

## **And Hagar bore to Avrom a son." (16:15)**

Here we have a testimonial as to the Divine origin of the *Torah*. No human writer would have attributed the *Ishmaelite* nations to Avrohom. At most, he would perhaps have given them lineage from a brother of Avrohom. The fact that the *Torah* openly declares that Yishmoel was born to Avrohom is clear evidence that no human author composed the *Torah*. From the days of Moshe the *Ishmaelite* nations were idolators and enemies of *Am Yisroel*. It would therefore be unthinkable that any Jewish author would confer upon them the pedigree of descent from the hallowed Father of our Nation. It is also a testimonial to the truthfulness of the *Torah*-nation, for never was a single copy of the *Torah* altered to conceal this fact of Yishmoel's lineage. Such damaging truths are numerous in the *Torah*. Each one serves as a testimonial to the divine origin of the *Torah*, and to the truthfulness of the *Torah*-nation that did not alter the text.