



SEEN
by God
MADE
in his image



HAGAR

The One Who was
Seen by God

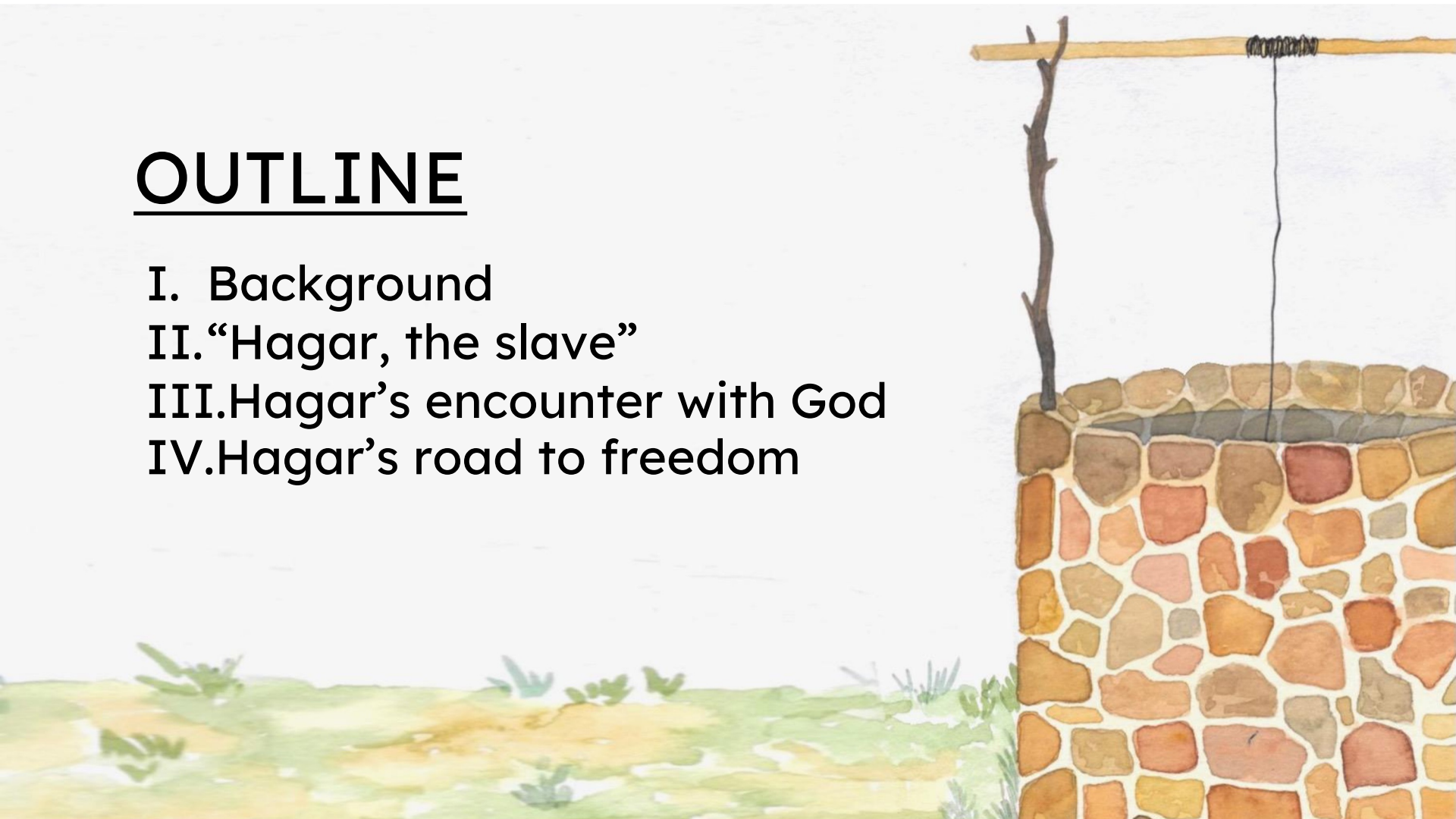
OUTLINE

I. Background

II. “Hagar, the slave”

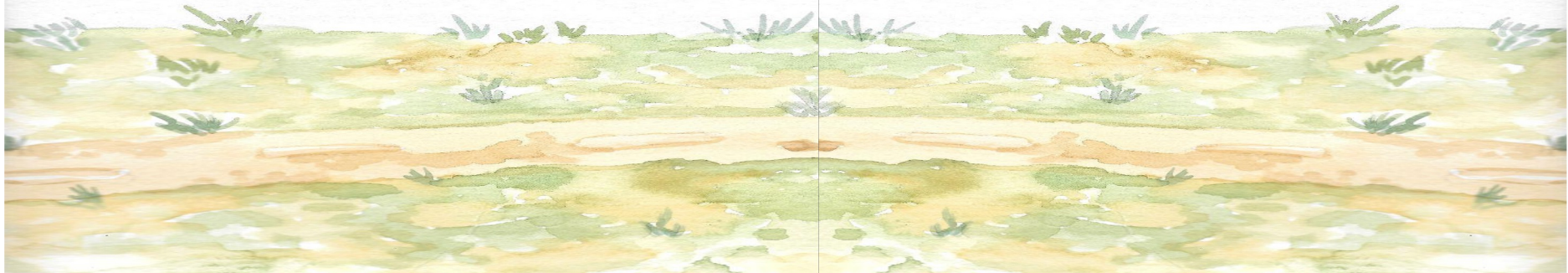
III. Hagar’s encounter with God

IV. Hagar’s road to freedom



HAGAR

- Only mentioned in Genesis 16, 21 and Galatians 4
- Important in Islamic traditions as mother of Ishmael and matriarch
- Was Egyptian and enslaved



“WAI’AMINUTE”

THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF HEBRON

HANDMAID:

Enslaved

Tended to and was property of wife

No relations with husband

CONCUBINE:

Could become secondary wife or could be enslaved

No dowry

Conjugal relationship with husband but lower social status

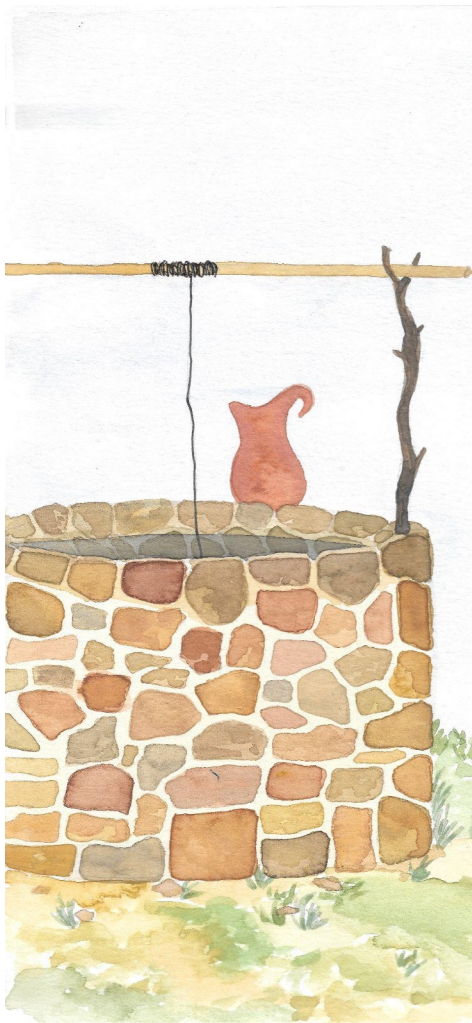
Children only inherit if father declares as heirs

WIFE:

Primarily protected legally

Could secure offspring through providing a surrogate





Laqipum took (in marriage) Hatala, the daughter of Enishru. In the country Laqipum shall not take (in marriage) another (woman), (but) in the city (of Ashshur) he may take (in marriage) a priestess. If within two years she has not procured offspring for him, only she may buy a maid-servant and even later on, after she procures somehow an infant for him, she may sell her wherever she pleases.

-Assyrian marriage contract



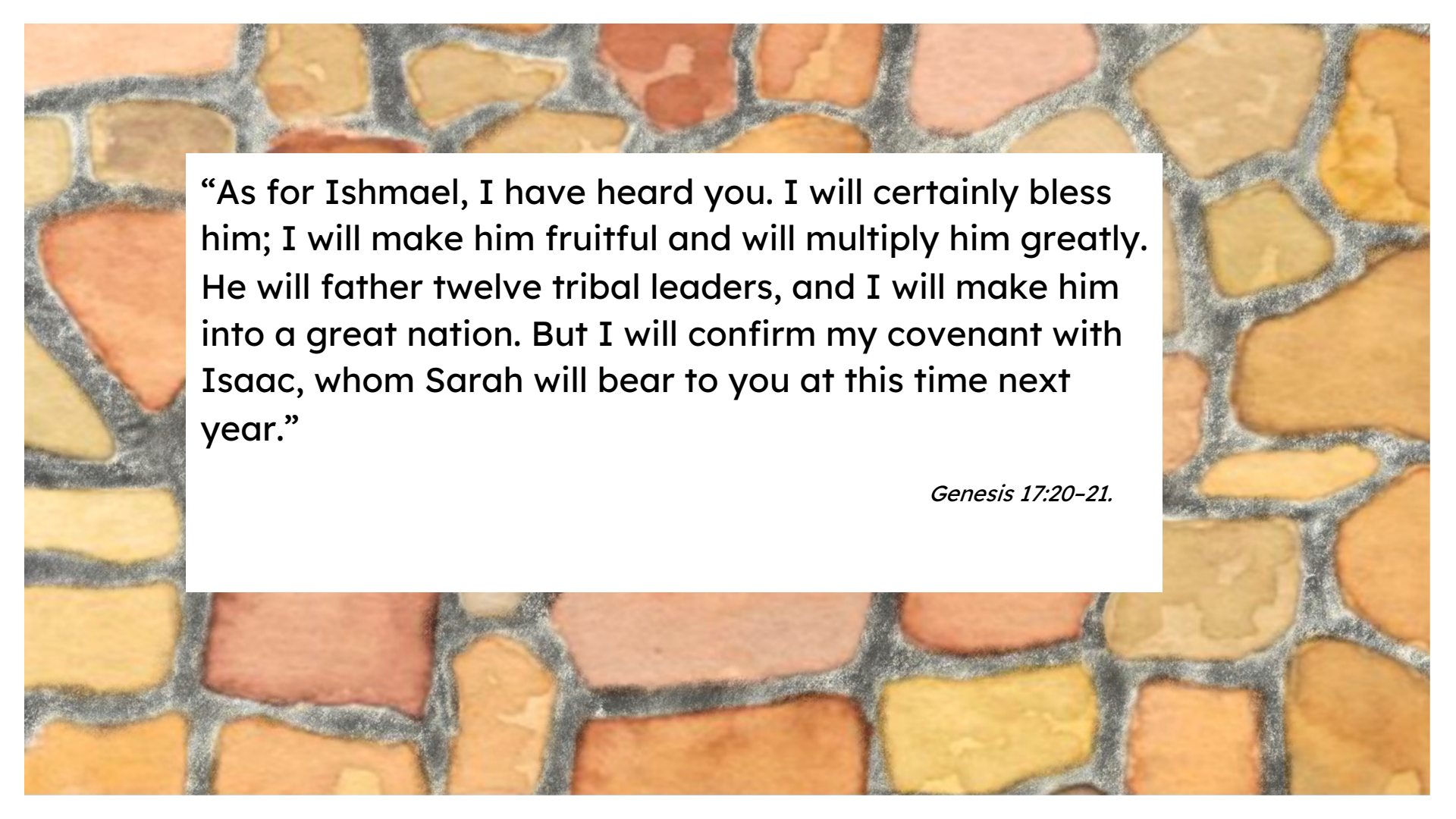
Who is the Angel of the Lord?

1. An angel with a special commission
1. Momentary descent of God into visibility
1. Jesus as a temporary preincarnation

(Short answer is we are not sure.)







“As for Ishmael, I have heard you. I will certainly bless him; I will make him fruitful and will multiply him greatly. He will father twelve tribal leaders, and I will make him into a great nation. But I will confirm my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year.”

Genesis 17:20-21.



What Hagar teaches us...

Our lack of faith and obedience creates consequences not just for us but others around us.

To imitate the Lord Jesus in seeing and loving the abused, afflicted and oppressed?

Even in our pain and affliction, God is faithful and constantly working for our good.