

~BEER-LAHAI-ROI (76)

(Be'er-la'hai-roi) [Well of the Living One Who Sees Me]

- Hagar, Sarai's Egyptian maidservant, when fleeing from her mistress wrath followed the way to Shur, leading through the Negeb down to Egypt. Reaching a certain fountain **Hebrew**, 'a'yin, however, she was reassured by an angel, instructed to return to her mistress, and told of the birth and future of Ishmael, whose name means - **God Hears, Listens**. Therefore, the well there was called **Beer-lahai-roi**, Hagar saying of Yehowah; **You are a God of sight**.
- Later Yehowah's angel found her at a fountain of waters in the wilderness, at the fountain on the way to Shur. (**Genesis 16:7**)
- And he began to say; Hagar, maidservant of Sarai, just where have you come from and where are you going? To this she said, Why, from Sarai my mistress I am running away. (**Genesis 16:8**)
- And Yehowah's angel went on to say to her: Return to your mistress and humble yourself under her hand. (**Genesis 16:9**)
- Then Yehowah's angel said to her; I shall greatly multiply your seed, so that it will not be numbered for multitude. (**Genesis 16:10**)
- Further Yehowah's angel added to her; Here you are pregnant, and you shall give birth to a son and must call his name Ishmael. For Yehowah has heard your affliction. (**Genesis 16:11**)
- As for him, he will become a zebra of a man. His hand will be against everyone, and the hand of everyone will be against him, and before the face of all his brothers he will tabernacle. (**Genesis 16:12**)
- Then she began to call the name of Yehowah, who was speaking to her; **You are a God of sight**, for she said; Have I here actually looked upon him who sees me? (**Genesis 16:13**)
- That is why the well was called **Beerlahairoi**. Here it is between Kadesh and Bered. (**Genesis 16:14**)

- Later, Isaac was coming from the way that goes to **Beer-lahai-roi** in the Negeb when he caught sight of the camel caravan bringing his future bride, Rebekah.
- Now Isaac had come from the way that goes to **Beerlahairoi**, for he was dwelling in the land of the Negeb. (**Genesis 24:62**)
- And Isaac was out walking in order to meditate in the field at about the falling of evening. When he raised his eyes and looked, why, there camels were coming! (**Genesis 24:63**)
- Following Abraham's death, Isaac resided close by **Beer-lahai-roi**.
- And it developed that after Abraham's death God continued to bless Isaac his son, and Isaac was dwelling close by **Beerlahairoi**. (**Genesis 25:11**)
- **Beer-lahai-roi** is stated to have been **between Kadesh and Bered**.
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- A Bedouin tradition places it at **`Ain Muweilih**, about 19 kilometers (12 miles) Northwest of **`Ain Qedeis**, the probable site of Kadesh-barnea. But the absence of any clear identification of **Bered** leaves the identification uncertain.