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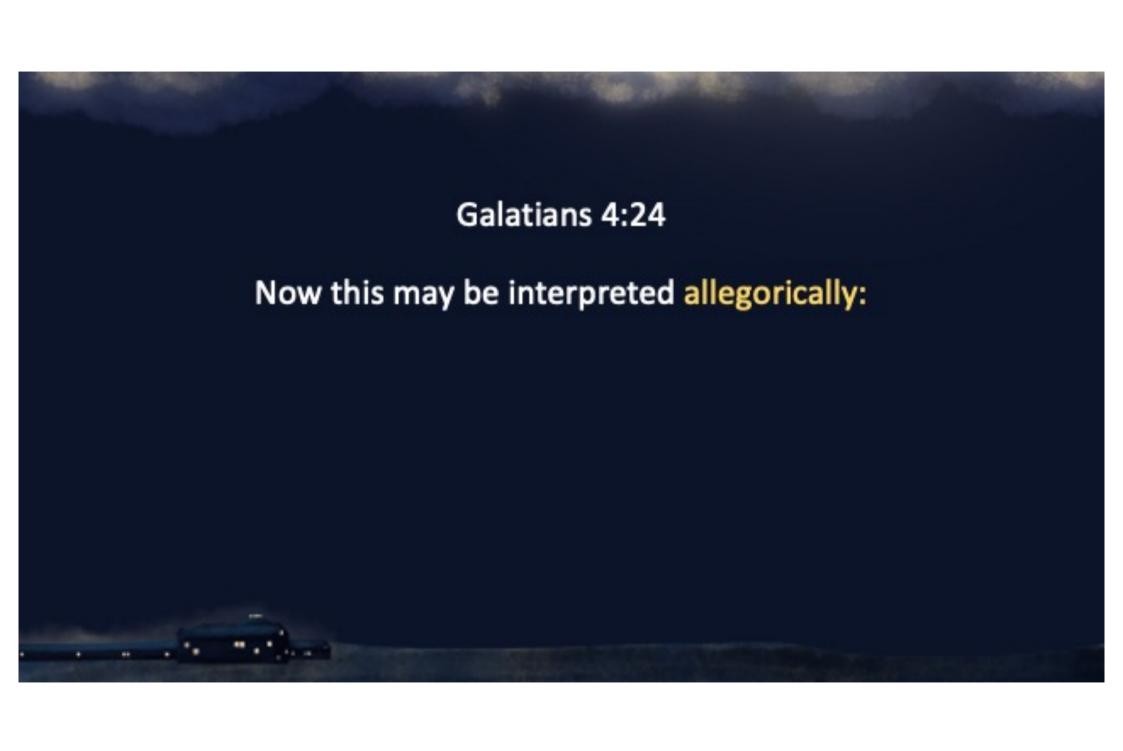


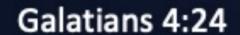


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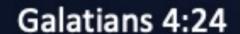
Allegory
Using a character / event/ place to represent a meaning





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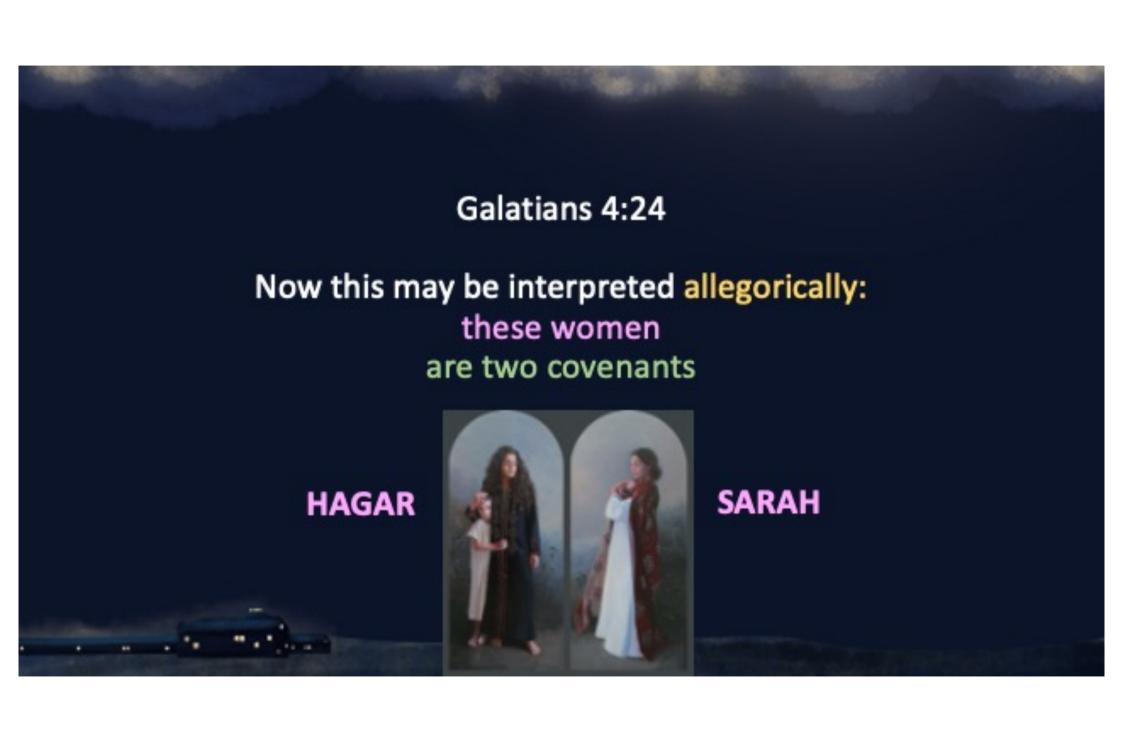
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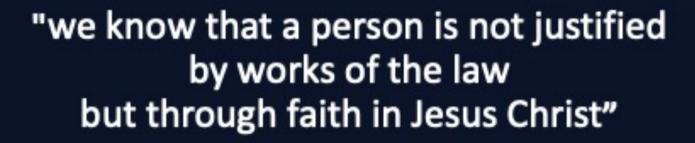
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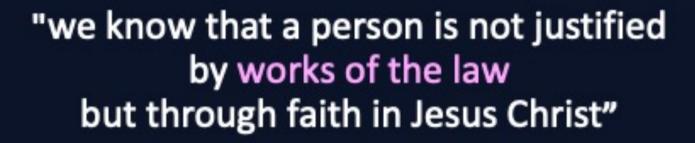
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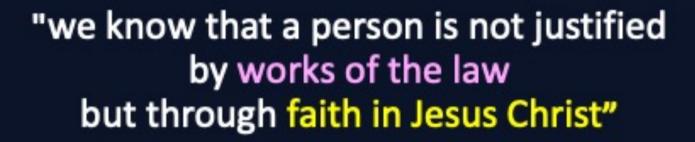




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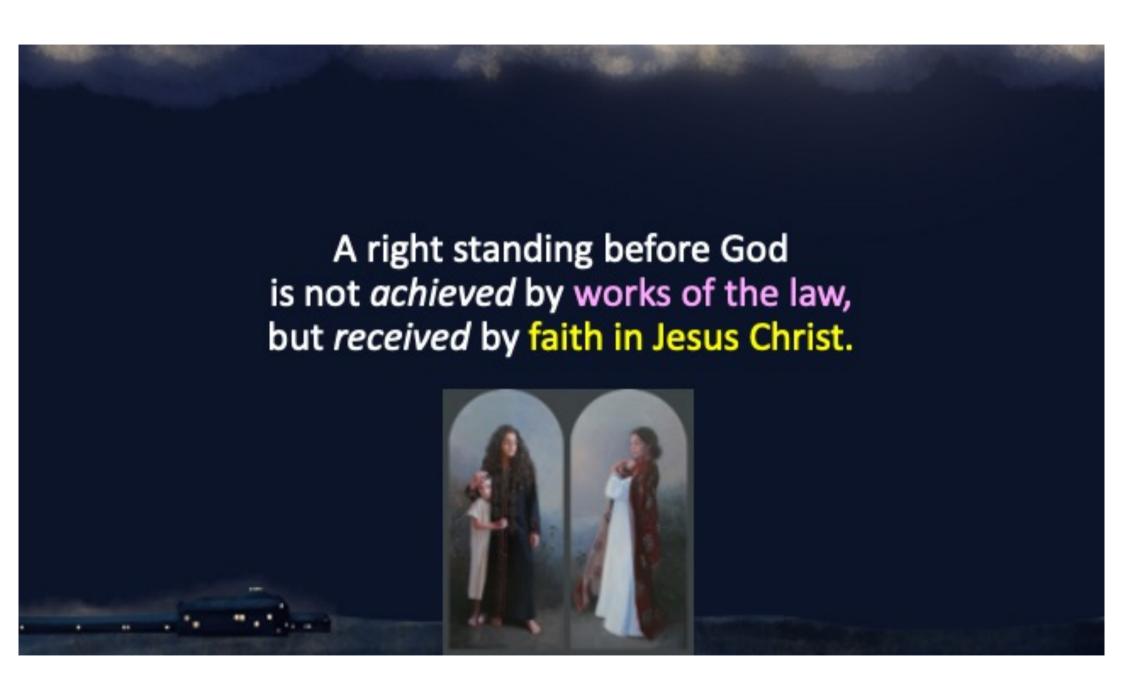


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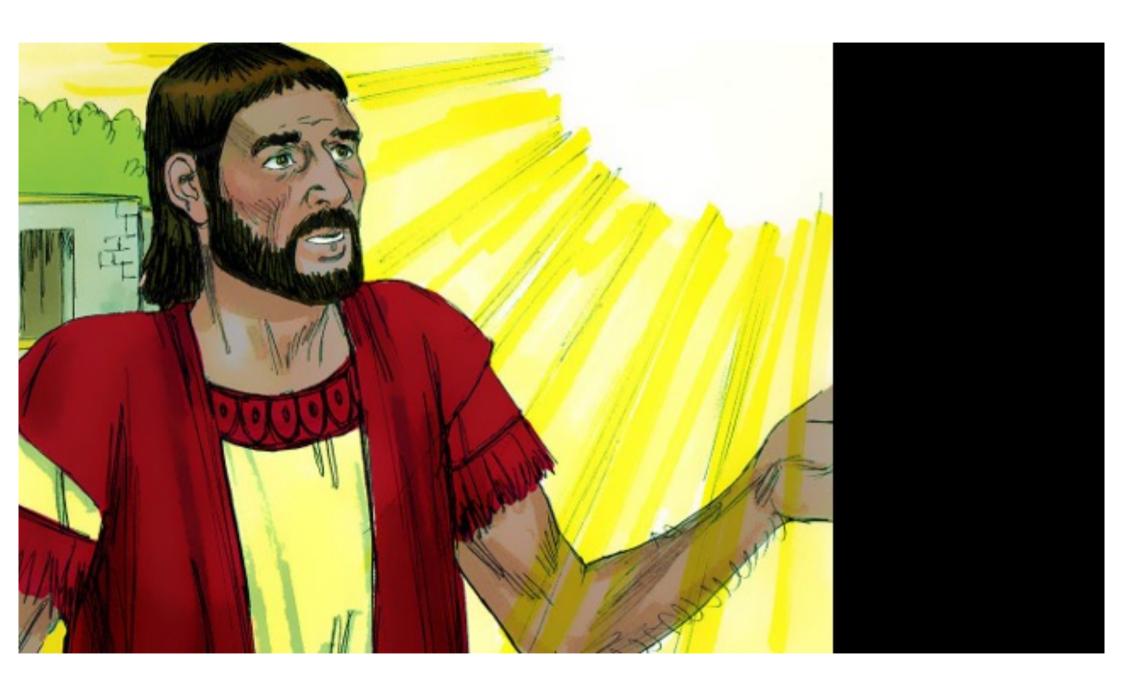
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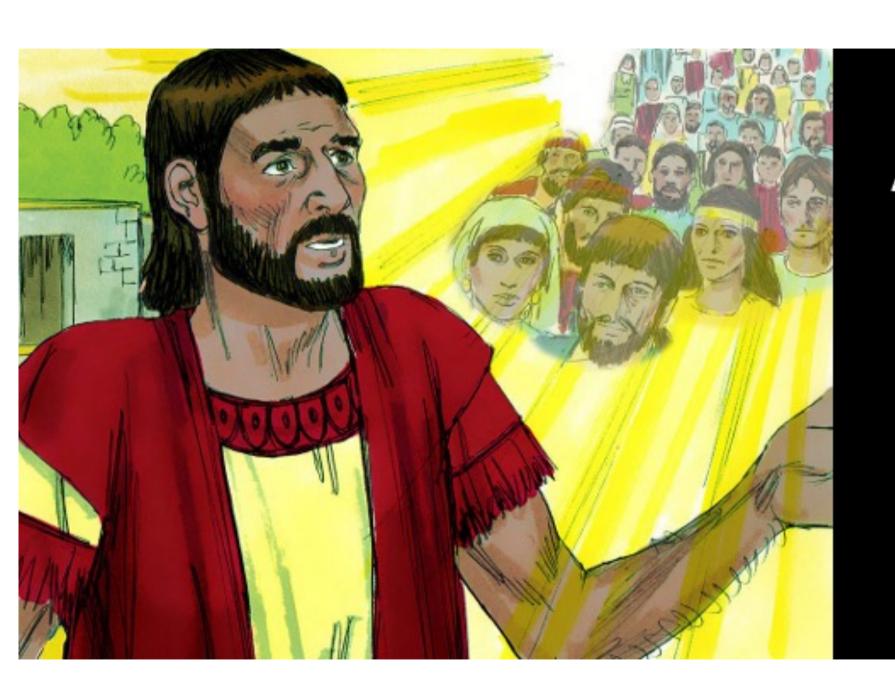


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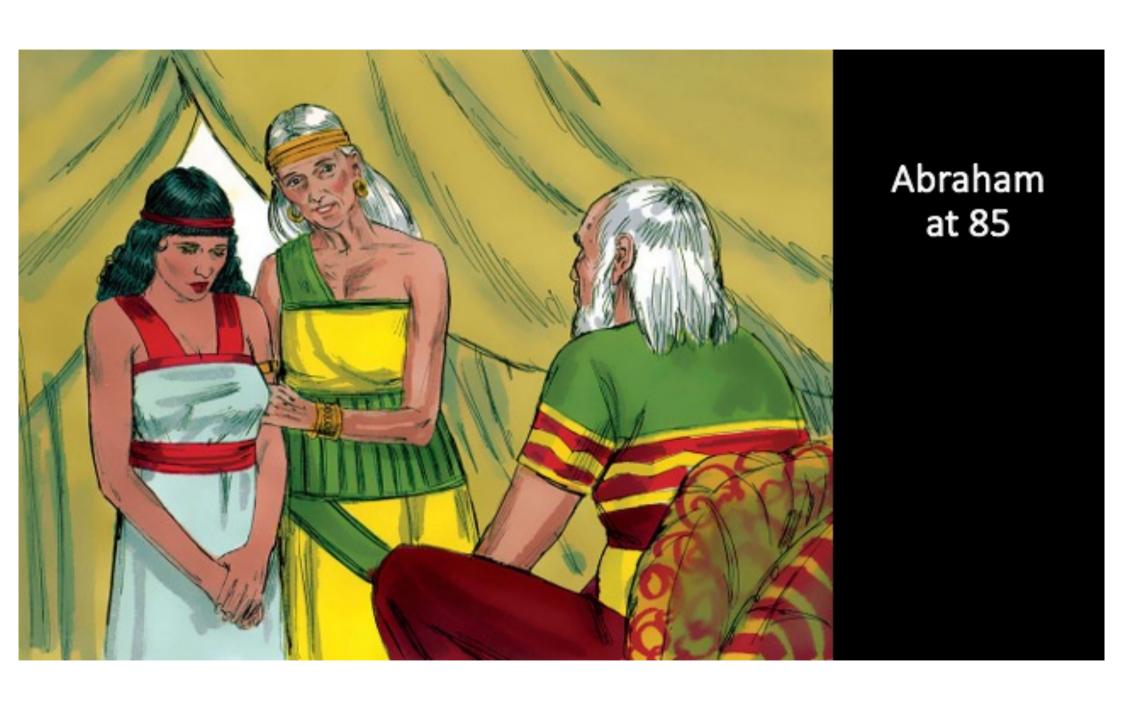
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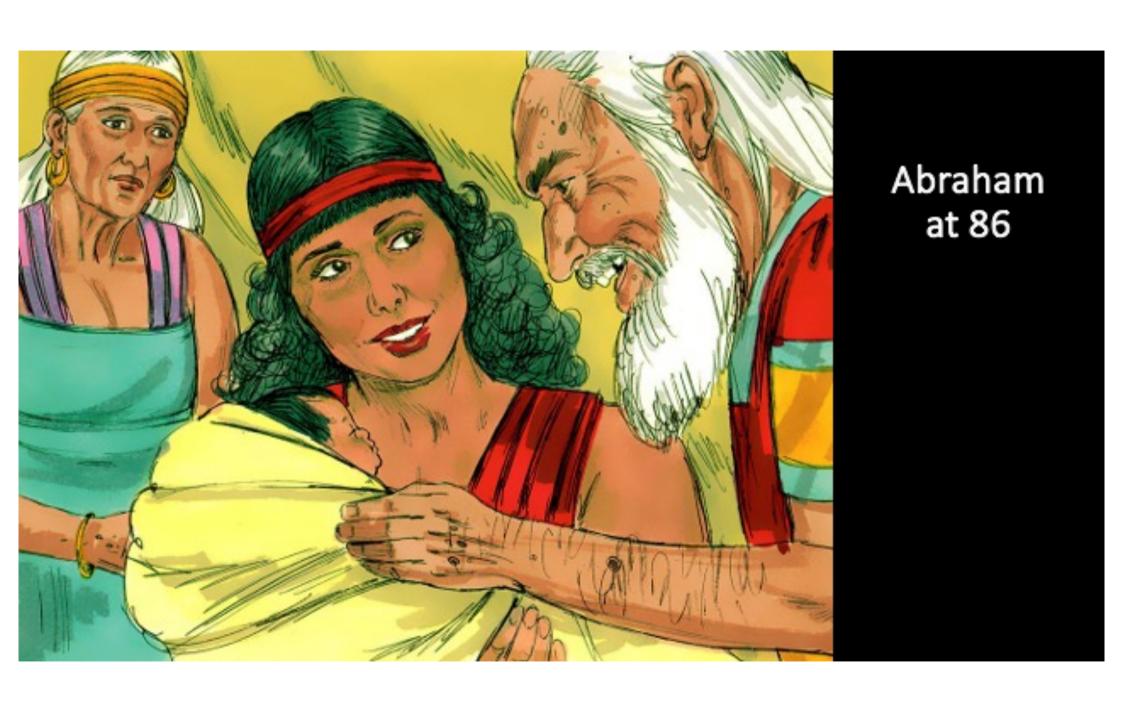


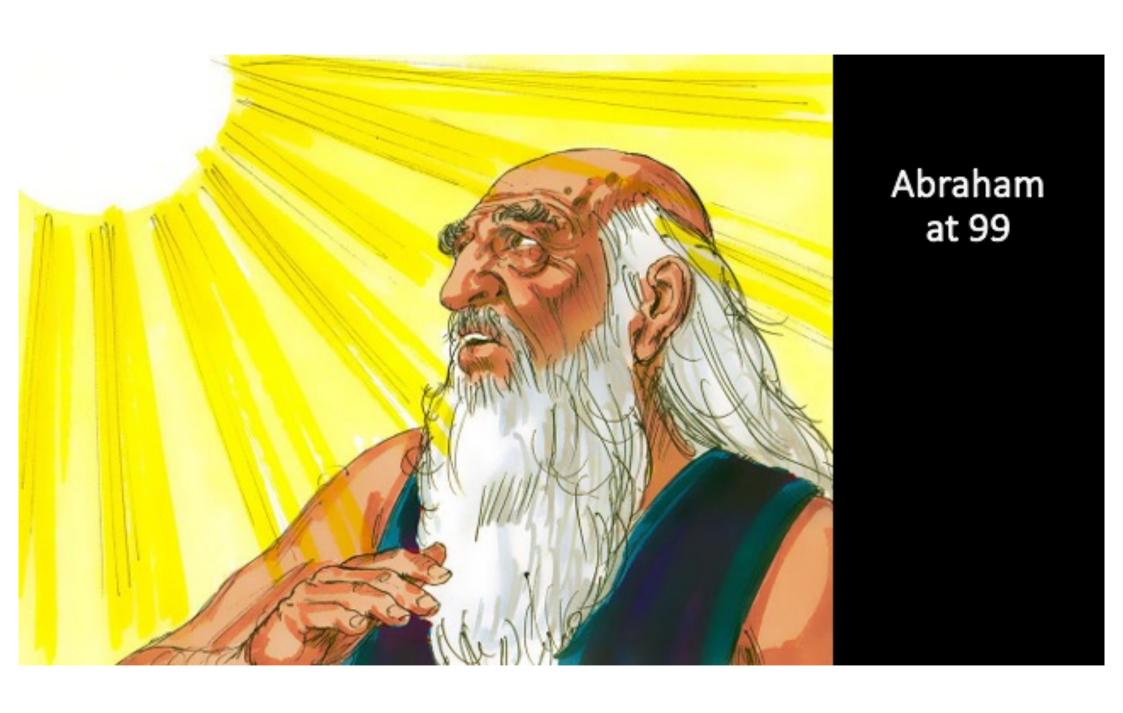














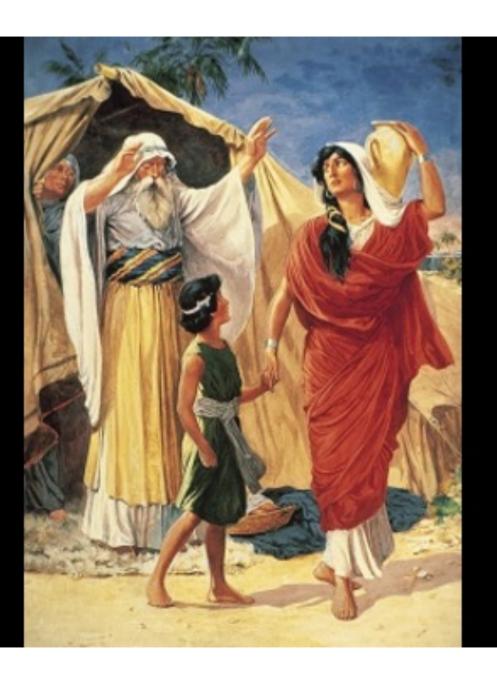




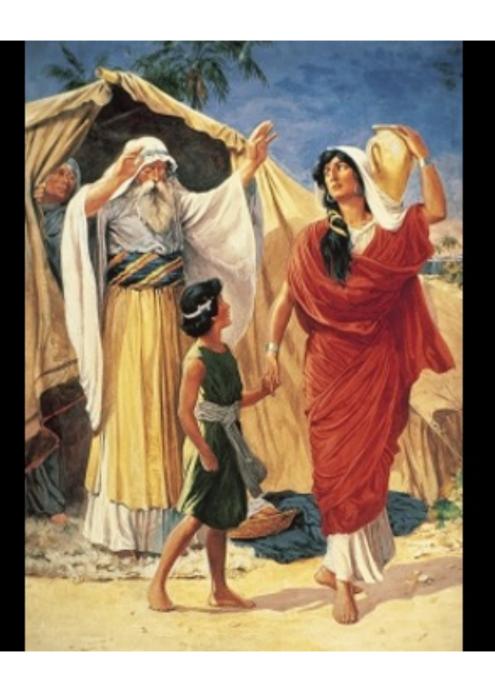
Genesis 21:9

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing.





So she said to Abraham,
"Cast out this slave
woman with her son,
for the son of this slave
woman shall not be heir
with my son Isaac."



...God said to Abraham,



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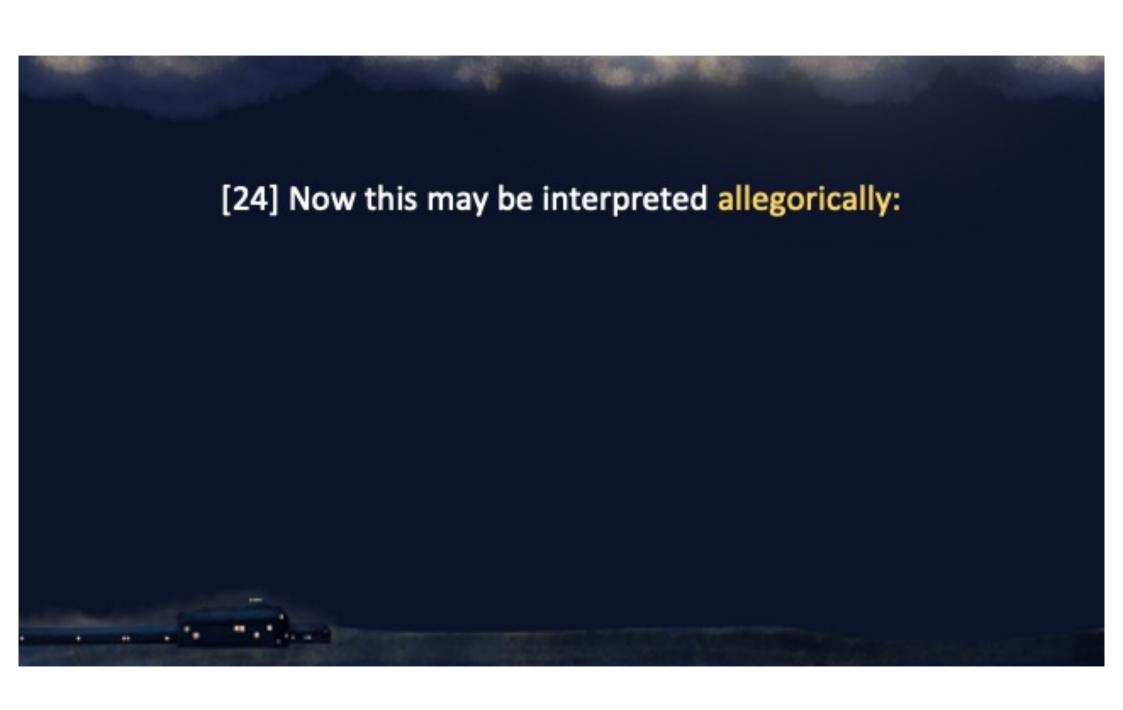
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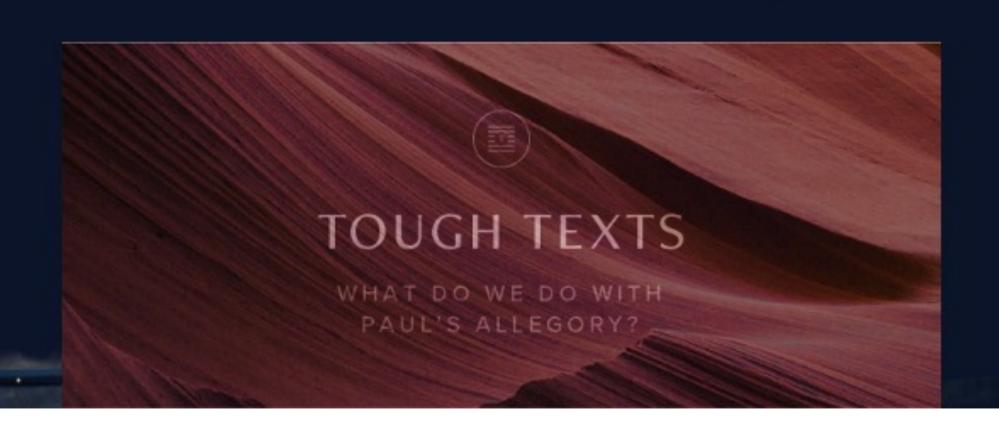


A Study of the Basic Interpretive Brahlesse of

GALATIANS

4:21-31

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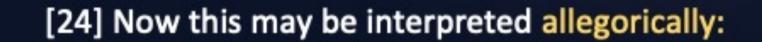
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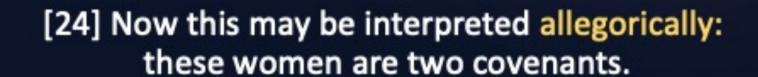
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Sinaitic Covenant

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Son born through promise

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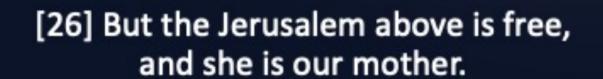
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[28] Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

[29] But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. [30] But what does the Scripture say?
"Cast out the slave woman and her son,
for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit
with the son of the free woman."

[31] So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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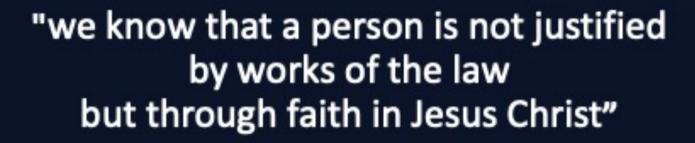
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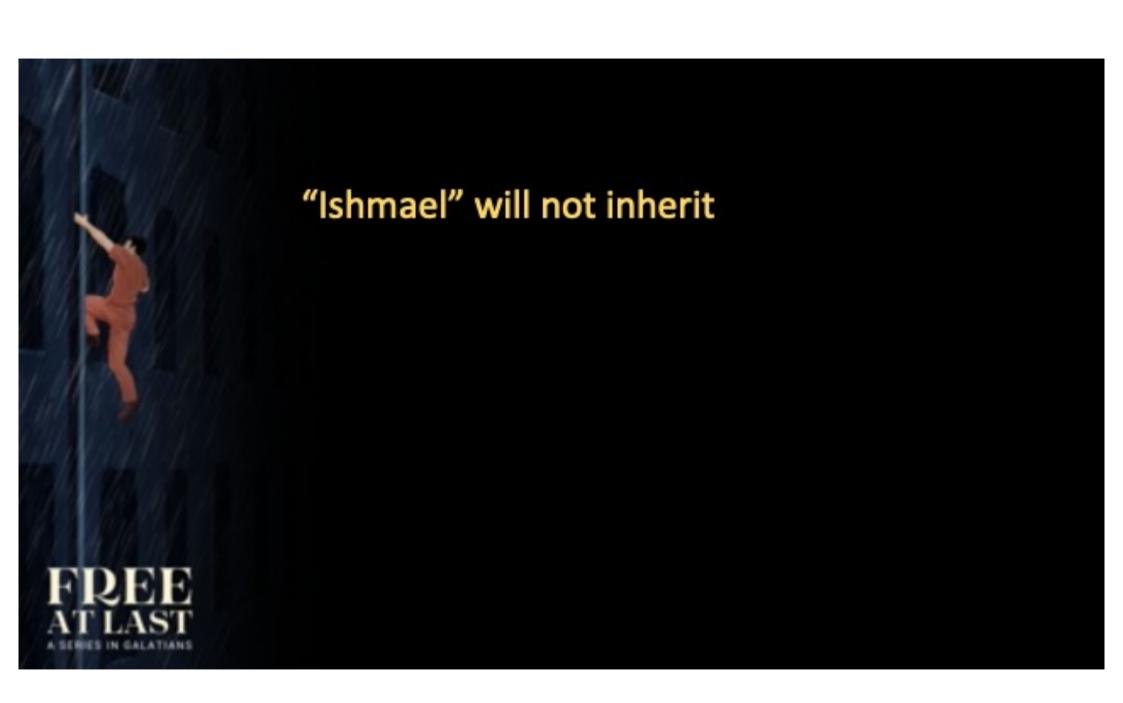
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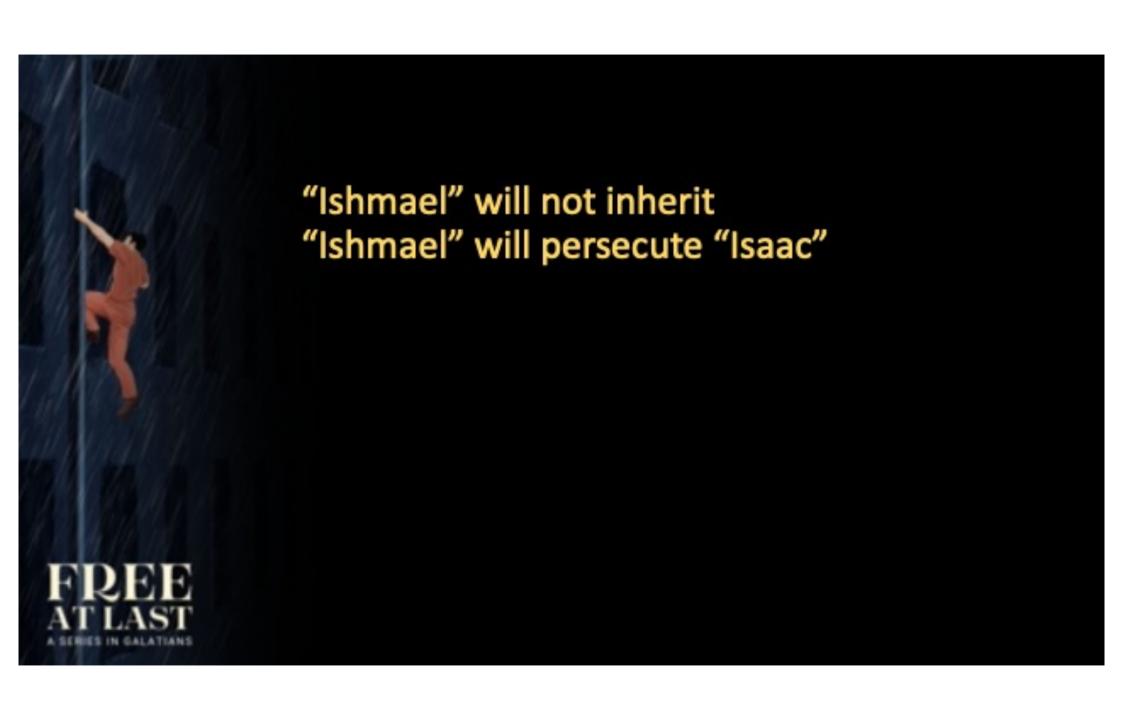


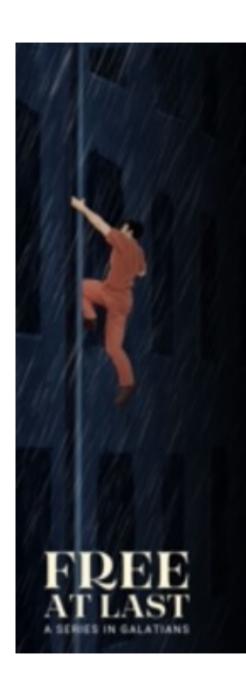
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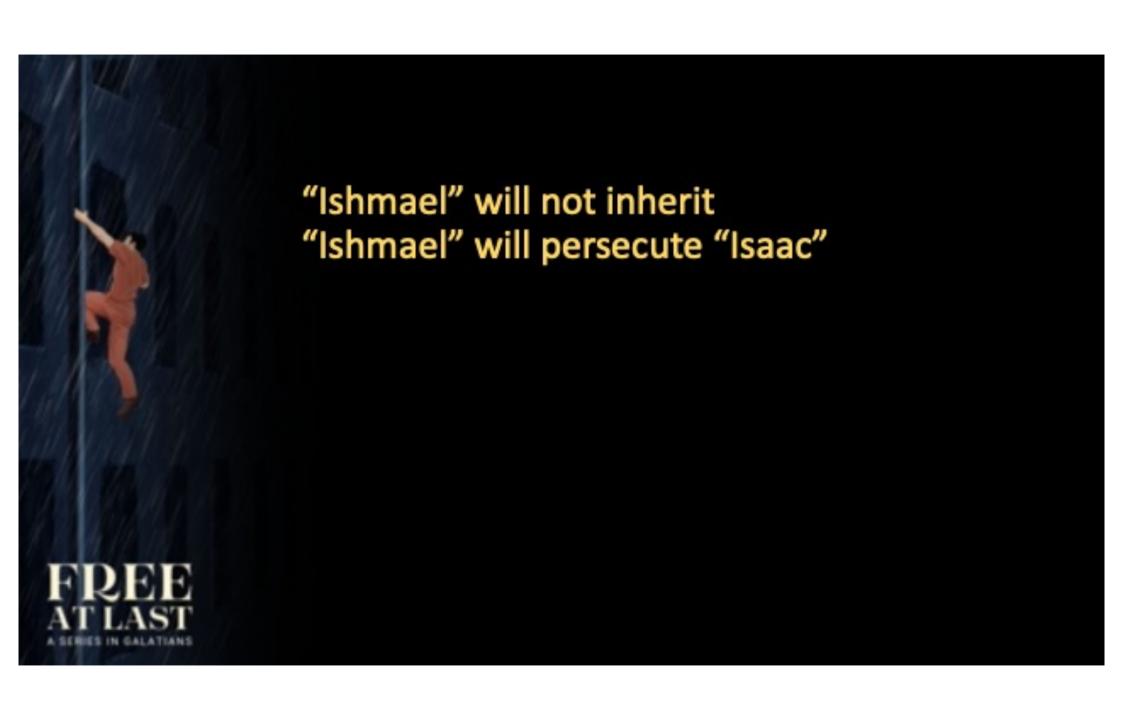


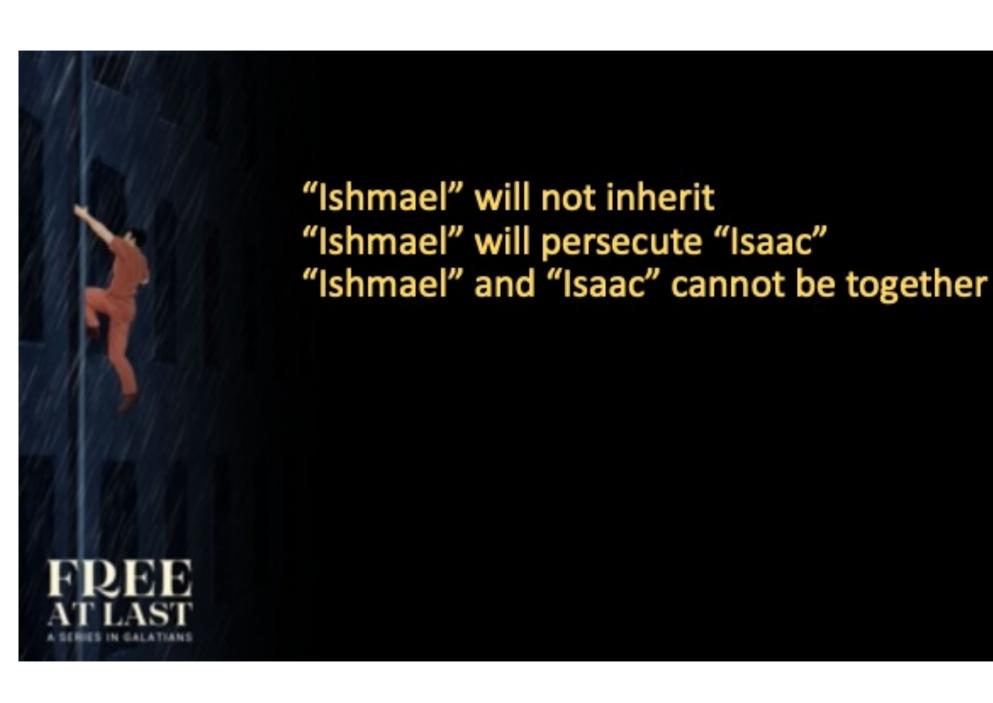


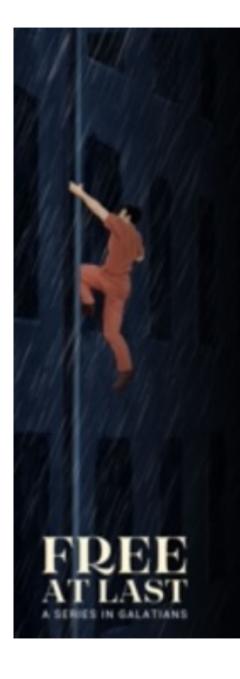


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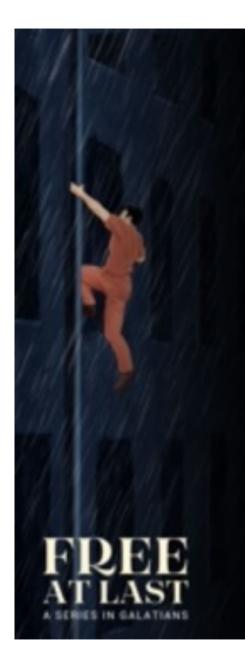






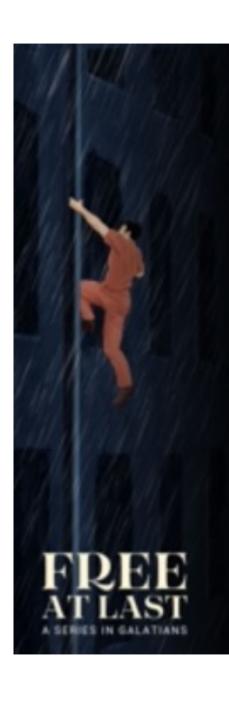
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Galatians 1:6
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Romans 11:6
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otherwise grace would no longer be grace.



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