

# Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

## The Custodians of the Covenant and their Descendants

Part 5

### Hebrews 11:8-22 AMPC

8 *[Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go.*

9 *[Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.*

10 *For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.*

11 *Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word.*

12 *So from one man, though he was physically as good as dead, there have sprung descendants whose number is as the stars of heaven and as countless as the innumerable sands on the seashore.*

13 *These people all died controlled and sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of [God's] promises, only having seen it and greeted it from a great distance by faith, and all the while acknowledging and confessing that they were strangers and temporary residents and exiles upon the earth.*

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15 If they had been thinking with [homesick] remembrance of that country from which they were emigrants, they would have found constant opportunity to return to it.

16 But the truth is that they were yearning for and aspiring to a better and more desirable country, that is, a heavenly [one]. For that reason God is not ashamed to be called their God [even to be surnamed their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], for He has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test [while the testing of his faith was [d]still in progress], [e]had already brought Isaac for an offering; he who had gladly received and welcomed [God's] promises was ready to sacrifice his only son,

18 Of whom it was said, Through Isaac shall your descendants be reckoned.

19 For he reasoned that God was able to raise [him] up even from among the dead. Indeed in the sense that Isaac was figuratively dead [potentially sacrificed], he did [actually] receive him back from the dead.

Abraham knew something...

### **Hebrews 11:8-22 AMPC**

6 But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

Abraham knew why he was created...

### **Revelation 4:11 KJV**

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**Revelation 4:11 AMPC**

*11 Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created.*

In Hebrews chapter 11 verses 17-19 Paul tell us that Abraham’s faith led him to obey God, even at the risk of losing his irreplaceable son Isaac. Abraham was confident that God loved him and that He was in control. Those who see God’s hand in everything can best leave everything in God’s hand. Abraham had more confidence in God’s promises than in his own perspective. He trusted God’s faithfulness in an uncertain world, on an uncharted course, through an unknown future.

**John 8:56 AMPC**

*56 Your forefather Abraham was extremely happy at the hope and prospect of seeing My day (My incarnation); and he did see it and was delighted.*

**Hebrews 11:13 AMPC**

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God chose Abraham, an ordinary human being and made him a spiritual giant as a result of Abraham's faith in and obedience unto God - the two working hand in hand. Faith progressively develops in people like Abraham, from habitual obedience and trust in God we become stronger everyday by choice or by faith. Remember, it is important who your friends are, the preaching and teaching that you are under and to desire to only hear the truth and not man made fables and or false teaching.

**Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 KJV**

*9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

*10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.*

**Romans 10:17 AMPC**

*17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).*

So what did Abraham hear? Who did he hear it from after leaving home not wanting to worship idols like his father, family and friends did?

There's not a lot of information about how Abram (Abraham) grew up in the Bible but there are ancient history books that are mentioned in the Bible along with rabbinical history books as well that give us some insight. The Ancient Book of Jasher is one of that still exists and is referenced in Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18; and 2 Timothy 3:8.

These stories or information is not in conflict with God's Word, just like other historical books we read today, archeological finds that are not in conflict with Bible but, the Bible is the final authority on every "thing".

**Note: The Book of Jashar, is an ancient Israelite collection of poems quoted in various books of the Old Testament.**

Most people have never stopped to consider that Noah and Abraham (and even Shem and Nimrod) were contemporaries. Jewish historians reveal that not only did Noah and Abraham know one another, but that Abram lived with Noah and Shem for 39 years.

Noah was 600 years old when the flood came and he lived 950 years.

**Genesis 7:11 AMPC**

*11 In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and burst forth, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened.*

From the birth of Arphaxad, two years after the flood, until the birth of Abram it was only 292 years. Noah lived 350 years after the flood and Shem 500 years. Abram's life overlapped Noah's life by 58 years.

**Genesis 25:7 AMPC**

*7 The days of Abraham's life were 175 years.*

Abraham lived to be 175, so Shem outlived Abraham by 35 years. That means that both Isaac and Jacob were taught by Shem, and Eber! This is right from the Bible genealogies and also recorded in Jasher...once again, history books about the Bible are not the authority but confirming that the Bible is true.

Example of historical writing regarding the genealogies not just in Jasher but other historical Hebrew and Jewish writings: **Jasher 28:24** And it came to pass in those days, in the hundred and tenth year of the life of Isaac, that is in the fiftieth year of the life of Jacob, in that year died Shem the son of Noah; Shem was six hundred years old at his death.

**Genesis 11:10-26 AMPC**

*10 This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was 100 years old when he became the father of Arpachshad, two years after the flood.*

11 And Shem lived after Arpachshad was born 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

12 When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah.

13 Arpachshad lived after Shelah was born 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber.

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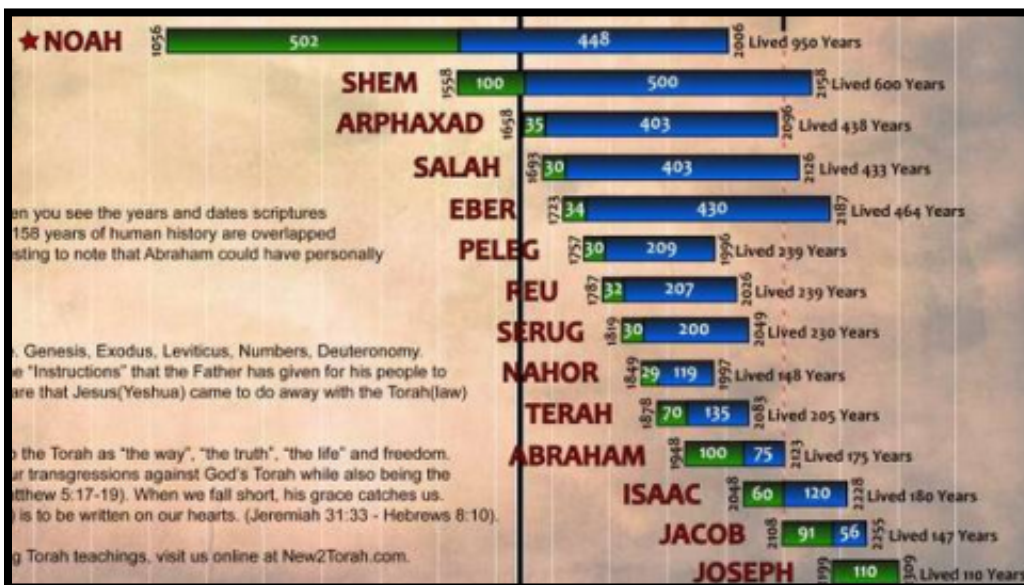
16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg.

17 And Eber lived after Peleg was born 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu.

19 And Peleg lived after Reu was born 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug.



21 And Reu lived after Serug was born 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. her sons and daughters.

24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah.

25 And Nahor lived after Terah was born 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of [at different times], [a]Abram and Nahor and Haran, [his firstborn].

Noah was Abraham's (Abram) great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great-grandfather and according to historical writings Abram served Noah and Shem his son in Noah's house/tents for thirty-nine years

We first meet Abram in Genesis 11, he and his family had just moved from Ur (Iraq) of the Chaldees to Haran (Turkey) approximately 200 miles. It is in Genesis 12 that we find the first age marker for Abraham. "Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran" verse 4.



### Genesis 12 AMPC

1 Now [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.

2 And **I will** make of you a great nation, and **I will** bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and **you will** be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And **I will** bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and [a]curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

4 **So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.**

5 Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the persons [servants] that they had acquired in Haran, and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,

6 Abram passed through the land to the locality of Shechem, to the oak or terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your posterity. **So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him.**

8 **From there he pulled up [his tent pegs] and departed to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.**

### **Hebrews 11:13-16 AMPC**

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9 Abram journeyed on, still going toward the South (the Negeb).

10 **Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram [b]went down into Egypt to live temporarily, for the famine in the land was oppressive (intense and grievous).**

11 And when he was about to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, I know that you are beautiful to behold.

12 So when the Egyptians see you, they will say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 Say, I beg of you, that you are [c]my sister, so that it may go well with me for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.

14 And when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into Pharaoh's house [harem].

16 And he treated Abram well for her sake; he acquired sheep, oxen, he-donkeys, menservants, maidservants, she-donkeys, and [d]camels.

17 **But the Lord scourged Pharaoh and his household with serious plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.**

18 **And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?**

19 Why did you say, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her and get away [from here]!

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they brought him on his way with his wife and all that he had.

In chapter 12 of Genesis there are several story lines that are beginning that we will follow as we continue this series. First, Abraham was from Ur, the is the place that Pope Francis and the head Imam from Iran along with representatives from other middle eastern religions (Hindu, Sikh etc) met to pray for universal peace/unity and prayer.

Remember, Abraham is revered by Jews, Christians, and Muslims; he serves as a common link. He is the patriarch of the Jewish nation, a spiritual father to Christians, and Muslims regard him as a mighty prophet. The is the reason why the Pope met these nations outside the birthplace of Abraham. This is a One World Religion formation!

The Pope along with Iran's Head Imam spear headed a joint venture to create a massive interfaith complex in Abu Dhabi called the Abrahamic Family House, encompassing a mosque, a church and a synagogue which is now open to the public. This complex is located in Saudi Arabia, the birth place of Muhammad and the religion of Islam... this is not a coincidence.



It is important to note that Abraham's nephew Lot mentioned in chapter 12 came with Abraham and saw his uncle build altar's unto the Lord wherever God asked him to go. He saw Abraham's obedience and the miraculous things that God did for and through him as he lived by faith in word and deed.

**Romans 10:17 AMPC**

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself).

Interesting to note what happened when Pharaoh realized why the plagues came upon him and his family... he had Sara, Abraham's wife.

**Genesis 12:17-8,20 AMPC**

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**Genesis 13:1-13 AMPC**

**1 So Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South [country of Judah, the Negeb].**

2 Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold.

3 And he journeyed on from the South [country of Judah, the Negeb] as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

**4 Where he had built an altar at first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.**

5 But Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 Now the land was not able to nourish and support them so they could dwell together, for their possessions were too great for them to live together.

**7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle.** And the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land [making fodder more difficult to obtain].

8 So Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I beg of you, between you and me, or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are relatives.

9 *Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I beg of you, from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you choose the right hand, then I will go to the left.*

**10 And Lot looked and saw that everywhere the Jordan Valley was well watered. Before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [it was all] like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.**

11 *Then Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley and [he] traveled east. So they separated.*

12 *Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the [Jordan] Valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom and dwelt there.*

**13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and exceedingly great sinners against the Lord.**

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**John 8:19-56 AMPC**

**19 Then they said to Him, Where is this [a]Father of Yours? Jesus answered, You know My Father as little as you know Me. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.**

20 *Jesus said these things in the treasury while He was teaching in the temple [[b]court]; but no one ventured to arrest Him, because His hour had not yet come.*

**21 Therefore He said again to them, I am going away, and you will be looking for Me, and you will die in (under the curse of) your sin. Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come.**

22 *At this the Jews began to ask among themselves, Will He kill Himself? Is that why He says, Where I am going, it is not possible for you to come?*

**23 He said to them, You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world (of this earthly order); I am not of this world.**

*24 That is why I told you that you will die in (under the curse of) your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He [Whom I claim to be—if you do not adhere to, trust in, and rely on Me], you will die in your sins.*

**25 Then they said to Him, Who are You anyway? Jesus replied, [Why do I even speak to you!] I am exactly what I have been telling you from the first.**

*26 I have much to say about you and to judge and condemn. But He Who sent Me is true (reliable), and I tell the world [only] the things that I have heard from Him.*

*27 They did not perceive (know, understand) that He was speaking to them about the Father.*

**28 So Jesus added, When you have lifted up the Son of Man [on the cross], you will realize (know, understand) that I am He [for Whom you look] and that I do nothing of Myself (of My own accord or on My own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught Me.**

*29 And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.*

*30 As He said these things, many believed in Him [trusted, relied on, and adhered to Him].*

**31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.**

*32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.*

**33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free?**

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34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin.

35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever.

36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.

37 [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not find any place) in you.

38 I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father.

39 They retorted, Abraham is our father. Jesus said, If you were [truly] Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham [follow his example, do as Abraham did].

40 But now [instead] you are wanting and seeking to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth which I have heard from God. This is not the way Abraham acted.

41 You are doing the works of your [own] father. They said to Him, We are not illegitimate children and born out of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me and respect Me and welcome Me gladly, for I proceeded (came forth) from God [out of His very presence]. I did not even come on My own authority or of My own accord (as self-appointed); but He sent Me.

### John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

43 Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]

**44 You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father.**

*He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.*

**45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me [do not trust Me, do not rely on Me, or adhere to Me].**

*46 Who of you convicts Me of wrongdoing or finds Me guilty of sin? Then if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me [trust Me, rely on, and adhere to Me]? 47 Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him.*

*48 The Jews answered Him, Are we not right when we say You are a Samaritan and that You have a demon [that You are under the power of an evil spirit]?*

*49 Jesus answered, I am not possessed by a demon. On the contrary, I honor and reverence My Father and you dishonor (despise, vilify, and scorn) Me. 50 However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. [I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory.] There is One Who [looks after that; He] seeks [My glory], and He is the Judge.*

**51 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes My teaching [lives in accordance with My message, keeps My word], he will by no means ever see and experience death.**

*52 The Jews said to Him, Now we know that You are under the power of a demon ([c]insane). Abraham died, and also the prophets, yet You say, If a man keeps My word, he will never taste of death into all eternity.*

*53 Are You greater than our father Abraham? He died, and all the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?*

*54 Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself (magnify, praise, and honor Myself), I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing and worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father.] It is My Father Who glorifies Me [Who extols Me, magnifies, and praises Me], of Whom you say that He is your God.*

*55 Yet you do not know Him or recognize Him and are not acquainted with Him, but I know Him. If I should say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word [obey His teachings, am faithful to His message].*

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Now, back to Genesis 13...

*Genesis 13:14-18 AMPC*

*14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;*

*15 For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever.*

*16 And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted.*

*17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.*

*18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt among the oaks or terebinths of Mamre, which are at Hebron, **and built there an altar to the Lord.***



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