

ABRAHAM

“Father of Multitudes”
”Father of Many Nations”
”Father of Faith”



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- Father of the Jewish people
- Father of faith due his assent to the Will of God and His Justice
- Spiritually, the father and ancestor of all true believers
- Recognized by the Apostles as a sign of the resurrection of mankind the Savior, Jesus Christ
- “Abram” was his original name which means “The father is exalted”



God's Promises to Abraham:

- 1) Land – Gen. 13:14-15
- 2) Descendants – Gen. 22:17
- 3) Blessing for all nations – Gen. 22:18 (since he is the ancestor of Jesus Christ)



Key Events in Abraham's Life:

- Abraham's Call (Gen. 12:1-3)
- God's Promise of Land (Gen. 13:14-16)
- God's Promise of Descendants (Gen. 15:5-6)
- The Covenant Rite (Gen. 15:9-12)
- The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:23-29)
- Abraham's Test (Gen. 22:1-19)



Realizations During Abraham's Life:

- 1) About God
- - always takes the initiative
- always faithful to His promises
- protector of those who are faithful and obedient to Him



Realizations During Abraham's Life:

- 2) About Man's faith as a response to God
- faith is an unconditional acceptance of God's Word
- that faith means obedience to His commandments
- that faith means also "concern" for one's fellow human beings



The Elements of True Faith:

2. Belief
3. Trust
4. Obedience



Abrahams' Relations

- Terah – the father of Abraham
- Abraham's Brothers:
- 1. Haran
- 2. Nahor
- Sarah – the wife of Abraham
- her name means “princess”
- originally named “Sarai”
- Hagar – the Egyptian maid-servant of Sarah
- bore Abraham's first son Ishmael



Abrahams' Relations

- Ishmael – the name means “God Heard”
- Isaac – the name means “ He Laughs”
- the legitimate son of Abraham and Sarah
- the bearer of the Promise
- was asked by God to be offered as a holocaust or human sacrifice from Abraham
- the secondary figure as link to Abraham and Jacob



Abrahams' Descendants

- Rebekah – the wife of Isaac who was barren
- the daughter of Bethuel and the sister of Laban
- Esau – “the hairy one”
- - the firstborn son and one of the twins of Isaac and Rebekah
- - had reddish skin and a hairy body
- sold his birthright to Jacob for a pot of lentils



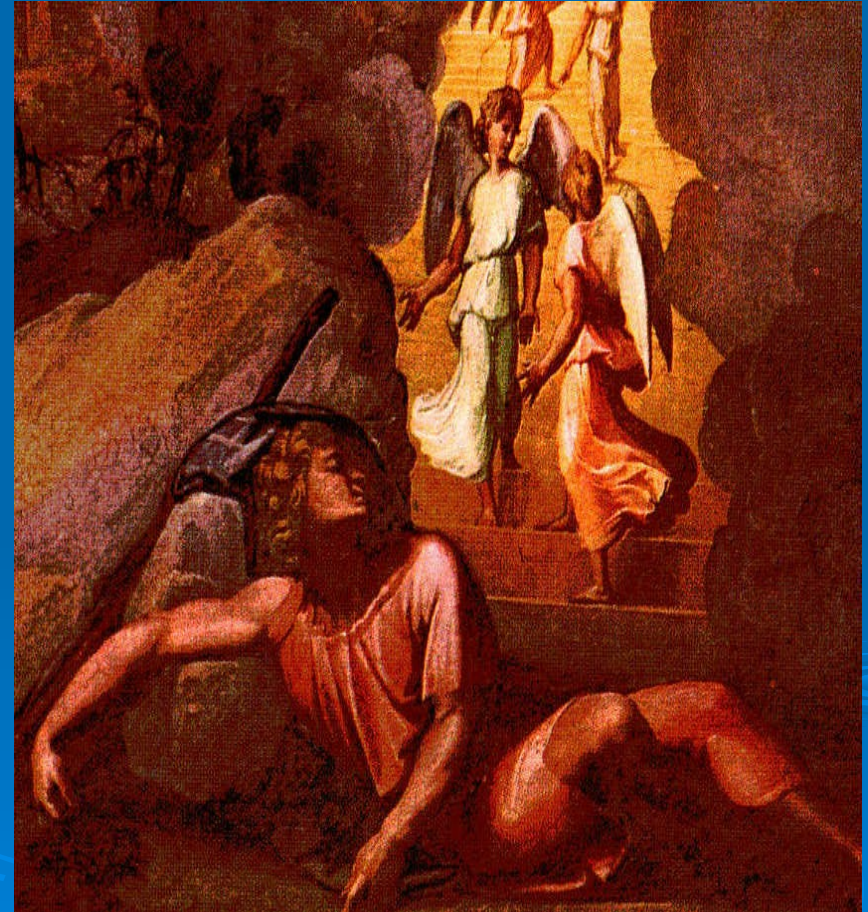
Abrahams' Descendants

- Jacob (Jakub) – the name means “one who takes the heel” or “God Protects”
- the twin brother of Esau
- deceived Isaac to render his blessing that was meant for Esau who is firstborn
- was renamed “Israel” which means “the strong one of God”
- became the husband and father of the sons of the sisters Leah and Rachel
- became also the father of the sons of the Bilhah and Zilpah, maid-servants of Rachel and Leah respectively



Abrahams' Descendants

- The 12 Tribes of Israel (12 Sons of Jacob):
- Reuben
- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Isaachar
- Zebulun _____ Mother:
Leah
- Joseph
- Benjamin _____ Mother:
Rachel
- Dan
- Napthali _____ Mother:
Bilhah (Rachel's maid)
- Gad
- Asher _____ Mother:
Zilpah (Leah's maid)



Abrahams' Descendants

- Joseph – the name means “let God add”
- one of the sons of Jacob
- envied by his brothers since he was Jacob’s favorite son in his old age and was gifted with a multicolored coat
- was sold by his brothers to slave traders but made to believe to Jacob that he was killed



Abrahams' Descendants

- Joseph:
- interpreted dreams
- became the governor of Egypt and there became a numerous people
- The Sons of Joseph:
- (adopted by Jacob thus counted as members of the tribes)
- 6. Ephraim
- 7. Manasseh

