Exodus 4:22-23

22 And you shall speak to Pharaoh, 'So says YAHWEH, "My son, My firstborn is Israel.

23 And I said to you, Send My son away, and let him serve Me; and you refused to send him. Behold, I am about to kill your son, your first-born!""

Moses and Aaron are just about to be sent to speak to Pharaoh. Elohim (God) is speaking to Moses as to what to say to him. Normally when Elohim (God) speaks of His firstborn; He is talking about Yahshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ), but here Elohim (God) is referring to Israel as His firstborn. And Elohim (God) is demanding that Pharaoh let them go so they can and serve Elohim (God). (James 1:18 It is YAHWEH who begot us from His own will, by the Word of truth, that we should be the first-fruits of His creatures.)

Exodus 4:24-26

24 And it happened on the way, in the lodging place, YAHWEH met Moses and sought to kill him.

25 And Zipporah took a stone and cut off her son's foreskin and caused it to touch Moses' feet. And she said, "You are a bridegroom of blood to me."

26 And YAHWEH pulled back from Moses. Then she said, "A bridegroom of blood, for the circumcision."

To understand what is going on we need to get some background information about the people involved. We know who Moses is; he was born in Egypt by a daughter of Levi. (Exodus 2:1-3). Moses married a woman named Zipporah, a daughter of Reuel also known as Jethro. But who is Reuel?

We will back up even farther and work our way forward. We'll back up to Abraham before his name was changed to Abraham while he was still Abram.

Elohim (God) called Abram out from Ur of the land of the Chaldeans and told him to go to a land that He shall give to him and Abram went, not knowing where he was going, he was just following the directions of Elohim (God). Abram was told by Elohim (God) that He would make him a great nation. Abram married a woman named Sarai. Time went on and Sarai did not have any children for she was barren. Not knowing how Abram could possibly be the father of a great nation if he had no children Sarai came up with a plan.

Genesis 16:1-3

- 1 Sarai, Abrams wife, did not bear to him; and to Sarai belonged a female slave, an Egyptian, and her name was Hagar.
- 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "See, now, YAHWEH has kept me from bearing; go in now to my maid-servant; perhaps I may be built up from her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
- 3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took her slave-girl, Hagar, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan.

Listen everyone, it may look at times to us like Elohim (God) needs help in carrying out His plan, but He really doesn't. Elohim (God) is more than capable in carrying out His plan in His own time, we tend to be impatient and think Elohim (God) needs our help, but, many times when we try to help Elohim (God), especially when we are not yet saved; Abram and Sarai have not yet received their new names.

Abram went into Sarai's servant and she conceived, but it made Sarai angry and she ran her servant away, Elohim (God) found Hagar and told her to return and gave Hagar a promise as well. Genesis 16:10-11

10 And the Messenger of YAHWEH said to Hagar, "I will exceedingly multiply your seed, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

11 And the Messenger of YAHWEH said to her, "Behold! You are with child and shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because YAHWEH has listened to your affliction.

Ishmael was not the one Elohim (God) had planned for making the descendants of Abram a great nation. There is one thing I want to submit at this time, we make a lot of decisions in life, they are not all good decisions, but we must live with the consciences of our decisions, whether good or bad, some of the decisions we make we may not think is a big deal, but they could affect people for generations upon generations as we'll see toward the end of our study.

Thirteen years later Elohim (God) made the covenant of circumcision with Abram and changed Abram's name to Abraham, Elohim (God) also changed the name of Sarai to Sarah. In the name change Elohim (God) added to both their names a letter in Hebrew called a Hey \overline{a} it makes a sound like the letter "h" the Hebrew letter Hey means "Elohim's (God's) divine promise" and it was added to their names and the divine promise Elohim (God) was given to them. You don't see it as much in English but in Hebrew it is clear this is the Hebrew name Abram \underline{A} it reads right to left as \underline{A} \underline{A} \underline{A} \underline{A} it is spelled in English letters \underline{A} \underline{A}

Elohim (God) made a sign of the promise He was making with them; the sign of circumcision. After the birth of a male child he was to be circumcised on the eighth day as a symbol of the promise Elohim (God) was making to Abraham. This circumcision was a sign of the true circumcision which is sin cut from around the heart by the Savior Yahshua (Jesus).

Genesis 17:11-12

- 11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.
- 12 And a son of eight days shall be circumcised among you, every male in your generation, he that is born in the house, or bought with silver from any son of a foreigner who *is* not of your seed.

Deuteronomy 30:6

6 And YAHWEH your Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

Genesis 17:14

14 "And an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

Ishmael was not a part of this promise of circumcision, although, because Ishmael himself was a son from Abraham he himself was circumcised in the flesh, but not of the sin of the heart.

Along with the sons and daughters of Ishmael he had a daughter which was Basemath.

After the name change of Abraham and Sarah they had a son together named Isaac, Abraham's only son by Sarah and the one Elohim (God) intended to carry His promise out with. Isaac their son married Rebekah and although she was barren she eventually had a set of twins. These twins struggled within Rebekah and after prayer Rebekah was told.

Genesis 25:23

23 And YAHWEH said to her, "Two nations *are* in your womb; even two peoples shall break from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

The two children they had were Esau and Jacob and it was through Jacob Elohim (God) planned to carry the promise through although Esau was the firstborn, but because Esau got passed over he was angry about it. Isaac told Jacob not to take a wife from the people of Canaan, but to go to Laban the brother of Rebekah to find a wife so when Esau saw that it displeased Isaac to get a wife from the people in Canaan that is where he went for a wife and he found Ishmael. Genesis 28:8-9

8 And when Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the eyes of his father Isaac, 9 then Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, Nebajoth's sister. To his wives he *added her* for his wife.

Genesis 36:2-4

2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau. And Basemath bore Reuel.

I put both passages above from Genesis, if you notice in Genesis 28:9 and 36:3, they are very identical Esau got a wife from Ishmael both women were the daughter of Ishmael and the sister of Nebajoth, however in Genesis 28:9 the woman's name is Mahalath and in Genesis 36:3 the woman's name is Basemath. I am not positive enough to say they are the same person, but it appears they could be.

The Reuel born to Esau by his wife Basemath is the same Reuel who gave Moses his daughter Zipporah for a wife, so we see that Moses' wife came down through the line of Ishmael and Esau, two people who were not a part of the covenant believers. I know this took a little bit of time, but I wanted to show from the Bible who these people are.

The problem with Moses is his wife is not a covenant believer. As a result, Moses did not follow the covenant of circumcision. This is often the problem when Christians marry non-Christians, the devotion to Elohim (God) often becomes lax and it effects the family especially after they have children.

Elohim (God) met Moses and was ready to kill him. Because how can someone who neglects the Word of Elohim (God) be the deliverer of the people of Elohim (God). Moses' wife circumcised their son and threw the bloody skin at Moses' feet saying he was a bridegroom of blood to her. Exodus 4:25-26

25 And Zipporah took a stone and cut off her son's foreskin and caused *it* to touch his feet. And she said, "You *are* a bridegroom of blood to me."

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As I said earlier in the study: decisions we make could affect people for generations upon generations as we'll see toward the end of our study. We'll take a deviation from our study and look at that now, some of the things will be repeating. While we were looking at Ishmael, before his birth there was a conflict between Sarai and her bondmaid Hagar.

Ishmael is born from an Egyptian Mother.

Genesis 16:1-3

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Hagar bore Ishmael and it was from Ishmael where the religion of Islam came, and Islam is against all who are not Islam. Not only is there conflict between Israel and Islam today, but the conflict goes farther than the nation Israel, it extends even more to the spiritual Israel. If you are a part of Islam and convert to Christianity, you are hunted down and killed even by your own family. But, the conflict also, goes farther than Israel and Christianity, it extends to everyone who is not a part of Islam. And by the way, if there is anyone who wonders if Elohim (God) is real, look at what He says about the offspring of Ishmael before Ishmael was even born in (verse 12).

Genesis 16:6-12

6 But Abram said to Sarai, "See, your slave girl is in your hand. Do to her what is good in your eyes." And Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her face.

7 And the Messenger of YAHWEH found her by a well of water in the wilderness; by the well in the way of Shur.

8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's slave-girl, where did you come from? And where do you go?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the face of my mistress, Sarai."

9 And the Messenger of YAHWEH said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hand."

10 And the Messenger of YAHWEH said to her, "I will exceedingly multiply your seed, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

11 And the Messenger of YAHWEH said to her, "Behold! You are with child and shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because YAHWEH has listened to your affliction.

12 And he shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against all, and the hand of everyone against him; and he shall live before all his brothers."

Notice again in (verse 12) the part I have underlined. The main Hebrew word here is T_{_} yad said as *yawd* which means strength or power in repetition through time.

Kind of makes one wonder what the one world government will be. You won't be able to do anything if you are not a part of them. It can't happen here you think? Open your eyes, look what's already starting to happen in Europe. Hmmm, how many did we let in our country under Obama? Oh yes, they were vetted, but vetted for what?

Look at how many generation the decision of Sarai and Abram to help Elohim (God) affected. Not only their decision, but Ishmael and his people were in the land of Canaan, after Israel was freed from Egypt Elohim (God) told them when they go into Canaan to kill everyone and they didn't do it.

I know, I say don't look at the Bible then look at the world, although The Messiah did allow certain times for it such as the end in Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:32-33

32 But learn the parable of the fig tree when its branch becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near;

33 so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near at the doors.

Islam says they can trace their heritage back to Abraham, this is how. They are a wild bunch of people, their hand is against all, and the hand of everyone against them. (Genesis 16:12) And remember the last war will be a religious war.

As far as Islam goes the name Islam does not appear in the Bible but, through history we know that through the line of Ishmael was Islam started, they are Arabic and it says of them in (Genesis 16:12) he will be against all, that is all the people of the world who are not a part of him and everyone will be against him, that is everyone who is not a part of them so it doesn't give the name Islam but it does describe the characteristics

Hopefully it won't be in my lifetime, but I think it has already started, but, I'm ready! Are you? And, I did tell you we were taking a deviation.

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