

**Galatians 4:24~** These things stand as a symbolic drama,<sup>1</sup> for these women mean two covenants, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar.

**Footnote:** Or, as an allegory Greek, *al·le·go·rou'me·na*; Latin, *per al·le·go'ri·am*

**1·** Now Paul gets to the point of his discussion, which is, that these two women, who are the wives of faithful Abraham, mean or symbolically represent, two covenants between God and his people.

**[Question]** What did these two women represent spiritually?

**[Question]** What two covenants coming after this, were ever entered into by God toward his people?

**2·** The first one from Mount Sinai brings forth children who are in slavery, and this Hagar represents this covenant, or marriage arrangement with God, which brings forth his earthly seed, the Greater Ishmael, the nation of fleshly Israel, who are all under slavery to sin and therefore death.

**[Question]** Which covenant does Hagar represent, and what nation comes forth through this covenant?

**[Question]** What are all the children born under this covenant under, because they are born in the way of flesh?

**3·** Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived. (**1 Corinthians 10:11**)

**[Question]** Why were all of these symbolic drams written down for us today?

**4·** For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place would have been sought for a second. (**Hebrews 8:7**)

**[Question]** What would never have come forth, if that first covenant had been faultless?

**5·** At this Moses said to Yehowah; The people are not able to come up to **Mount Sinai**, because you yourself already warned us, saying; Set bounds for the mountain and make it sacred. (**Exodus 19:23**)

**[Question]** What were the people screened off from, when Yehowah gave the covenant to the Greater Hagar, the Israelite nation?

- 6· Later on **Hagar** bore to Abram a son and Abram called the name of his son whom **Hagar** bore Ishmael. (**Genesis 16:15**)

**[Question]** Which child came forth from the marriage of Abraham to Hagar?

- 7· And this is the history of Ishmael the son of Abraham whom **Hagar** the Egyptian the maidservant of Sarah bore to Abraham. (**Genesis 25:12**)

**[Question]** Who was Hagar's son, and in what manner was he born?

- 8· And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. (**Exodus 19:5**)

**[Question]** What did Yehowah God say, that the Israelites would become, if they strictly listened to his voice?

- 9· When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that Yehowah had concluded with you, and I kept dwelling in the mountain forty days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water. (**Deuteronomy 9:9**)

**[Question]** Who alone was allowed to enter into the mountain of God in his direct presence, when the first covenant was given?