

~ABRAHAM (2454)

(A'bra-ham) [Father of a Crowd or Multitude, Abram, Father Is High or Exalted]

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• The name given by Yehowah to **Abram** meaning - **Father Is High, Exalted**, when he was 99 years old, and when God was reaffirming His promise that **Abraham's** offspring would become many.

• And your name will not be called **Abram** anymore, and your name must become **Abraham**, because a father of a crowd of nations I will make you. (**Genesis 17:5**)

• Family Origin and Early History

• **Abraham** was the tenth generation from Noah through Shem and was born 352 years after the Deluge, in **2018 B.C.E.** Although listed first among the three sons of Terah, at;

• And Terah lived on for seventy years, after which he became father to Abram, Nahor and Haran. (**Genesis 11:26**)

• **Abraham** was not the firstborn. The Scriptures show that Terah was 70 years old when his first son was born, and that **Abraham** was born 60 years later when his father Terah was 130 years old.

• And the days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years. Then Terah died in Haran. (**Genesis 11:32**)

• At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And **Abram** was seventy-five years old when he

went out from Haran. ([Genesis 12:4](#))

- Evidently **Abraham** is listed first among his father's sons because of his outstanding faithfulness and prominence in the Scriptures, a practice that is followed in the case of several other outstanding men of faith such as Shem and Isaac.
- And Noah got to be five hundred years old. After that Noah became father to Shem, Ham and Japheth. ([Genesis 5:32](#))
- This is the history of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old when he became father to Arpachshad two years after the deluge. ([Genesis 11:10](#))
- The sons of **Abraham** were Isaac and Ishmael. ([1 Chronicles 1:28](#))
- **Abraham** was a native of the Chaldean city of Ur, a thriving metropolis located in the land of Shinar, near the present junction of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers. It was about 240 kilometers (150 miles) Southeast of Nimrod's onetime royal city of Babel, or Babylon, so notorious for its unfinished Tower of Babel.
- In **Abraham's** time, the city of Ur was steeped in Babylonish idolatry and the worship of its patron moon-god Sin.
- And Joshua went on to say to all the people; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; It was on the other side of the River that your forefathers dwelt a long time ago, Terah the father of **Abraham** and the father of Nahor, and they used to serve other gods. ([Joshua 24:2](#))
- And now fear Yehowah and serve him in faultlessness and in truth, and remove the gods that your forefathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt, and serve Yehowah. ([Joshua 24:14](#))
- Now if it is bad in your eyes to serve Yehowah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your forefathers who were on the other side of the River served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my household, we shall serve Yehowah. ([Joshua 24:15](#))

- Nevertheless, **Abraham** proved to be a man of faith in Yehowah God, even as his forefathers Shem and Noah. As a consequence, he earned the reputation, as the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision.
- And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (**Romans 4:11**)
- Since true faith is based on accurate knowledge, **Abraham** may have received his understanding by personal association with Shem, for their lives overlapped by some 150 years. **Abraham** knew and used the name of Yehowah, to quote him; Yehowah the Most High God, Producer of heaven and earth, Yehowah, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth.
- At this **Abram** said to the king of Sodom; I do lift up my hand in an oath to Yehowah the Most High God, Producer of heaven and earth. (**Genesis 14:22**)
- As I must have you swear by Yehowah, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in among whom I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:3**)
- While **Abraham** was still living in Ur, before he took up residence in Haran, Yehowah commanded him to move out to a strange land, leaving behind friends and relatives.
- He said; Men, brothers and fathers, hear. The God of glory appeared to our forefather **Abraham** while he was in Mesopotamia, before he took up residence in Haran. (**Acts of Apostles 7:2**)
- And he said to him; Go out from your land and from your relatives and come on into the land I shall show you. (**Acts of Apostles 7:3**)
- Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and took up residence in Haran. And from there, after his father died, God caused him to change his residence to this land in which you now

dwell. ([Acts of Apostles 7:4](#))

- Then he added to him; I am Yehowah, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take it in possession. ([Genesis 15:7](#))
- You are Yehowah the true God, who chose **Abram** and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and constituted his name **Abraham**. ([Nehemiah 9:7](#))
- There in that country that He would show **Abraham**, God said he would make out of him a great nation. At the time, **Abraham** was married to his half sister Sarah, but they were childless and both were old. So it would take great faith to obey, but obey he did.
- Terah, now around 200 years old and still the family's patriarchal head, agreed to accompany **Abraham** and Sarah on this long journey, and it is for this reason that Terah as father is credited with making the move toward Canaan.
- After that Terah took **Abram** his son and Lot, the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of **Abram** his son, and they went with him out of Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. In time they came to Haran and took up dwelling there. ([Genesis 11:31](#))
- It appears that fatherless Lot, **Abraham's** nephew, was adopted by his childless uncle and aunt and so accompanied them. Northwestward the caravan moved, some 960 kilometers (600 miles), until they reached Haran, which was an important junction on the East-West trade routes. Haran is located where two wadis join to form a stream that reaches the Balikh River in the winter, about 110 kilometers (68 miles) above where the Balikh empties into the Euphrates River. Here Abraham remained until the death of his father Terah.
- Sojourn in Canaan. Now 75 years old, **Abraham** began to move his household out of Haran to the land of Canaan, where he lived out the remaining hundred years of his life in tents as an alien and migratory resident.
- At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. ([Genesis 12:4](#))

- It was following the death of his father Terah that **Abraham** went out from Haran in **1943 B.C.E.** and crossed the Euphrates River, evidently on the 14th day of the month that later became known as Nisan.

- And the days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years. Then Terah died in Haran. (**Genesis 11:32**)

- And the dwelling of the sons of Israel, who had dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. (**Exodus 12:40**)

- And it came about at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, it even came about on this very day that all the armies of Yehowah went out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 12:41**)

- It is a night for observance with regard to Yehowah for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. With regard to Yehowah this night is one for observance on the part of all the sons of Israel throughout their generations. (**Exodus 12:42**)

- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses and Aaron; This is the statute of the Passover. No foreigner may eat of it. (**Exodus 12:43**)

- It was at that time that the covenant between Yehowah and **Abraham** went into effect, and the 430-year period of temporary residence until the making of the Law covenant with Israel began.

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- Further, I say this; As to the covenant previously validated by

God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the promise. **(Galatians 3:17)**

- Evidently **Abraham**, with his flocks and herds, traveled down through Damascus and on to Shechem, which is located 48 kilometers (30 miles) North of Jerusalem, near the big trees of Moreh.
- And **Abram** went on through the land as far as the site of Shechem, near the big trees of Moreh, and at that time the Canaanite was in the land. **(Genesis 12:6)**
- Here Yehowah appeared again to **Abraham**, confirming and enlarging His covenant promise by declaring; To your seed I am going to give this land.
- Yehowah now appeared to **Abram** and said; To your seed I am going to give this land. After that he built an altar there to Yehowah, who had appeared to him. **(Genesis 12:7)**
- **Abraham** not only built an altar to Yehowah there but, as he moved southward through the land, he built other altars along the way, and he called on the name of Yehowah.
- Later he moved from there to the mountainous region to the east of Bethel and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. Then he built an altar there to Yehowah and began to call on the name of Yehowah. **(Genesis 12:8)**
- Afterward **Abram** broke camp, going then from encampment to encampment toward the Negeb. **(Genesis 12:9)**
- In time a severe famine compelled **Abraham** to move temporarily to Egypt, and to protect his life, he represented Sarah as his sister. This resulted in Pharaoh's taking beautiful Sarah into his household to be his wife, but before he could violate her, Yehowah had Pharaoh give her back. **Abraham** then returned to Canaan to the campsite between Bethel and Ai and again called on the name of Yehowah.
- Now a famine arose in the land and **Abram** made his way down toward Egypt to reside there as an alien, because the famine was severe in the land. **(Genesis 12:10)**
- To the place of the altar that he had made there originally, and

Abram proceeded to call there on the name of Yehowah. (**Genesis 13:4**)

- It now became necessary, because of the increasing size of their flocks and herds, for **Abraham** and Lot to separate. Lot selected the basin of the lower Jordan, a well-watered region like the garden of Yehowah, and later established his camp near Sodom.
- Now Lot, who was going along with **Abram**, also owned sheep and cattle and tents. (**Genesis 13:5**)
- So the land did not allow for them to dwell all together, because their goods had become many and they were not able to dwell all together. (**Genesis 13:6**)
- And a quarrel arose between the herders of **Abram's** livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock, and at that time the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling in the land. (**Genesis 13:7**)
- Hence Abram said to Lot; Please, do not let any quarreling continue between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we men are brothers. (**Genesis 13:8**)
- Is not the whole land available to you? Please, separate from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right, but if you go to the right, then I will go to the left. (**Genesis 13:9**)
- So Lot raised his eyes and saw the whole District of the Jordan, that all of it was a wellwatered region before Yehowah brought Sodom and Gomorrah to ruin, like the garden of Yehowah, like the land of Egypt as far as Zoar. (**Genesis 13:10**)
- Then Lot chose for himself the whole District of the Jordan, and Lot moved his camp to the east. So they separated the one from the other. (**Genesis 13:11**)
- **Abram** dwelt in the land of Canaan, but Lot dwelt among the cities of the District. Finally he pitched tent near Sodom. (**Genesis 13:12**)
- And the men of Sodom were bad and were gross sinners against Yehowah. (**Genesis 13:13**)

- **Abraham**, for his part, after being told to travel about through the length and breadth of the land, came to dwell among the big trees of Mamre in Hebron, 30 kilometers (19 miles) South-Southwest of Jerusalem.
- And Yehowah said to **Abram** after Lot had separated from him; Raise your eyes, please, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. (**Genesis 13:14**)
- Because all the land at which you are looking, to you and to your seed I am going to give it until time indefinite. (**Genesis 13:15**)
- And I will constitute your seed like the dust particles of the earth, so that, if a man could be able to count the dust particles of the earth, then your seed could be numbered. (**Genesis 13:16**)
- Get up, go about in the land through its length and through its breadth, because to you I am going to give it. (**Genesis 13:17**)
- So **Abram** continued to live in tents. Later on he came and dwelt among the big trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he proceeded to build an altar to Yehowah. (**Genesis 13:18**)
- When four allied kings, headed by the Elamite king Chedorlaomer, were successful in crushing a revolt of five Canaanite kings, Sodom and Gomorrah were sacked, and Lot was taken captive together with all of his property.
- **Abraham**, upon learning of this, quickly mustered 318 of his trained household servants. With his confederates Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre, he made a forced march in hot pursuit perhaps as much as 300 kilometers (190 miles) northward to beyond Damascus and, with Yehowah's help, defeated a far superior force. Lot was thus rescued, and the stolen property was recovered.
- Now it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim. (**Genesis 14:1**)
- That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar. (**Genesis 14:2**)

- All these marched as allies to the Low Plain of Siddim, that is, the Salt Sea. (**Genesis 14:3**)
- Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. (**Genesis 14:4**)
- And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and also the kings who were with him, and they inflicted defeats on the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim. (**Genesis 14:5**)
- And the Horites in their mountain of Seir, down to Elparan, which is at the wilderness. (**Genesis 14:6**)
- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, Kadesh, and defeated the whole field of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. (**Genesis 14:7**)
- At this point the king of Sodom went on the march, and also the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar, and they drew up in battle order against them in the Low Plain of Siddim. (**Genesis 14:8**)
- Against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against the five. (**Genesis 14:9**)
- Now the Low Plain of Siddim was pits upon pits of bitumen, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah took to flight and went falling into them, and those who remained fled to the mountainous region. (**Genesis 14:10**)
- Then the victors took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went on their way. (**Genesis 14:11**)
- They also took Lot the son of **Abram's** brother and his goods and continued on their way. He was then dwelling in Sodom. (**Genesis 14:12**)
- After that a man who had escaped came and told **Abram** the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of **Abram**. (**Genesis 14:13**)

- Thus **Abram** got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. (**Genesis 14:14**)
- And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. (**Genesis 14:15**)
- And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. (**Genesis 14:16**)
- That, from a thread to a sandal lace, no, I shall take nothing from anything that is yours, in order, that you may not say; It was I who made **Abram** rich. (**Genesis 14:23**)
- Nothing for me! Only what the young men have already eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol and Mamre, let them take their share. (**Genesis 14:24**)

•• Meets Melchizedek

- As **Abraham** was returning from this great victory a priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek, who was also the king of Salem, came out and blessed him, and Abraham, in turn, gave him a tenth of everything.
- Then the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, to the Low Plain of Shaveh, that is, the kings Low Plain. (**Genesis 14:17**)
- And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine, and he was priest of the Most High God. (**Genesis 14:18**)
- Then he blessed him and said; Blessed be **Abram** of the Most High God, producer of heaven and earth. (**Genesis 14:19**)
- And blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your oppressors into your hand! At that **Abram** gave him a tenth of everything. (**Genesis 14:20**)

•• Appearance Of The Promised Seed

- Since Sarah continued to be barren, it appeared that Eliezer the faithful house steward from Damascus would receive **Abraham's** inheritance. Nevertheless, Yehowah again reassured **Abraham** that his own offspring would become uncountable, as the stars of heaven, and so **Abraham put faith in Yehowah** and he proceeded to count it to him as righteousness, even though this occurred years before **Abraham** was circumcised.
- After these things the word of Yehowah came to **Abram** in a vision, saying; Do not fear, **Abram**. I am a shield for you. Your reward will be very great. (**Genesis 15:1**)
- At this **Abram** said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, what will you give me, seeing that I am going childless and the one who will possess my house is a man of Damascus, Eliezer? (**Genesis 15:2**)
- And **Abram** added; Look! You have given me no seed, and, look! a son of my household is succeeding me as heir. (**Genesis 15:3**)
- But, look! The word of Yehowah to him was in these words; This man will not succeed you as heir, but one who will come out of your own inward parts will succeed you as heir. (**Genesis 15:4**)
- He now brought him outside and said; Look up, please, to the heavens and count the stars, if you are possibly able to count them. And he went on to say to him; So your seed will become. (**Genesis 15:5**)
- And he put faith in Yehowah, and he proceeded to count it to him as righteousness. (**Genesis 15:6**)
- Does this happiness, then, come upon circumcised people or also upon uncircumcised people? For we say; His faith was counted to **Abraham** as righteousness. (**Romans 4:9**)
- Under what circumstances, then, was it counted? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. (**Romans 4:10**)
- Yehowah then concluded a formal covenant over animal sacrifices with **Abraham**, and at the same time, he revealed that **Abraham's** offspring would be afflicted for a period of 400 years, even being taken into slavery.

- Then he added to him; I am Yehowah, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take it in possession. (**Genesis 15:7**)
- To this he said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, by what shall I know that I shall take it in possession? (**Genesis 15:8**)
- In turn he said to him; Take for me a three year old heifer and a three year old shegoat and a three year old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon. (**Genesis 15:9**)
- So he took all these to himself and cut them in two and put each part of them so as to match the other, but the birds he did not cut in pieces. (**Genesis 15:10**)
- And the birds of prey began to descend upon the carcasses, but Abram kept driving them away. (**Genesis 15:11**)
- After a while the sun was about to set, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and, look! A frightfully great darkness was falling upon him. (**Genesis 15:12**)
- And he began to say to **Abram**; You may know for sure that your seed will become an alien resident in a land not theirs, and they will have to serve them, and these will certainly afflict them for four hundred years. (**Genesis 15:13**)
- But the nation that they will serve I am judging, and after that they will go out with many goods. (**Genesis 15:14**)
- As for you, you will go to your forefathers in peace, you will be buried at a good old age. (**Genesis 15:15**)
- But in the fourth generation they will return here, because the error of the Amorites has not yet come to completion. (**Genesis 15:16**)
- The sun was now setting and a dense darkness came and, look! A smoking furnace and a fiery torch that passed in between these pieces. (**Genesis 15:17**)
- On that day Yehowah concluded with **Abram** a covenant, saying; To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the

- great river, the river Euphrates. (**Genesis 15:18**)
- The Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites. (**Genesis 15:19**)
- And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim. (**Genesis 15:20**)
- And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites. (**Genesis 15:21**)

See Also COVENANT

- Time passed. They had now been in Canaan for about ten years, yet Sarah continued barren. She therefore proposed to substitute her Egyptian maidservant Hagar so that she might have a child by her. **Abraham** consented. And so in **1932 B.C.E**, when **Abraham** was 86 years old, Ishmael was born.
- Then Sarai, **Abram's** wife, took Hagar, her Egyptian maidservant, at the end of ten years of **Abram's** dwelling in the land of Canaan, and gave her to **Abram** her husband as his wife. (**Genesis 16:3**)
- Later on Hagar bore to **Abram** a son and **Abram** called the name of his son whom Hagar bore Ishmael. (**Genesis 16:15**)
- And **Abram** was eighty-six years old at Hagar's bearing Ishmael to **Abram**. (**Genesis 16:16**)

•• Covenant Of Circumcision

- More time passed. In **1919 B.C.E**, when **Abraham** was 99 years old, as a sign or seal to testify to the special covenant relationship existing between himself and **Abraham**, Yehowah commanded that all the males of **Abraham's** household be circumcised.
- And your name will not be called **Abram** anymore, and your name must become **Abraham**, because a father of a crowd of nations I will make you. (**Genesis 17:5**)
- And God said further to **Abraham**; As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your seed after you according to their generations. (**Genesis 17:9**)

- **This is my covenant that you men will keep, between me and you men, even your seed after you: Every male of yours must get circumcised. (Genesis 17:10)**
- **And you must get circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it must serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you. (Genesis 17:11)**
- **And every male of yours eight days old must be circumcised, according to your generations, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from any foreigner who is not from your seed. (Genesis 17:12)**
- **Every man born in your house and every man purchased with money of yours must without fail get circumcised. My covenant in the flesh of you men must serve as a covenant to time indefinite. (Genesis 17:13)**
- **And an uncircumcised male who will not get the flesh of his foreskin circumcised, even that soul must be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant. (Genesis 17:14)**
- **And God went on to say to Abraham; As for Sarai your wife, you must not call her name Sarai, because Sarah is her name. (Genesis 17:15)**
- **And I will bless her and also give you a son from her. I will bless her and she shall become nations. Kings of peoples will come from her. (Genesis 17:16)**
- **At this Abraham fell upon his face and began to laugh and to say in his heart. Will a man a hundred years old have a child born, and will Sarah, yes, will a woman ninety years old give birth? (Genesis 17:17)**
- **After that Abraham said to the true God; O that Ishmael might live before you! (Genesis 17:18)**
- **To this God said; Sarah your wife is indeed bearing you a son, and you must call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him for a covenant to time indefinite to his seed after him. (Genesis 17:19)**
- **But as regards Ishmael I have heard you. Look! I will bless him**

- and will make him fruitful and will multiply him very, very much. He will certainly produce twelve chieftains, and I will make him become a great nation. (**Genesis 17:20**)
- However, my covenant I shall establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year. (**Genesis 17:21**)
 - With that God finished speaking with him and went up from **Abraham**. (**Genesis 17:22**)
 - **Abraham** then proceeded to take Ishmael his son and all the men born in his house and everyone purchased with money of his, every male among the men of the household of **Abraham**, and he went to circumcising the flesh of their foreskins in this very day, just as God had spoken with him. (**Genesis 17:23**)
 - And **Abraham** was ninety-nine years old when he had the flesh of his foreskin circumcised. (**Genesis 17:24**)
 - And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he had the flesh of his foreskin circumcised. (**Genesis 17:25**)
 - In this very day **Abraham** got circumcised, and also Ishmael his son. (**Genesis 17:26**)
 - And all the men of his household, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from a foreigner, got circumcised with him. (**Genesis 17:27**)
 - And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (**Romans 4:11**)
 - Soon after, three materialized angels, whom **Abraham** received hospitably in the name of Yehowah, promised that Sarah herself would conceive and give birth to a son, yes, within the coming year.
 - Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of Mamre, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. (**Genesis 18:1**)
 - When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men

- were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (**Genesis 18:2**)
- Then he said; Yehowah, if, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. (**Genesis 18:3**)
 - Let a little water be taken, please, and you must have your feet washed. Then recline under the tree. (**Genesis 18:4**)
 - And let me get a piece of bread, and refresh your hearts. Following that, you can pass on, because that is why you have passed this way to your servant. At this they said; All right. You may do just as you have spoken. (**Genesis 18:5**)
 - So **Abraham** went hurrying to the tent to Sarah and said; Hurry! Get three seah measures of fine flour, knead the dough and make round cakes. (**Genesis 18:6**)
 - Next **Abraham** ran to the herd and proceeded to get a tender and good young bull and to give it to the attendant, and he went hurrying to get it ready. (**Genesis 18:7**)
 - He then took butter and milk and the young bull that he had got ready and set it before them. Then he himself kept standing by them under the tree as they were eating. (**Genesis 18:8**)
 - They now said to him; Where is Sarah your wife? To this he said; Here in the tent! (**Genesis 18:9**)
 - So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was listening at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man. (**Genesis 18:10**)
 - And **Abraham** and Sarah were old, being advanced in years. Sarah had stopped having menstruation. (**Genesis 18:11**)
 - Hence Sarah began to laugh inside herself, saying; After I am worn out, shall I really have pleasure, my lord being old besides? (**Genesis 18:12**)
 - Then Yehowah said to **Abraham**; Why was it that Sarah laughed, saying; Shall I really and truly give birth although I have become

old? (**Genesis 18:13**)

- Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah? At the appointed time I shall return to you, next year at this time, and Sarah will have a son. (**Genesis 18:14**)
- But Sarah began to deny it, saying; I did not laugh! For she was afraid. At this he said; No! but you did laugh. (**Genesis 18:15**)
- And what an eventful year it proved to be! Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. **Abraham's** nephew and his two daughters barely escaped. A famine drove Abraham and his wife to Gerar, only to have the king of that Philistine city take Sarah for his harem. Yehowah intervened, Sarah was released, and at the appointed time, **1918 B.C.E**, Isaac, the long-promised heir, was born when **Abraham** was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old.
- Later the men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom, and **Abraham** was walking with them to escort them. (**Genesis 18:16**)
- And she added; Who would have uttered to **Abraham**, Sarah will certainly suckle children, whereas I have given birth to a son in his old age? (**Genesis 21:7**)
- Five years later, when Isaac's 19-year-old half brother Ishmael poked fun at him, **Abraham** was compelled to dismiss Ishmael and his mother Hagar. It was then, in **1913 B.C.E**, that the 400 years of affliction upon Abraham's offspring began.
- Now the child kept growing and came to be weaned, and **Abraham** then prepared a big feast on the day of Isaac's being weaned. (**Genesis 21:8**)
- And Sarah kept noticing the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to **Abraham**, poking fun. (**Genesis 21:9**)
- So she began to say to **Abraham**; Drive out this slave girl and her son, for the son of this slave girl is not going to be an heir with my son, with Isaac! (**Genesis 21:10**)
- But the thing proved to be very displeasing to **Abraham** as regards his son. (**Genesis 21:11**)

- Then God said to **Abraham**; Do not let anything that Sarah keeps saying to you be displeasing to you about the boy and about your slave girl. Listen to her voice, because it is by means of Isaac that what will be called your seed will be. (**Genesis 21:12**)
- And as for the son of the slave girl, I shall also constitute him a nation, because he is your offspring. (**Genesis 21:13**)
- So **Abraham** got up early in the morning and took bread and a skin water bottle and gave it to Hagar, setting it upon her shoulder, and the child, and then dismissed her. And she went her way and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba. (**Genesis 21:14**)
- Finally the water became exhausted in the skin bottle and she threw the child under one of the bushes. (**Genesis 21:15**)
- Then she went on and sat down by herself, about the distance of a bowshot away, because she said; Let me not see it when the child dies. So she sat down at a distance and began to raise her voice and weep. (**Genesis 21:16**)
- At that God heard the voice of the boy, and God's angel called to Hagar out of the heavens and said to her; What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, because God has listened to the voice of the boy there where he is. (**Genesis 21:17**)
- Get up, lift up the boy and take hold of him with your hand, because I shall constitute him a great nation. (**Genesis 21:18**)
- Then God opened her eyes so that she caught sight of a well of water, and she went and began to fill the skin bottle with water and to give the boy a drink. (**Genesis 21:19**)
- And God continued to be with the boy, and he kept growing and dwelling in the wilderness, and he became an archer. (**Genesis 21:20**)
- And he took up dwelling in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother proceeded to take a wife for him from the land of Egypt. (**Genesis 21:21**)
- And he began to say to **Abram**; You may know for sure that your

seed will become an alien resident in a land not theirs, and they will have to serve them, and these will certainly afflict them for four hundred years. (**Genesis 15:13**)

- But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (**Galatians 4:29**)

•• **Abraham's Faith Is Tested Through Isaac**

- The supreme test of **Abraham's** faith came about 20 years later. According to Jewish tradition, Isaac was now 25 years old. (**Jewish Antiquities, by F. Josephus, I, 227 [xiii, 2]**) In obedience to Yehowah's instructions Abraham took Isaac and traveled North from Beer-sheba at the Negeb to Mount Moriah, situated directly north of Salem. There he built an altar and prepared to offer up Isaac, the promised seed, as a burnt sacrifice.

- And indeed Abraham **as good as offered up Isaac**, for he reckoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead. Only at the last moment did Yehowah intervene and provide a ram as a substitute for Isaac on the sacrificial altar. It was, therefore, this implicit faith backed up by complete obedience that moved Yehowah to reinforce his covenant with Abraham with a sworn oath, a special legal guarantee.

- Now after these things it came about that the true God put **Abraham** to the test. Accordingly he said to him; **Abraham!** To which he said; Here I am! (**Genesis 22:1**)

- And he went on to say; Take, please, your son, your only son whom you so love, Isaac, and make a trip to the land of Moriah and there offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall designate to you. (**Genesis 22:2**)

- So **Abraham** got up early in the morning and saddled his ass and took two of his attendants with him and Isaac his son, and he split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he rose and went on the trip to the place that the true God designated to him. (**Genesis 22:3**)

- It was first on the third day that **Abraham** raised his eyes and began to see the place from a distance. (**Genesis 22:4**)

- **Abraham** now said to his attendants; You stay here with the ass, but I and the boy want to go on over there and worship and return to you. (**Genesis 22:5**)
- After that **Abraham** took the wood of the burnt offering and put it upon Isaac his son and took in his hands the fire and the slaughtering knife, and both of them went on together. (**Genesis 22:6**)
- And Isaac began to say to **Abraham** his father; My father! In turn he said; Here I am, my son! So he continued; Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering? (**Genesis 22:7**)
- To this **Abraham** said; **God will provide himself the sheep for the burnt offering, my son.** And both of them walked on together. (**Genesis 22:8**)
- Finally they reached the place that the true God had designated to him, and **Abraham** built an altar there and set the wood in order and bound Isaac his son hand and foot and put him upon the altar on top of the wood. (**Genesis 22:9**)
- Then **Abraham** put out his hand and took the slaughtering knife to kill his son. (**Genesis 22:10**)
- But Yehowah's angel began calling to him out of the heavens and saying; **Abraham, Abraham!** To which he answered; Here I am! (**Genesis 22:11**)
- And he went on to say; Do not put out your hand against the boy and do not do anything at all to him, for now I do know that you are God-fearing in that you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me. (**Genesis 22:12**)
- At that **Abraham** raised his eyes and looked and there, deep in the foreground, there was a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So **Abraham** went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering in place of his son. (**Genesis 22:13**)
- And **Abraham** began to call the name of that place Yehowahyireh. This is why it is customarily said today; In the mountain of Yehowah it will be provided. (**Genesis 22:14**)

- And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to **Abraham** the second time out of the heavens (**Genesis 22:15**)
- And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (**Genesis 22:16**)
- I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (**Genesis 22:17**)
- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)
- For when God made his promise to **Abraham**, since he could not swear by anyone greater, he swore by himself. (**Hebrews 6:13**)
- Saying; Assuredly in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply you. (**Hebrews 6:14**)
- And thus after **Abraham** had shown patience, he obtained this promise. (**Hebrews 6:15**)
- For men swear by the one greater, and their oath is the end of every dispute, as it is a legal guarantee to them. (**Hebrews 6:16**)
- In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath. (**Hebrews 6:17**)
- In order, that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on the hope set before us. (**Hebrews 6:18**)
- By faith **Abraham**, when he was tested, as good as offered up Isaac, and the man that had gladly received the promises attempted to offer up his only-begotten son. (**Hebrews 11:17**)
- Although it had been said to him; What will be called **your seed**, will be through Isaac. (**Hebrews 11:18**)

- But he reckoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead, and from there he did receive him also in an illustrative way. (**Hebrews 11:19**)

• Sarah Dies

- When Sarah died at Hebron in **1881 B.C.E.** at the age of 127, it was necessary for **Abraham** to purchase a burial plot, for indeed he was only an alien resident owning no land in Canaan. So he bought a field with its cave at Machpelah near Mamre from the sons of Heth.

- And Sarah's life got to be a hundred and twenty-seven years long. They were the years of Sarah's life. (**Genesis 23:1**)
- So Sarah died in Kiriatharba, that is to say, Hebron, in the land of Canaan, and **Abraham** came in to bewail Sarah and to weep over her. (**Genesis 23:2**)
- Then **Abraham** got up from before his dead and proceeded to speak to the sons of Heth, saying; (**Genesis 23:3**)
- An alien resident and settler I am among you. Give me the possession of a burial place among you that I may bury my dead out of my sight. (**Genesis 23:4**)
- At this the sons of Heth answered **Abraham**, saying to him: (**Genesis 23:5**)
- Hear us, my lord. A chieftain of God you are in the midst of us. In the choicest of our burial places bury your dead. None of us will hold back his burial place from you to prevent burying your dead. (**Genesis 23:6**)
- Thereupon **Abraham** got up and bowed down to the natives, to the sons of Heth. (**Genesis 23:7**)
- And spoke with them, saying; If your souls agree to bury my dead out of my sight, listen to me and urge Ephron the son of Zohar for me, (**Genesis 23:8**)
- That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which is his, which is at the extremity of his field. For the full amount of silver let him give it to me in the midst of you for the possession of a burial

place. (**Genesis 23:9**)

- As it was, Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. So Ephron the Hittite answered **Abraham** in the hearing of the sons of Heth with all those entering the gate of his city, saying; (**Genesis 23:10**)
- No, my lord! Listen to me. The field I do give to you, and the cave that is in it to you I do give it. Before the eyes of the sons of my people I do give it to you. Bury your dead. (**Genesis 23:11**)
- At that **Abraham** bowed down before the natives (**Genesis 23:12**)
- And spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the natives, saying; Only if you, no, listen to me! I will give you the amount of silver for the field. Take it from me, that I may bury my dead there. (**Genesis 23:13**)
- Then Ephron answered **Abraham**, saying to him: (**Genesis 23:14**)
- My lord, listen to me. A land plot worth four hundred silver shekels, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead. (**Genesis 23:15**)
- Accordingly **Abraham** listened to Ephron, and **Abraham** weighed out to Ephron the amount of silver that he had spoken in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred silver shekels current with the merchants. (**Genesis 23:16**)
- Thus the field of Ephron that was in Machpelah, which is in front of Mamre, the field and the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all its boundaries round about, became confirmed (**Genesis 23:17**)
- To **Abraham** as he purchased property before the eyes of the sons of Heth among all those entering the gate of his city. (**Genesis 23:18**)
- And after that **Abraham** buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah in front of Mamre, that is to say, Hebron, in the land of Canaan. (**Genesis 23:19**)
- Thus the field and the cave that was in it became confirmed to **Abraham** for the possession of a burial place at the hands of the

sons of Heth. (**Genesis 23:20**)

· Abraham Seeks A Wife For Isaac

- Three years later, when Isaac reached the age of 40, **Abraham** sent his oldest servant, likely Eliezer, back to Mesopotamia in order to find a suitable wife, one who was also a true worshiper of Yehowah, for his son. Rebekah, who was the grandniece of **Abraham**, proved to be Yehowah's choice.
- Now **Abraham** was old, advanced in years, and Yehowah had blessed **Abraham** in everything. (**Genesis 24:1**)
- Hence **Abraham** said to his servant, the oldest one of his household, who was managing all he had; Put your hand, please, under my thigh. (**Genesis 24:2**)
- As I must have you swear by Yehowah, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in among whom I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:3**)
- But you will go to my country and to my relatives, and you will certainly take a wife for my son, for Isaac. (**Genesis 24:4**)
- However, the servant said to him; What if the woman does not wish to come with me to this land? Must I be sure to return your son to the land from where you went out? (**Genesis 24:5**)
- At this **Abraham** said to him; Be on your guard that you do not return my son there. (**Genesis 24:6**)
- Yehowah the God of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying; To your seed I am going to give this land, he will send his angel ahead of you, and you will certainly take a wife for my son from there. (**Genesis 24:7**)
- But if the woman should not wish to come with you, you also will have become free from this oath you gave me. Only you must not return my son there. (**Genesis 24:8**)
- With that the servant put his hand under the thigh of **Abraham** his master and swore to him concerning this matter. (**Genesis**

24:9)

- So the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master and proceeded to go with every sort of good thing of his masters in his hand. Then he rose and got on his way to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. (**Genesis 24:10**)
- Eventually he had the camels kneel down outside the city at a well of water about evening time, about the time that the women who draw water were accustomed to go out. (**Genesis 24:11**)
- And he went on to say; Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, cause it to happen, please, before me this day and perform loving-kindness with my master **Abraham**. (**Genesis 24:12**)
- Here I am stationed at a fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. (**Genesis 24:13**)
- What must occur is that the young woman to whom I shall say; Let your water jar down, please, that I may take a drink, and who will indeed say; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels, this is the one you must assign to your servant, to Isaac, and by this let me know that you have performed loyal love with my master. (**Genesis 24:14**)
- Well, it came about that before he had finished speaking, why, here coming out was Rebekah, who had been born to Bethuel the son of Milcah the wife of Nahor, **Abraham's** brother, and her water jar was upon her shoulder. (**Genesis 24:15**)
- Now the young woman was very attractive in appearance, a virgin, and no man had had sexual intercourse with her, and she made her way down to the fountain and began to fill her water jar and then came up. (**Genesis 24:16**)
- At once the servant ran to meet her and said; Give me, please, a little sip of water from your jar. (**Genesis 24:17**)
- In turn she said; Drink, my lord. With that she quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. (**Genesis 24:18**)
- When she was finished giving him a drink, then she said; For

- your camels too I shall draw water until they are done drinking. (Genesis 24:19)**
- **So she quickly emptied her jar into the drinking trough and ran yet again and again to the well to draw water, and kept drawing for all his camels. (Genesis 24:20)**
 - **All the while the man was gazing at her in wonder, keeping silent to know whether Yehowah had made his trip successful or not. (Genesis 24:21)**
 - **Consequently it came about that, when the camels had finished drinking, then the man took a gold nose ring of a half shekel in weight and two bracelets for her hands, ten shekels of gold was their weight. (Genesis 24:22)**
 - **And he went on to say; Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please. Is there any room at the house of your father for us to spend the night? (Genesis 24:23)**
 - **At that she said to him; I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. (Genesis 24:24)**
 - **And she said further to him; There is both straw and much fodder with us, also a place to spend the night. (Genesis 24:25)**
 - **And the man proceeded to bow down and prostrate himself before Yehowah (Genesis 24:26)**
 - **And say; Blessed be Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, who has not left his loving-kindness and his trustworthiness toward my master. I being on the way, Yehowah has led me to the house of the brothers of my master. (Genesis 24:27)**
 - **And the young woman went running and telling the household of her mother about these things. (Genesis 24:28)**
 - **Now Rebekah had a brother and his name was Laban. So Laban went running to the man who was outside at the fountain. (Genesis 24:29)**
 - **And it came about that on seeing the nose ring and the bracelets on the hands of his sister and on hearing the words of Rebekah his sister, saying; This is the way the man spoke to me, then he**

- came to the man and there he was, standing by the camels at the fountain. (**Genesis 24:30**)
- At once he said; Come, you blessed one of Yehowah. Why do you keep standing out here, when I myself have made the house ready and room for the camels? (**Genesis 24:31**)
 - With that the man came on into the house, and he went un-harnessing the camels and giving straw and fodder to the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. (**Genesis 24:32**)
 - Then something to eat was set before him, but he said; I shall not eat until I have spoken about my matters. Hence he said; Speak! (**Genesis 24:33**)
 - Then he went on to say; I am **Abraham's** servant. (**Genesis 24:34**)
 - And Yehowah has blessed my master very much in that he goes on making him greater and giving him sheep and cattle and silver and gold and menservants and maidservants and camels and asses. (**Genesis 24:35**)
 - Further, Sarah the wife of my master bore a son to my master after her growing old, and he will give him everything he has. (**Genesis 24:36**)
 - So my master made me swear, saying; You must not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:37**)
 - No, but you will go to the house of my father and to my family and you must take a wife for my son. (**Genesis 24:38**)
 - But I said to my master; What if the woman will not come with me? (**Genesis 24:39**)
 - Then he said to me; Yehowah, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and will certainly give success to your way, and you must take a wife for my son from my family and from the house of my father. (**Genesis 24:40**)
 - At that time you will be cleared of obligation to me by oath when

- you get to my family, and if they will not give her to you, then you shall become free of obligation to me by oath. ([Genesis 24:41](#))
- When I got to the fountain today, then I said; Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, if you are really giving success to my way on which I am going. ([Genesis 24:42](#))
 - Here I am stationed at a fountain of water. What must occur is that the maiden coming out to draw water to whom I shall actually say; Please, let me drink a little water from your jar. ([Genesis 24:43](#))
 - And who will indeed say to me; Both you take a drink, and I shall also draw water for your camels, she is the woman whom Yehowah has assigned for the son of my master. ([Genesis 24:44](#))
 - Before I was finished speaking in my heart, why, there was Rebekah coming out, with her jar upon her shoulder, and she made her way down to the fountain and began to draw water. Then I said to her; Give me a drink, please. ([Genesis 24:45](#))
 - So she quickly lowered her jar from off her and said; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels. Then I took a drink, and she also watered the camels. ([Genesis 24:46](#))
 - After that I asked her and said; Whose daughter are you? To which she said; The daughter of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. Accordingly I put the nose ring on her nostril and the bracelets on her hands. ([Genesis 24:47](#))
 - And I proceeded to bow down and prostrate myself before Yehowah and bless Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of the brother of my master for his son. ([Genesis 24:48](#))
 - And now if you are actually exercising loving-kindness and trustworthiness toward my master, tell me, but if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left. ([Genesis 24:49](#))
 - Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said; From Yehowah this thing has issued. We are unable to speak bad or good to you. ([Genesis 24:50](#))

- Here is Rebekah before you. Take her and go, and let her become a wife to the son of your master, just as Yehowah has spoken. (**Genesis 24:51**)
- And it came about that when **Abraham's** servant had heard their words, he at once prostrated himself on the earth before Yehowah. (**Genesis 24:52**)
- And the servant began to bring out articles of silver and articles of gold and garments and to give them to Rebekah, and he gave choice things to her brother and to her mother. (**Genesis 24:53**)
- After that they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and they spent the night there and got up in the morning. Then he said; Send me off to my master. (**Genesis 24:54**)
- To this her brother and her mother said; Let the young woman stay with us at least ten days. Afterward she can go. (**Genesis 24:55**)
- But he said to them; Do not detain me, seeing that Yehowah has given success to my way. Send me off, that I may go to my master. (**Genesis 24:56**)
- So they said; Let us call the young woman and inquire at her mouth. (**Genesis 24:57**)
- Then they called Rebekah and said to her; Will you go with this man? In turn she said; I am willing to go. (**Genesis 24:58**)
- At that they sent off Rebekah their sister and her nurse and **Abraham's** servant and his men. (**Genesis 24:59**)
- And they began to bless Rebekah and say to her; O you, our sister, may you become thousands times ten thousand, and let your seed take possession of the gate of those who hate it. (**Genesis 24:60**)
- After that Rebekah and her lady attendants rose and they went riding on the camels and following the man, and the servant took Rebekah and got on his way. (**Genesis 24:61**)
- 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)**
- **When Rebekah raised her eyes, she caught sight of Isaac and she swung herself down from off the camel. (Genesis 24:64)**
- **Then she said to the servant; Who is that man there walking in the field to meet us? And the servant said; It is my master. And she proceeded to take a head-cloth and to cover herself. (Genesis 24:65)**
- **And the servant went relating to Isaac all the things he had done. (Genesis 24:66)**
- **After that Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother. Thus he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he fell in love with her, and Isaac found comfort after the loss of his mother. (Genesis 24:67)**

See Also PURCHASE

•• Abraham Remarries

- **Furthermore, Abraham again took a wife, Keturah, and thereafter fathered six additional sons, so that from Abraham sprang not only the Israelites, Ishmaelites, and Edomites but also Medanites, Midianites, and others.**
- **Furthermore, Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. (Genesis 25:1)**
- **In time she bore him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. (Genesis 25:2)**
- **The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael. (1 Chronicles 1:28)**
- **As for the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, she gave birth to Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan. (1 Chronicles 1:32)**

- And **Abraham** came to be father to Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel. (**1 Chronicles 1:34**)
- Thus it was that Yehowah's prophetic utterance was fulfilled in **Abraham: A father of a crowd of nations I will make you.**
- And your name will not be called Abram anymore, and your name must become **Abraham**, because a father of a crowd of nations I will make you. (**Genesis 17:5**)

•• Abraham Dies

- Finally, at the good old age of 175, **Abraham** died, in **1843 B.C.E**, and was buried by his sons Isaac and Ishmael in the cave of Machpelah.
- And these are the days of the years of **Abraham's** life which he lived, a hundred and seventy-five years. (**Genesis 25:7**)
- Then **Abraham** expired and died in a good old age, old and satisfied, and was gathered to his people. (**Genesis 25:8**)
- So Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite that is in front of Mamre. (**Genesis 25:9**)
- The field that **Abraham** had purchased from the sons of Heth. There **Abraham** was buried, and also Sarah his wife. (**Genesis 25:10**)
- Prior to his death **Abraham** gave gifts to the sons of his secondary wives and sent them away, so that Isaac would be the sole heir of everything he had.
- Later on **Abraham** gave everything he had to Isaac. (**Genesis 25:5**)
- But to the sons of the concubines that **Abraham** had **Abraham** gave gifts. Then he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he was still alive, eastward, to the land of the East. (**Genesis 25:6**)

•• Patriarchal Head and Prophet

- **Abraham** was a very wealthy man with great flocks and herds, much silver and gold, and a very large household numbering many hundreds of servants.
- So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all the goods that they had accumulated and the souls whom they had acquired in Haran, and they got on their way out to go to the land of Canaan. Finally they came to the land of Canaan. (**Genesis 12:5**)
- And he treated **Abram** well on her account, and he came to have sheep and cattle and asses and menservants and maidservants and she-asses and camels. (**Genesis 12:16**)
- And **Abram** was heavily stocked with herds and silver and gold. (**Genesis 13:2**)
- So the land did not allow for them to dwell all together, because their goods had become many and they were not able to dwell all together. (**Genesis 13:6**)
- And a quarrel arose between the herders of **Abram's** livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock, and at that time the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling in the land. (**Genesis 13:7**)
- **Abraham** then proceeded to take Ishmael his son and all the men born in his house and everyone purchased with money of his, every male among the men of the household of **Abraham**, and he went to circumcising the flesh of their foreskins in this very day, just as God had spoken with him. (**Genesis 17:23**)
- And all the men of his household, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from a foreigner, got circumcised with him. (**Genesis 17:27**)
- Following that Abimelech took sheep and cattle and menservants and maidservants and gave them to **Abraham** and returned to him Sarah his wife. (**Genesis 20:14**)
- And Yehowah has blessed my master very much in that he goes on making him greater and giving him sheep and cattle and silver and gold and menservants and maidservants and camels and asses. (**Genesis 24:35**)

- For this reason the kings of Canaan considered him a powerful **chieftain** and one with whom covenants of peace should be made.
- Hear us, my lord. A chieftain of God you are in the midst of us. In the choicest of our burial places bury your dead. None of us will hold back his burial place from you to prevent burying your dead. (**Genesis 23:6**)
- After that a man who had escaped came and told **Abram** the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of **Abram**. (**Genesis 14:13**)
- Now it came about at that time that Abimelech together with Phicol the chief of his army said to **Abraham**; God is with you in everything you are doing. (**Genesis 21:22**)
- So now swear to me here by God that you will not prove false to me and to my offspring and to my posterity, that, according to the loyal love with which I have dealt with you, you will deal with me and with the land in which you have been residing as an alien. (**Genesis 21:23**)
- Yet at no time did **Abraham** allow materialism to blind his vision of Yehowah and His promises or cause him to become proud, high-minded, or selfish.
- Is not the whole land available to you? Please, separate from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right, but if you go to the right, then I will go to the left. (**Genesis 13:9**)
- After that the king of Sodom said to **Abram**; Give me the souls, but take the goods for yourself. (**Genesis 14:21**)
- At this Abram said to the king of Sodom; I do lift up my hand in an oath to Yehowah the Most High God, Producer of heaven and earth. (**Genesis 14:22**)
- That, from a thread to a sandal lace, no, I shall take nothing from anything that is yours, in order, that you may not say; It was I who made **Abram** rich. (**Genesis 14:23**)

·· **For He Is A Prophet**

- The first occurrence of the word **prophet** in the Hebrew Scriptures refers to **Abraham**, though others like Enoch prophesied before him.
- But now return the man's wife, **for he is a prophet**, and he will make supplication for you. So keep living. But if you are not returning her, know that you will positively die, you and all who are yours. (**Genesis 20:7**)
- The first identified in the Scriptures as a **Hebrew** is **Abraham**.
- After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacled among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. (**Genesis 14:13**)
- **Abraham**, like Abel, Enoch, and Noah, was a man of faith.
- By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. (**Hebrews 11:4**)
- By faith Enoch was transferred so as not to see death, and he was nowhere to be found because God had transferred him. For before his transference he had the witness that he had pleased God well. (**Hebrews 11:5**)
- Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. (**Hebrews 11:6**)
- By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household, and through this faith he condemned the world, and he became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith. (**Hebrews 11:7**)
- By faith **Abraham**, when he was called, obeyed in going out into a place he was destined to receive as an inheritance, and he went out, although not knowing where he was going. (**Hebrews 11:8**)
- By faith he resided as an alien in the land of the promise as in a foreign land, and dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs

with him of the very same promise. (**Hebrews 11:9**)

- **But the first occurrence of the expression, put faith in Yehowah is in reference to Abraham.**
- **And he put faith in Yehowah, and he proceeded to count it to him as righteousness. (**Genesis 15:6**)**
- **Indeed, this man of unusual faith walked with God, received communications from him by means of visions and dreams, and entertained his angelic messengers.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. (**Genesis 12:1**)**
- **And I shall make a great nation out of you and I shall bless you and I will make your name great, and prove yourself a blessing. (**Genesis 12:2**)**
- **And I will bless those who bless you, and him that calls down evil upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (**Genesis 12:3**)**
- **Yehowah now appeared to Abram and said; To your seed I am going to give this land. After that he built an altar there to Yehowah, who had appeared to him. (**Genesis 12:7**)**
- **After these things the word of Yehowah came to Abram in a vision, saying; Do not fear, Abram. I am a shield for you. Your reward will be very great. (**Genesis 15:1**)**
- **At this Abram said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, what will you give me, seeing that I am going childless and the one who will possess my house is a man of Damascus, Eliezer? (**Genesis 15:2**)**
- **And Abram added; Look! You have given me no seed, and, look! A son of my household is succeeding me as heir. (**Genesis 15:3**)**
- **But, look! The word of Yehowah to him was in these words; This man will not succeed you as heir, but one who will come out of your own inward parts will succeed you as heir. (**Genesis 15:4**)**
- **He now brought him outside and said; Look up, please, to the**

heavens and count the stars, if you are possibly able to count them. And he went on to say to him; So your seed will become. **(Genesis 15:5)**

- And he put faith in Yehowah, and he proceeded to count it to him as righteousness. **(Genesis 15:6)**
- Then he added to him; I am Yehowah, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take it in possession. **(Genesis 15:7)**
- To this he said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, by what shall I know that I shall take it in possession? **(Genesis 15:8)**
- After a while the sun was about to set, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and, look! A frightfully great darkness was falling upon him. **(Genesis 15:12)**
- And he began to say to **Abram**; You may know for sure that your seed will become an alien resident in a land not theirs, and they will have to serve them, and these will certainly afflict them for four hundred years. **(Genesis 15:13)**
- But the nation that they will serve I am judging, and after that they will go out with many goods. **(Genesis 15:14)**
- As for you, you will go to your forefathers in peace, you will be buried at a good old age. **(Genesis 15:15)**
- But in the fourth generation they will return here, because the error of the Amorites has not yet come to completion. **(Genesis 15:16)**
- The sun was now setting and a dense darkness came and, look! A smoking furnace and a fiery torch that passed in between these pieces. **(Genesis 15:17)**
- On that day Yehowah concluded with **Abram** a covenant, saying; To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. **(Genesis 15:18)**
- The Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites. **(Genesis 15:19)**

- **And the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim. (Genesis 15:20)**
- **And the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites. (Genesis 15:21)**
- **Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of Mamre, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. (Genesis 18:1)**
- **When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. (Genesis 18:2)**
- **Then he said; Yehowah, if, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. (Genesis 18:3)**
- **Let a little water be taken, please, and you must have your feet washed. Then recline under the tree. (Genesis 18:4)**
- **And let me get a piece of bread, and refresh your hearts. Following that, you can pass on, because that is why you have passed this way to your servant. At this they said; All right. You may do just as you have spoken. (Genesis 18:5)**
- **So Abraham went hurrying to the tent to Sarah and said; Hurry! Get three seah measures of fine flour, knead the dough and make round cakes. (Genesis 18:6)**
- **Next Abraham ran to the herd and proceeded to get a tender and good young bull and to give it to the attendant, and he went hurrying to get it ready. (Genesis 18:7)**
- **He then took butter and milk and the young bull that he had got ready and set it before them. Then he himself kept standing by them under the tree as they were eating. (Genesis 18:8)**
- **They now said to him; Where is Sarah your wife? To this he said; Here in the tent! (Genesis 18:9)**
- **So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was listening at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man.**

(Genesis 18:10)

- And **Abraham** and Sarah were old, being advanced in years. Sarah had stopped having menstruation. **(Genesis 18:11)**
- Hence Sarah began to laugh inside herself, saying; After I am worn out, shall I really have pleasure, my lord being old besides? **(Genesis 18:12)**
- Then Yehowah said to **Abraham**; Why was it that Sarah laughed, saying; Shall I really and truly give birth although I have become old? **(Genesis 18:13)**
- Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah? At the appointed time I shall return to you, next year at this time, and Sarah will have a son. **(Genesis 18:14)**
- But Sarah began to deny it, saying; I did not laugh! For she was afraid. At this he said; No! But you did laugh. **(Genesis 18:15)**
- But Yehowah's angel began calling to him out of the heavens and saying; **Abraham**, Abraham! To which he answered; Here I am! **(Genesis 22:11)**
- And he went on to say; Do not put out your hand against the boy and do not do anything at all to him, for now I do know that you are God-fearing in that you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me. **(Genesis 22:12)**
- As for you, you will go to your forefathers in peace, you will be buried at a good old age. **(Genesis 15:15)**
- But in the fourth generation they will return here, because the error of the Amorites has not yet come to completion. **(Genesis 15:16)**
- The sun was now setting and a dense darkness came and, look! A smoking furnace and a fiery torch that passed in between these pieces. **(Genesis 15:17)**
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- He was well acquainted with the name of God even though Yehowah had not at that time revealed the full significance of His name.
- And God went on to speak to Moses and to say to him; I am Yehowah. ([Exodus 6:2](#))
- And I used to appear to **Abraham**, Isaac and Jacob as God Almighty, but as respects my name Yehowah I did not make myself known to them. ([Exodus 6:3](#))
- Time after time **Abraham** built altars and offered up sacrifices in the name of and to the praise and glory of his God Yehowah.
- Later he moved from there to the mountainous region to the east of Bethel and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. Then he built an altar there to Yehowah and began to call on the name of Yehowah. ([Genesis 12:8](#))
- To the place of the altar that he had made there originally, and Abram proceeded to call there on the name of Yehowah. ([Genesis 13:4](#))
- So **Abram** continued to live in tents. Later on he came and dwelt among the big trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he proceeded to build an altar to Yehowah. ([Genesis 13:18](#))
- After that he planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba and called there upon the name of Yehowah the indefinitely lasting God. ([Genesis 21:33](#))
- Then he said to me; Yehowah, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and will certainly give success to your way, and you must take a wife for my son from my family and from the house of my father. ([Genesis 24:40](#))
- And he proceeded to bless Joseph and to say; The true God before whom my fathers **Abraham** and Isaac walked; The true God who has been shepherding me during all my existence until this day. ([Genesis 48:15](#))
- As patriarchal head, **Abraham** allowed no idolatry or ungodliness in his household but constantly taught all his sons and servants to keep Yehowah's way to do righteousness and judgment.

- For I have become acquainted with him in order, that he may command his sons and his household after him so that they shall keep Yehowah's way to do righteousness and judgment, in order, that Yehowah may certainly bring upon **Abraham** what he has spoken about him. (**Genesis 18:19**)
- Every male member of **Abraham's** household was bound by Yehowah's Law to submit to circumcision. The Egyptian slave girl Hagar called on Yehowah's name in prayer. And **Abraham's** oldest servant in a very heart-touching prayer to Yehowah demonstrated his own faith in Abraham's God. Isaac too, in his early manhood, proved his faith and his obedience to Yehowah by allowing himself to be bound hand and foot and placed atop the altar for sacrifice.
- This is my covenant that you men will keep, between me and you men, even your seed after you; Every male of yours must get circumcised. (**Genesis 17:10**)
- And you must get circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it must serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you. (**Genesis 17:11**)
- And every male of yours eight days old must be circumcised, according to your generations, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from any foreigner who is not from your seed. (**Genesis 17:12**)
- Every man born in your house and every man purchased with money of yours must without fail get circumcised, and my covenant in the flesh of you men must serve as a covenant to time indefinite. (**Genesis 17:13**)
- And an uncircumcised male who will not get the flesh of his foreskin circumcised, even that soul must be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant. (**Genesis 17:14**)
- **Abraham** then proceeded to take Ishmael his son and all the men born in his house and everyone purchased with money of his, every male among the men of the household of **Abraham**, and he went to circumcising the flesh of their foreskins in this very day, just as God had spoken with him. (**Genesis 17:23**)
- And **Abraham** was ninety-nine years old when he had the flesh of

his foreskin circumcised. (**Genesis 17:24**)

- And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he had the flesh of his foreskin circumcised. (**Genesis 17:25**)
- In this very day **Abraham** got circumcised, and also Ishmael his son. (**Genesis 17:26**)
- And all the men of his household, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from a foreigner, got circumcised with him. (**Genesis 17:27**)
- 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**)
- Hence **Abraham** said to his servant, the oldest one of his household, who was managing all he had; Put your hand, please, under my thigh. (**Genesis 24:2**)
- As I must have you swear by Yehowah, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in among whom I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:3**)
- But you will go to my country and to my relatives, and you will certainly take a wife for my son, for Isaac. (**Genesis 24:4**)
- However, the servant said to him; What if the woman does not wish to come with me to this land? Must I be sure to return your son to the land from where you went out? (**Genesis 24:5**)
- At this **Abraham** said to him; Be on your guard that you do not return my son there. (**Genesis 24:6**)
- Yehowah the God of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying; To your seed I am going to give this land, he will send his angel ahead of you, and you will certainly take a wife for my son from there. (**Genesis 24:7**)
- But if the woman should not wish to come with you, you also will have become free from this oath you gave me. Only you must not return my son there. (**Genesis 24:8**)

- **With that the servant put his hand under the thigh of **Abraham** his master and swore to him concerning this matter. (**Genesis 24:9**)**
- **So the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master and proceeded to go with every sort of good thing of his masters in his hand. Then he rose and got on his way to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. (**Genesis 24:10**)**
- **Eventually he had the camels kneel down outside the city at a well of water about evening time, about the time that the women who draw water were accustomed to go out. (**Genesis 24:11**)**
- **And he went on to say; Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, cause it to happen, please, before me this day and perform loving-kindness with my master Abraham. (**Genesis 24:12**)**
- **Here I am stationed at a fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. (**Genesis 24:13**)**
- **What must occur is that the young woman to whom I shall say; Let your water jar down, please, that I may take a drink, and who will indeed say; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels, this is the one you must assign to your servant, to Isaac, and by this let me know that you have performed loyal love with my master. (**Genesis 24:14**)**
- **Well, it came about that before he had finished speaking, why, here coming out was Rebekah, who had been born to Bethuel the son of Milcah the wife of Nahor, **Abraham's** brother, and her water jar was upon her shoulder. (**Genesis 24:15**)**
- **Now the young woman was very attractive in appearance, a virgin, and no man had had sexual intercourse with her, and she made her way down to the fountain and began to fill her water jar and then came up. (**Genesis 24:16**)**
- **At once the servant ran to meet her and said; Give me, please, a little sip of water from your jar. (**Genesis 24:17**)**
- **In turn she said; Drink, my lord. With that she quickly lowered**

her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. ([Genesis 24:18](#))

- When she was finished giving him a drink, then she said; For your camels too I shall draw water until they are done drinking. ([Genesis 24:19](#))
- So she quickly emptied her jar into the drinking trough and ran yet again and again to the well to draw water, and kept drawing for all his camels. ([Genesis 24:20](#))
- All the while the man was gazing at her in wonder, keeping silent to know whether Yehowah had made his trip successful or not. ([Genesis 24:21](#))
- Consequently it came about that, when the camels had finished drinking, then the man took a gold nose ring of a half shekel in weight and two bracelets for her hands, ten shekels of gold was their weight. ([Genesis 24:22](#))
- And he went on to say; Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please. Is there any room at the house of your father for us to spend the night? ([Genesis 24:23](#))
- At that she said to him; I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. ([Genesis 24:24](#))
- And she said further to him; There is both straw and much fodder with us, also a place to spend the night. ([Genesis 24:25](#))
- And the man proceeded to bow down and prostrate himself before Yehowah ([Genesis 24:26](#))
- And say; Blessed be Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, who has not left his loving-kindness and his trustworthiness toward my master. I being on the way, Yehowah has led me to the house of the brothers of my master. ([Genesis 24:27](#))
- And the young woman went running and telling the household of her mother about these things. ([Genesis 24:28](#))
- Now Rebekah had a brother and his name was Laban. So Laban went running to the man who was outside at the fountain. ([Genesis 24:29](#))

- **And it came about that on seeing the nose ring and the bracelets on the hands of his sister and on hearing the words of Rebekah his sister, saying; This is the way the man spoke to me, then he came to the man and there he was, standing by the camels at the fountain. (Genesis 24:30)**
- **At once he said; Come, you blessed one of Yehowah. Why do you keep standing out here, when I myself have made the house ready and room for the camels? (Genesis 24:31)**
- **With that the man came on into the house, and he went unharnessing the camels and giving straw and fodder to the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. (Genesis 24:32)**
- **Then something to eat was set before him, but he said; I shall not eat until I have spoken about my matters. Hence he said; Speak! (Genesis 24:33)**
- **Then he went on to say; I am Abraham's servant. (Genesis 24:34)**
- **And Yehowah has blessed my master very much in that he goes on making him greater and giving him sheep and cattle and silver and gold and menservants and maidservants and camels and asses. (Genesis 24:35)**
- **Further, Sarah the wife of my master bore a son to my master after her growing old, and he will give him everything he has. (Genesis 24:36)**
- **So my master made me swear, saying; You must not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I am dwelling. (Genesis 24:37)**
- **No, but you will go to the house of my father and to my family and you must take a wife for my son. (Genesis 24:38)**
- **But I said to my master; What if the woman will not come with me? (Genesis 24:39)**
- **Then he said to me; Yehowah, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and will certainly give success to your way, and you must take a wife for my son from my family and**

- from the house of my father. (**Genesis 24:40**)
- **At that time you will be cleared of obligation to me by oath when you get to my family, and if they will not give her to you, then you shall become free of obligation to me by oath. (**Genesis 24:41**)**
 - **When I got to the fountain today, then I said; Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, if you are really giving success to my way on which I am going. (**Genesis 24:42**)**
 - **Here I am stationed at a fountain of water. What must occur is that the maiden coming out to draw water to whom I shall actually say; Please, let me drink a little water from your jar. (**Genesis 24:43**)**
 - **And who will indeed say to me; Both you take a drink, and I shall also draw water for your camels, she is the woman whom Yehowah has assigned for the son of my master. (**Genesis 24:44**)**
 - **Before I was finished speaking in my heart, why, there was Rebekah coming out, with her jar upon her shoulder, and she made her way down to the fountain and began to draw water. Then I said to her, Give me a drink, please. (**Genesis 24:45**)**
 - **So she quickly lowered her jar from off her and said; Take a drink, and I shall also water your camels. Then I took a drink, and she also watered the camels. (**Genesis 24:46**)**
 - **After that I asked her and said; Whose daughter are you? to which she said; The daughter of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. Accordingly I put the nose ring on her nostril and the bracelets on her hands. (**Genesis 24:47**)**
 - **And I proceeded to bow down and prostrate myself before Yehowah and bless Yehowah the God of my master **Abraham**, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of the brother of my master for his son. (**Genesis 24:48**)**
 - **And now if you are actually exercising loving-kindness and trustworthiness toward my master, tell me, but if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left. (**Genesis 24:49**)**
 - **Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said; From Yehowah this**

- thing has issued. We are unable to speak bad or good to you. **(Genesis 24:50)**
- Here is Rebekah before you. Take her and go, and let her become a wife to the son of your master, just as Yehowah has spoken. **(Genesis 24:51)**
 - And it came about that when **Abraham's** servant had heard their words, he at once prostrated himself on the earth before Yehowah. **(Genesis 24:52)**
 - And the servant began to bring out articles of silver and articles of gold and garments and to give them to Rebekah, and he gave choice things to her brother and to her mother. **(Genesis 24:53)**
 - After that they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and they spent the night there and got up in the morning. Then he said; Send me off to my master. **(Genesis 24:54)**
 - To this her brother and her mother said; Let the young woman stay with us at least ten days. Afterward she can go. **(Genesis 24:55)**
 - But he said to them; Do not detain me, seeing that Yehowah has given success to my way. Send me off, that I may go to my master. **(Genesis 24:56)**

••Historicity

- Jesus and his disciples referred to **Abraham** more than 70 times in their conversations and writings. In his illustration of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus referred to **Abraham** in a symbolic sense.
- But a certain man was rich, and he used to deck himself with purple and linen, enjoying himself from day to day with magnificence. **(Luke 16:19)**
- But a certain beggar named Lazarus used to be put at his gate, full of ulcers **(Luke 16:20)**
- And desiring to be filled with the things dropping from the table of the rich man. Yes, too, the dogs would come and lick his ulcers. **(Luke 16:21)**

- Now in course of time the beggar died and he was carried off by the angels to the bosom position of **Abraham**. Also, the rich man died and was buried. (**Luke 16:22**)
- And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, he existing in torments, and he saw **Abraham** afar off and Lazarus in the bosom position with him. (**Luke 16:23**)
- So he called and said; Father **Abraham**, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this blazing fire. (**Luke 16:24**)
- But **Abraham** said; Child, remember that you received in full your good things in your lifetime, but Lazarus correspondingly the injurious things. Now, however, he is having comfort here but you are in anguish. (**Luke 16:25**)
- And besides all these things, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you people, so that those wanting to go over from here to you people cannot, neither may people cross over from there to us. (**Luke 16:26**)
- Then he said; In that event I ask you, father, to send him to the house of my father. (**Luke 16:27**)
- For I have five brothers, in order, that he may give them a thorough witness, that they also should not get into this place of torment. (**Luke 16:28**)
- But **Abraham** said; They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to these. (**Luke 16:29**)
- Then he said; No, indeed, father **Abraham**, but if someone from the dead goes to them they will repent. (**Luke 16:30**)
- But he said to him; If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead. (**Luke 16:31**)
- When his opponents boasted that they were the offspring of **Abraham**, Jesus was quick to point out their hypocrisy, saying; If you are Abraham's children, do the works of **Abraham**.
- And so Jesus went on to say to the Jews that had believed him;

- If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. (**John 8:31**)
- And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (**John 8:32**)
 - They replied to him; We are **Abraham's** offspring and never have we been slaves to anybody. How is it you say; You will become free? (**John 8:33**)
 - Jesus answered them; Most truly I say to you, every doer of sin is a slave of sin. (**John 8:34**)
 - Moreover, the slave does not remain in the household forever, the son remains forever. (**John 8:35**)
 - Therefore if the Son sets you free, you will be actually free. (**John 8:36**)
 - I know that you are **Abraham's** offspring, but you are seeking to kill me, because my word makes no progress among you. (**John 8:37**)
 - What things I have seen with my Father I speak, and you, therefore, do the things you have heard from your father. (**John 8:38**)
 - In answer they said to him; Our father is **Abraham**. Jesus said to them; If you are **Abraham's** children, do the works of Abraham. (**John 8:39**)
 - But now you are seeking to kill me, a man that has told you the truth that I heard from God. **Abraham** did not do this. (**John 8:40**)
 - You do the works of your father. They said to him; We were not born from fornication, we have one Father, God. (**John 8:41**)
 - Jesus said to them; If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. (**John 8:42**)
 - Why is it you do not know what I am speaking? Because you cannot listen to my word. (**John 8:43**)

- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (**John 8:44**)
- Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, you do not believe me. (**John 8:45**)
- Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it you do not believe me? (**John 8:46**)
- He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why you do not listen, because you are not from God. (**John 8:47**)
- In answer the Jews said to him; Do we not rightly say; You are a Samaritan and have a demon? (**John 8:48**)
- Jesus answered; I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. (**John 8:49**)
- But I am not seeking glory for myself. There is One that is seeking and judging. (**John 8:50**)
- Most truly I say to you, if anyone observes my word, he will never see death at all. (**John 8:51**)
- The Jews said to him; Now we do know you have a demon. **Abraham** died, also the prophets, but you say; If anyone observes my word, he will never taste death at all. (**John 8:52**)
- You are not greater than our father **Abraham**, who died, are you? Also, the prophets died. Who do you claim to be? (**John 8:53**)
- Jesus answered; If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifies me, he who you say is your God. (**John 8:54**)
- And yet you have not known him. But I know him. And if I said I do not know him I should be like you, a liar. But I do know him and am observing his word. (**John 8:55**)
- **Abraham** your father rejoiced greatly in the prospect of seeing

my day, and he saw it and rejoiced. (**John 8:56**)

- Therefore the Jews said to him; You are not yet fifty years old, and still you have seen **Abraham**? (**John 8:57**)
- Jesus said to them; Most truly I say to you, Before **Abraham** came into existence, I have been. (**John 8:58**)
- And do not presume to say to yourselves; As a father we have **Abraham**. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to **Abraham** from these stones. (**Matthew 3:9**)
- Already the ax is lying at the root of the trees. Every tree, then, that does not produce fine fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire. (**Matthew 3:10**)
- No, as the apostle Paul said; it is not fleshly descent that counts, but, rather, faith like that of **Abraham** that enables one to be declared righteous.
- However, it is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all who spring from Israel are really, **Israel**. (**Romans 9:6**)
- Neither because they are **Abraham's** seed are they all children, but; What will be called your seed will be through Isaac. (**Romans 9:7**)
- That is, the children in the flesh are not really the children of God, but the children by the promise are counted as the seed. (**Romans 9:8**)
- That being so, what shall we say about **Abraham** our forefather according to the flesh? (**Romans 4:1**)
- If, for instance, **Abraham** were declared righteous as a result of works, he would have ground for boasting, but not with God. (**Romans 4:2**)
- For what does the scripture say: **Abraham** exercised faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness. (**Romans 4:3**)
- Now to the man that works the pay is counted, not as an undeserved kindness, but as a debt. (**Romans 4:4**)

- On the other hand, to the man that does not work but puts faith in him who declares the ungodly one righteous, his faith is counted as righteousness. (**Romans 4:5**)
- Just as David also speaks of the happiness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works. (**Romans 4:6**)
- Happy are those whose lawless deeds have been pardoned and whose sins have been covered. (**Romans 4:7**)
- Happy is the man whose sin Yehowah will by no means take into account. (**Romans 4:8**)
- Does this happiness, then, come upon circumcised people or also upon uncircumcised people? For we say: His faith was counted to **Abraham** as righteousness. (**Romans 4:9**)
- Under what circumstances, then, was it counted? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. (**Romans 4:10**)
- And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (**Romans 4:11**)
- And a father of circumcised offspring, not only to those who adhere to circumcision, but also to those who walk orderly in the footsteps of that faith while in the uncircumcised state which our father **Abraham** had. (**Romans 4:12**)
- Paul also identified the true seed of **Abraham** as Christ, along with those who belong to Christ as **heirs with reference to a promise**.
- Now the promises were spoken to **Abraham** and to his seed. It says, not; And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (**Galatians 3:16**)
- Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really **Abraham's** seed, heirs with reference to a promise. (**Galatians 3:29**)

- He also speaks of **Abraham's** kindness and hospitality to strangers, and in his long list in (**Hebrews Chapter 11**) of illustrious witnesses of Yehowah, Paul does not overlook **Abraham**. It is Paul who points out that **Abraham's** two women, Sarah and Hagar, figured in a symbolic drama that involved Yehowah's two covenants.
- For example, it is written that **Abraham** acquired two sons, one by the servant girl and one by the free woman. (**Galatians 4:22**)
- But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a promise. (**Galatians 4:23**)
- These things stand as a symbolic drama, for these women mean two covenants, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar. (**Galatians 4:24**)
- Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. (**Galatians 4:25**)
- But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (**Galatians 4:26**)
- For it is written: Be glad, you barren woman who does not give birth, break out and cry aloud, you woman who does not have childbirth pains, for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those of her who has the husband. (**Galatians 4:27**)
- Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the promise the same as Isaac was. (**Galatians 4:28**)
- But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (**Galatians 4:29**)
- Nevertheless, what does the Scripture say: Drive out the servant girl and her son, for by no means shall the son of the servant girl be an heir with the son of the free woman. (**Galatians 4:30**)
- Wherefore, brothers, we are children, not of a servant girl, but of the free woman. (**Galatians 4:31**)

- By faith **Abraham**, when he was called, obeyed in going out into a place he was destined to receive as an inheritance, and he went out, although not knowing where he was going. (**Hebrews 11:8**)
- The Bible writer James adds that **Abraham** backed up his faith by righteous works and, therefore, was known as **Yehowah's friend**.
- Was not **Abraham** our father declared righteous by works after he had offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? (**James 2:21**)
- You behold that his faith worked along with his works and by his works his faith was perfected. (**James 2:22**)
- And the scripture was fulfilled which says: **Abraham** put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he came to be called **Yehowah's friend**. (**James 2:23**)
- Archaeological discoveries have also confirmed matters related in the Biblical history of **Abraham**: The geographic locations of many places and customs of that period of time, such as the purchase of the field from the Hittites, the choice of Eliezer as heir, and the treatment of Hagar.

GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM

TERAH

NAHOR

Reumah

4 sons

HARAN

Milcah

BETHUEL

LABAN

7 other sons

Iscah

LOT

Daughter 1

MOAB

MOABITES

Daughter 2

BEN-AMMI

AMMONITES

ABRAHAM

Keturah

6 sons

Hagar

ISHMAEL

ISHMAELITES

Sarah

ISAAC

Rebekah

ESAU

EDOMITES

JACOB Sons of Jacob are shown numbered in order of birth

Leah

REUBEN (1)

SIMEON (2)

LEVI (3)

JUDAH (4)

The line in which Jesus Christ was born

ISSACHAR (9)

ZEBULUN (10)

Dinah

Rachel

JOSEPH (11)

BENJAMIN (12)

Bilhah

DAN (5)

NAPHTALI (6)

Zilpah

GAD (7)

ASHER (8)