

Table 3. Parallels between Hagar and Abraham⁷²

The Messenger of the LORD Speaks Promises to Hagar (Gen 16:9, 10, 11-12)	The Messenger of the LORD Speaks Promises to Abraham (Gen 22:11-12, 15-18)
Each promise is introduced with the phrase "And the messenger of the LORD said" (<i>vayyō 'mēr . . . mal'akh YHWH</i>)	Each promise is introduced with the phrase "And the messenger of the LORD called" (<i>vayyiqrā' . . . mal'akh YHWH</i>)
Promise of multiplied seed to Hagar (Gen 16:10)	Promise of multiplied seed to Abraham (Gen 22:17)
"I will surely multiply your seed (<i>harbāh 'arbeh 'et-zar 'ēkh</i>) so that it cannot be counted because it is so many."	Gen 22:17 (Abraham) "I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply your seed (<i>v'harbāh 'arbeh 'et-zar 'akhā</i>) like the stars of the heavens and the sands that are on the edge of the sea."
Prenatal Name Commanded for Ishmael (16:11)	Prenatal Name Commanded for Isaac (17:19)
And you [Hagar] will call his name (<i>v'qārā't š'mô</i>) Ishmael because the LORD has heard your affliction.	"And you [Abraham] will call his name (<i>v'qārā'tā 'et-š'mô</i>) Isaac"
Place Named after Hagar's Experience (Gen 16:14) (the name of the place has to do with seeing)	Abraham Names the Place after His Experience (Gen 22:14) (the name of the place has to do with seeing)

Table 3. (Continued)

Therefore the well was called Beer lachai roi [the well of the living one who sees] (<i>'al-kēn qārā' labbe 'ēr lachay rō 'i</i>)	And Abraham called the name of that place YHWH Yireh [the LORD will see to it] ⁷³ (<i>vayyiqrā' 'abrāhām šēm-hammāqôm hahū' YHWH yir 'eh</i>)
Hagar told not to fear (Gen 21:17)	Abram told not to fear (Gen 15:1)
"Do not be afraid!" (<i>'al-tîr 'i</i>)	"Do not be afraid" (<i>'al-tîrā 'i</i>)
Hagar commanded to lift up her boy (Ishmael) by the hand (Gen 21:18)	Abraham told not to send forth his hand against the boy (Isaac) (Gen 22:12)
"Get up, lift up the boy (<i>na'ar</i>) and take hold of his hand (<i>yad</i>) in yours . . ."	"Do not send forth your hand (<i>yad</i>) against the boy (<i>na'ar</i>)!"
God promises Abram and Hagar that Ishmael will be established as a great nation (17:20; 21:13, 18)	God promises Abraham that he and Sarah will be parents of nations. (Gen 17:5, 6, 16)
17:20 (to Abram) "And I will establish him for a great nation" (<i>ûn'tattiv f'gôy gādôl</i>)	17:5 (to Abram) "For a father of a throng of nations (<i>h'môn gôyim</i>) I will establish you (<i>n'tattikhā</i>)."
21:13 (to Abram) "But I will also establish (<i>'sîmennû</i>) the son of the slave woman for a nation (<i>f'gôy</i>) because he is your seed."	17:6 (to Abram) "And I will establish you for nations" (<i>ûn'tattikhā f'gôyim</i>)
21:18 (to Hagar) "for I will establish him for a great nation." (<i>kî-f'gôy gādôl 'sîmennû</i>)	17:16 (to Abram) "And she [Sarah] will be for nations" (<i>f'gôyim</i>)
Hagar got Ishmael a wife (Gen 21:21)	Abraham commanded his slave to get Isaac a wife (Gen 24:1-67)
"And his mother took a wife from the land of Egypt for him."	See entire story.