at that time - uninhabited, unexplored, uncharted desert, on a single skin of water, only to arrive at one of the harshest environments that even Arabia has to offer. In fact, all of the historians and geographers from several centuries B.C. and on into the Christian era, who wrote about the area where Mecca was eventually

built in the 4th century A.D., described the area as being "uninhabitable".

Please see tract M20 for more on that subject.

Here is a sample Islamic site on the matter:

"Abraham took Hagar and her son, Ishmael to a place near the Kabah; he left them under a tree at the site of Zamzam. No one lived in Makkah back then, yet Abraham made them sit there, leaving them with some dates, and a small water-skin. Thereafter he set out towards home."

So then apparently Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael walked across a 1200 kilometers of unknown desert, Abraham dropped them off under a tree in what eventually became Mecca, and then Abraham "set out" on his 1200 kilometer walk back home, the better part of a thousand years before the first caravan route was ever established along the Red Sea. Anything seem a bit peculiar about that picture?

Muslims are also taught that Ishmael was Abraham's only son at the time. Why would Abraham abandon his only son? Is Abraham supposed to have hung around Mecca until Ishmael got old enough to help him build the Kaaba? Or did he walk back "home" and then walk the 1200 kilometers back to Mecca? Did Sarah wander to Mecca so that she and Abraham could conceive their son Isaac? It's obvious how preposterously untenable the whole ridiculous story is, on so many levels, as created in Islam.

We know from scripture that Ishmael....

Genesis 21:21 And he **dwelt in the wilderness of Paran**: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

The wilderness of Paran is located at or near what is today the northwest Saudi Arabia - Jordan border, around the northern end of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Are we to believe that Hagar traveled back the 1000 kilometers through the desert from Mecca to Egypt, and then back again with Ishmael's wife, most of a thousand years before the first caravan route was ever established along the Red Sea? Of course that's not the case because the historical and scriptural evidence suggest that the 12 tribes that developed from Ishmael's sons inhabited the northern Sinai peninsula, the Wilderness of Paran and surrounding area.

We also know that Ishmael wasn't very far away because he was available to attend his father Abraham's burial near Hebron.

Genesis 25:9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which [is] before Mamre;

Amazingly, in order to resolve the preposterous suggestion that Abraham or Ishmael were ever at the place where Mecca was eventually built in the 4th century A.D. - 1200 kilometers from where Abraham actually lived - the most quoted 8th century Islamic "tradition" **creator** Ibn Ishak, originated the idea that Abraham commuted back and forth to visit Ishmael in Mecca, on the winged animal, or Baraq (Tarikh al-Tabari, I, page 165). He also invoked this

mythical animal to explain how Ishmael was able to attend Abraham's funeral, 1200 kilometers from Mecca.

In the Zoroastrian scriptures a fabled winged camel was used by their mythical prophet to travel to and from the place where their immortal ancestors were supposed to have dwelt. Mohammed also credited a similar creature for transporting him on an overnight journey, covering the 1200 kilometers to Jerusalem, then to heaven, and back to Mecca by morning. Please see the "Mohammed's Night Journey" tract M21 for more on that extremely important subject, in Islam. It is because of that fantastic trip that Muslims pray five times a day and perform ablution, or ritual washing, before doing so.

Bukhari, V 5, B 58, No 228:

Narrated Ibn 'Abbas:

The sights which Allah's Apostle was shown on the Night Journey when he was taken to...(i.e. Jerusalem) **were actual sights, (not dreams).**

Additionally, in order to make the claim that Mohammed was descended from Ishmael, Ibn Ishak, also designed a genealogy for him. This was done without a single reference to any historical documentation that preceded Mohammed. This is the same genealogy that Muslims ascribe to today. Not only did Ishaq assign what were modern Quraysh Arabic language names, to the characters he created in Mohammed's lineage, that were supposed to have lived thousands of years before, but he included only 40 generations between the two.

There are 2,670 years between

Ishmael and Mohammed. Suggesting only 40 generations would require over 66 years per generation!

However, according to many hadith writers, Mohammed himself prohibited any tracing of his genealogy past the 17th generation. This is one reason that Ibn-Ishak was considered by the Muslim scholars of his time as being guilty of forgery and fabricating false genealogies. **Everyone** should read "Islam: In Light of History" by Dr. Rafat Amari from which much of this historical information is derived.

The most important reason we also know that neither Abraham nor Ishmael visited Mecca, is because Mecca did not exist before immigrants from Yemen built it in the 4th century A.D., and built their Kaaba for Arabian Star Family worship in the early 5th century, of which their moon god stone idol Muslims still bow toward today. Please see tract M20 for more.

To our Muslim friends, will you to continue to reject the 1600 year record of God to mankind, that we can see from the above is a perfect geographical and historical fit, or will you continue to follow Mohammed's stand-alone, antichrist, 7th century religion, and the flying camels of Islam's 7th and 8th century fiction? Are rehashed fables and jinn worship really what you want to bet your eternal destiny on? Have you ever even read the Bible?

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