

# In the Beginning

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## *Studies in the Book of Genesis*

### WEEK TWENTY – LIFE OF ABRAHAM

#### **Genesis 25:1-6 – Keturah**

- v1 Abraham age 137 when Sarah died, lived to 175 = 38 years
- v1 Rabbinic trad. identifies Keturah as actually Hagar – no biblical support, contradicts plural use of “concubines”
- v2-4 Descendants
  - Zimran
  - Jokshan
  - Medan
  - Midian (Midianites of 37:28, Exodus 2-3 [Moses’ wife])
  - Ishbak
  - Shuah (Shuhite of Job 2:11 [Bildad])
- v5-6 While he lived he separated them and sent them off – avoiding disputes

#### **Genesis 25:7-11 – Death of Abraham**

- v8 “gathered to his people” – not physical, that would be Ur –but buried with Sarah, Sarah being the only entombed does not qualify people, if meant of the living, he scattered his descendants and was already with Isaac, etc. So, must not be his physical people, but spiritual. Phrase used to denote death also used of others - 10 times, gathered to fathers 2 times
  - 15:15, 25:8 Abraham
  - 25:17 Ishmael
  - 35:29 Isaac
  - 49:29 Jacob
  - Numbers 20:24 Aaron
  - Numbers 27:13 Moses
- v11 Beer-lahai-roi Where the angel appeared to Hagar (before Ishmael born)

#### **Genesis 25:12-18 – Descendants of Ishmael**

- v15 Tema (Temanite oh Job 4:1 [Eliphaz])
- v16 Ishmael also a father of nations, as Jacob and Esau (ch 36) will be
- v18 “in defiance of all his relatives” see 16:7-12 Why defiant – eldest passed over for inheritance and cast out, also devaluation of his mother, Hagar – not a wife

#### **Genesis 25:19-26 – Birth of Esau and Jacob** – Note Rachael barren 20 years (vs 20,26)

**Genesis 25:27-34 – Contrast between Esau and Jacob** – Note vs 27 “peaceful” literal = “perfect” and vs 29 and 30 “famished” literal = “weary”