

The **Big** Story Of The Bible

18: Abram's Boneheaded Move (Cont'd)

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

4 Different Players:

1. An _____ Slave.

* The angel of the Lord... said to her, "Hagar... where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied. The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority... I will give you more descendants than you can count." Genesis 16:7-10 (NLT)

* This is what the... God of Israel, says... "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NLT)

2. A _____ Housewife.

* Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. [Marry] my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her..." (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.) Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)

* The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. Galatians 4:22-23 (NLT)

* "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NLT)

3. A ----- Hero.

*** And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. Genesis 16:2 (NLT)**

*** Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree...
Genesis 3:17 (NLT)**

*** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

*** This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NLT)**

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