



SESSION 5: HAGAR AND BIBLICAL FAMILY VALUES

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this session is to help participants understand how shared narratives influence and shape the unique identities and traditions of the Abrahamic faiths.

To achieve this goal, the session will focus on the following objectives:

1. Participants learn the role Hagar and Ishmael play in the Islamic faith and identity.
2. Participants learn about the prominence of women in the “patriarchal” Abrahamic faiths.
3. Participants learn about the expansive biblical family dynamic and how it differs from the modern model of a “normal” family based on the nuclear family unit.

ACTIVITIES

Discussion

- ❖ Review and discuss the NOS chapter, “The Matriarch.”
- ❖ Review and discuss the story of Hagar/Hajar and Ishmael/Ismail.
 - Genesis 16:1-16, Hagar Conceives a Son to Abraham
 - Genesis 21:9-21, Hagar and Ishmael in the Wilderness
- ❖ Review the four document theory described Ch. 7, “Archer’s Jihad,” pp. 82-85.
- ❖ If time allows, review NOS Ch. 7, “Archer’s Jihad,” pp. 86-93.
 - Discuss the story as a parable

MATERIALS

- ❖ Handout:
 - Wikipedia: Ibrahim (Abraham) and Hajar (Hagar)
 - Wikipedia: Hajar (Hagar)
 - Wikipedia: Ismail (Ishmael)

READINGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT SESSION

For next session, participant should read the following:

1. NOS: Ch. 8, “The Hajj of Life,” pp.94-103



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- a. Optional: NOS Ch. 9, "The Covenant," pp.104-111
2. Qur'an: Surah 7:80-84 & Surah 11:69-83
3. Bible: Genesis 19:1-38