

## Imagery/language of **sexuality** and **procreation** in Genesis 16-21

16.4	He went in to Hagar, and she conceived
16.10	The angel of YHWH also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude."
16.15	Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.
17.2	And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.
17.4-6	"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you."
17.11-14	[provisions of the covenant of circumcision]
17.17	Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"
17.19	God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac."
17.20	As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.
17.23-27	[narration of the circumcision of the males in Abraham's household]
18.1, 2	"the tent entrance" [vaginal/womb symbol]
18.12	Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown withered, and my husband is old, shall I have moisture?"
18.13	YHWH said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'"
19.1	"the gateway of Sodom" [parallel to the "tent entrance"]
19.30-36	[Lot's daughters get their father drunk and have sex with him on two consecutive nights]
20.2	Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." And King Abimelech of Gerar sent and took Sarah.
20.17-18	Then Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. For YHWH had closed fast all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.
21.2	Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.
21.4	And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.