

## Discussion 16

# Two Nations, Ismael and Isaac

(Three Channels - or Columns, Houses)

*Primary Content (From 1 Sefer Moses, the Book of Beginnings):*

- Chapter 30 - Two Nations
- Chapter 37 - Ishmael

*Additional Reading (Comparison Texts):*

- Genesis 21, 25 from the Inspired Version of the Bible

*Objectives:*

- Explore the relationships of Abraham's sons and their posterity

*Kabbalistic Concepts:*

- Three Channels (or Columns, or Houses)

*Reading:*

Chapter 30 - Two Nations			
1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass that YHVH visited Sarah as He had said, and that YHVH did bless Sarah even as he had spoken by the mouth of Melchizedek and the malakim;</p> <p>2. And Sarah did conceive from Abraham and did bare a son at the set time of which the malakim of Elohim had spoken to them.</p> <p>3. And Abraham and Sarah called the name of their son Isaac; and Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, he being eight days old;</p>	<p>21:1 And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken by the mouth of his angels; for Sarah conceived and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which the angels of God had spoken to him.</p> <p>21:2 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare unto him, Isaac.</p> <p>21:3 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, he being eight days old, as God had commanded him.</p>	<p>21:1. And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken.</p> <p>21:2. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.</p> <p>21:3. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.</p> <p>21:4. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.</p>	
<p>4. And Abraham blessed his son, and Sarah did begin to teach him of the covenant,</p>	<p>21:4 And Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto</p>	<p>21:5. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto</p>	

<p>even as they had covenanted with Elohim that they should do.</p> <p>5. And Abraham and Sarah did obtain together the one hundredth degree when their son Isaac was born unto them.</p> <p>6. And Sarah said: Elohim has made me to rejoice; and also all that know me will rejoice with me.</p> <p>7. And she said unto Abraham: Who would have said that Sarah should have given thy children suck but YHVH? For I was barren unto thee, but YHVH promised, and I have borne a son.</p>	<p>him.</p> <p>21:5 And Sarah said, God has made me to rejoice; and also all that know me will rejoice with me.</p> <p>21:6 And she said unto Abraham, Who would have said that Sarah should have given children suck? For I was barren, but the Lord promised, and I have borne unto Abraham a son in his old age.</p>	<p>him.</p> <p>21:6. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.</p> <p>21:7. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.</p>	
<p>8. ¶ And it came to pass that the child grew and was weaned;</p> <p>9. And in that day that Isaac was weaned, Abraham made a great feast; and Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, which Hagar had borne unto Abraham, cruelly scorning him to show unto him his dominance; and Sarah was troubled;</p> <p>10. Wherefore, she said unto Abraham: Cast out this Egyptian woman and her son; for YHVH Elohim has said that the son of this woman shall not be heir with my son, Isaac, and yet there he is making to mock him in cruelty.</p> <p>11. And this thing was very grievous unto Abraham because of his sons, for he feared that Ishmael should do harm unto Isaac.</p>	<p>21:7 And the child grew and was weaned. And the day that Isaac was weaned, Abraham made a great feast; and Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, which Hagar had borne unto Abraham, mocking; and she was troubled.</p> <p>21:8 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, Isaac.</p> <p>21:9 And this thing was very grievous unto Abraham because of his son.</p> <p>21:10 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 has said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.</p>	<p>21:8. And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.</p> <p>21:9. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.</p> <p>21:10. 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.</p> <p>21:11. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.</p> <p>21:12. 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</p>	

<p>12. And The Voice said unto Abraham: Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of thy son and because of thy wife, Hagar; in all that Sarah has said unto thee, hearken unto her voice, for in Isaac shall thy seed be called;</p>		<p>seed be called.</p>	
<p>13. But fear not for Ishmael, for the son of Hagar will I make a nation also for he is thy seed,</p> <p>14. And the day shall surely come when they too shall partake of their inheritance because of the seed of thy son with Sarah, even Isaac.</p> <p>15. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave unto Hagar; and she took the child, and he sent her away; and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.</p> <p>16. And it came to pass that the water was spent in the bottle; and she cast Ishmael under one of the shrubs, and she went and sat herself down over against the child, a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said: Let me not see the death of my child.</p> <p>17. And as she sat over away from her son, she lifted up her voice, and wept.</p>	<p>21:11 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation because he is thy seed.</p> <p>21:12 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave unto Hagar; and she took the child, and he sent her away; and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.</p> <p>21:13 And it came to pass that the water was spent in the bottle; and she cast the child under one of the shrubs, and she went and sat her down over against the child, a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said, Let me not see the death of the child.</p> <p>21:14 And she sat over against the child, and lifted up her voice, and wept.</p>	<p>21:13. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.</p> <p>21:14. 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.</p> <p>21:15. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.</p> <p>21:16. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.</p>	
<p>18. And Elohim heard her cries; and the angel of YHVH called to Hagar out of heaven and said unto her: What troubles thee, Hagar?</p> <p>19. Fear not, for Elohim hath heard the voice of</p>	<p>21:15 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of the Lord called to Hagar out of heaven and said unto her,</p> <p>21:16 What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not, for God</p>	<p>21:17. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.</p>	

<p>Ishmael where he lieth.</p> <p>20. Arise, therefore, and lift him up, and hold him in thine hand; for Allah will make of him a great nation.</p>	<p>hath heard the voice of the lad where he lieth. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand, for I will make of him a great nation.</p>	<p>21:18. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.</p>	
<p>21. And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave her son to drink.</p> <p>22. And Elohim was with Ismael; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, becoming an archer;</p> <p>23. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran, he and his mother, and he took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.</p>	<p>21:17 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.</p> <p>21:18 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer; and he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran, he and his mother.</p> <p>21:19 And he took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.</p>	<p>21:19. 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.</p> <p>21:20. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.</p> <p>21:21. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.</p>	

## Chapter 37 - Ishmael

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<p>1. Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian bore unto Abraham; and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth, and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, and Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.</p> <p>2. And these are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names by their towns and by their strongholds, twelve princes, according to their tribes.</p>	<p>25:12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham;</p> <p>25:13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth, and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,</p> <p>25:14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,</p> <p>25:15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.</p> <p>25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names by their towns and by their castles--twelve princes according to their nations.</p>	<p>25:12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:</p> <p>25:13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,</p> <p>25:14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,</p> <p>25:15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:</p> <p>25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.</p>	
<p>3. ¶ And Ishmael lived a full life, and in his old age he gave up his last breath and died, yet before he did die, Ishmael was visited by his brother, Isaac;</p> <p>4. And the mouth of Isaac was opened to speak the words of YHVH Elohim, saying: A blessing I place upon thee and thy seed that shall come after thee.</p>			
<p>5. The day shall come at the last when men and women everywhere will hear of wars and rumors of wars;</p> <p>6. And nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, for mankind shall have become a blight upon the earth bringing forth earthquakes, plagues, and it shall be as though the <b>very stars shall divert from their courses.</b></p>			<p>Have the stars moved from their courses?</p> <p>Is that a metaphor? If so ... what could it possibly be about?</p> <p>If not, what would have to happen for it to be literal?</p>
<p>7. And in that day shall <b>three of the sons of Hagar</b> go forth in righteousness unto the people of Ishmael; and these</p>			<p>Have these 3 sons come yet? Are they still in the</p>

<p>three will come down out of the land in swiftmess;</p> <p>8. For the people of Ishmael shall be a people of submission, yet each shall fall in opposition and in defiance of their brethren.</p>		<p>future?</p>
<p>9. For YHVH Elohim shall send them a prophet, the <b>Tzadik Yachad</b> of that generation, to teach them the submission of YHVH,</p> <p>10. And there shall be infinite and innumerable multitudes that shall bow to him—yet the Son of Man they shall know not, not at the first.</p> <p>11. And in many places, yea even diverse places, and in all nations shall the sons of Ishmael deny the Yachad Yachid Echad, and yet the holy gifts will follow them; and every sacrifice will be acceptable to YHVH in their arrogance.</p>		<p>Is the Tzadik Yachad in “that” generation Mohammed? Is he (the righteous messenger) one of three? Is he of their generation? Or what generation are they talking about?</p>
<p>12. And the sons of Ishmael will cry out with a great voice, boasting and saying: Where art thy Elohim?</p> <p>13. And they shall roar as lions against the children of Isaac, though they shall too be the blood of Abraham.</p>		<p>What is this prophecy referring to (the one in v 12/13)</p>
<p>14. And YHVH will extend His hand toward the children of Ishmael as a great sound from heaven, and by the voice of an angel from the heavens;</p> <p>15. And then shall YHVH raise up His head and set his fury against the sons of Ishmael.</p>		<p>Is this still in the future?</p>
<p>16. And it shall come to pass that YHVH shall gather two young men of the sons of Ishmael and He will raise them up as fire burning the field of dry reeds, being burnt up; and they shall be preserved by the mercy of YHVH.</p> <p>17. And from fire, which shall be the judgement of YHVH, in the nation of Ishmael, will remain only three houses:</p>		<p>Has this happened?</p>
<p>18. And in the first house shall the sons of Ishmael serve the sword and dwell in captivity, and will desire to see their father, Ishmael and will not find him.</p>		<p>This feels like the left column of the tree of life</p>
<p>19. And in the second house there will be many altars built up and found acceptable to YHVH Elohim in all the civilized world;</p> <p>20. And unto them shall be given that all the mountains will be inhabited; and the bread and the wine and the olive oil and the gold and the silver will increase in them over all the earth;</p> <p>21. And it shall come to pass that these shall throw away their weapons of war, that they might till the soil and to</p>		<p>This feels like the right column of the tree of life</p>

<p>spill blood never again;</p> <p>22. And men shall come from all the ends of the earth to make war with these, the second house of Ishmael, but war shall not find them.</p>		
<p>23. And in the third house shall the walls be torn down, and the doors shall be opened, and they shall see a great scepter arise from the children of Isaac and all they that have been dispersed shall be gathered together;</p>		<p>This feels like a description of the center column</p>
<p>24. And all the children of Abraham shall be gathered together and they will come to Yachad Yachid Echad, their King, and then shall the Son of Man rule in all the earth.</p> <p>25. And then shall the time come that there will be an abundance of grain, and wine, and olive oil shall overflow their vessels, as none have seen since the foundation of the world.</p> <p>26. And the seed of the tree that YHVH has planted upon all the earth will be complete, and the land will be fruitful and will produce her fruits a hundredfold.</p>		<p>This feels like a description of the entire tree.</p> <p>This also seems to go against the common belief that the nations that combine against Israel will be the Muslim nations, and that God will wipe out all of the armies of all those nations surrounding modern day Israel.</p>
<p>27. ¶ And upon hearing these words Ishmael was offended, thinking his younger brother should steal his birthright even unto the end of days;</p>		
<p>28. Yet to Hagar came the judgment of the covenant through her husband, Abraham, and through Sarah the mercy, as she was blessed of Melchizedek.</p>		<p>This appears to draw the columns of the tree of life again, with Abraham as the center column and Hagar the left column and Sarah the right.</p>
<p>29. ¶ And it came to pass that Ismael died in the presence of all his brethren, and YHVH Elohim took him into <b>His mercy</b>; yea, and he was <b>taken up</b> unto his people.</p>	<p>25:17 And these are the number of the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty and seven years; and he gave up <b>the ghost</b>, and died, and was <b>gathered</b> unto his people.</p> <p>25:18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria; and he died in the presence of all his brethren.</p>	<p>25:17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.</p> <p>25:18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.</p>

*Engage:*

## Engage the Concepts through Comparison

Compare the three houses described in Chapter 37 verses 18-26. The first two seem to be a balance to each other, and might be better understood by comparison. The third house seems to be more than just a “happy medium” or a “balance” between the two. It seems to be the union of everything desirable from either. Do you agree with that assessment? Is there more to it than that?

## Engage the Spirit through Contemplation

In verse 28, we see a quick re-introduction of the idea of there being three houses. The children of Sarah are characterized as mercy, the children of Harar are characterized as justice or strength, and then the children of Abraham as a union of it all.

Then, in verse 29, we have this curious statement that Ishmael, the son through whom the lineage of justice flows, in the end being taken up to YHVH in mercy.

## Engage the Group through Discussion

When you meet together as a group to discuss the content of these chapters, here are some ideas to help get the discussion going:

- Chapter 37 presents a very significant new prophecy about the sons of Hagar in the last days. It shifts the restoration of children of Israel up a few generations so that it's the seed of Abraham that are all pulled back into the fold of the Good Shepherd. Not just the prophecy that Islam will join the fold, but the events surrounding the unfolding of that prophecy. What are your thoughts on all of that? Do we see that happening? Does it look like something that couldn't possibly happen? How do stars change course?