

El Roi

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- **7** Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. **8** And He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” **9** The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.”

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- ¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.” ¹¹ And the Angel of the LORD said to her: “Behold, you *are* with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has heard your affliction. ¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand *shall be* against every man, and every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

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•¹³ Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?” ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

- El Roi means God sees me, or God is aware.
- It speaks to God's omniscience and even to His omni-presence. He sees all, knows all and is everywhere at once.

- “We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course, it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination.” — C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

Psalm 22:1-2

- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?
2 Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief. (NLT)

- “We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” - — C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

• “Do not be deceived, Wormwood. Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.” — C. S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

- Psalm 116:1-2 - I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.
² Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! (NLT)
- Psalm 116:7-8 - Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me. ⁸ He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. (NLT)

Psalm 34:15

- The eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their cry.

- Psalm 34:17 - ¹⁷ *The righteous* cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- Psalm 34:19 - ¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

- There is another name we will look at later, Yahweh Shammah, the Lord is there. This name is the mate of El Roi, because God sees, and God is there or here if you prefer.

Psalm 31:19

• How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. (NLT)

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