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## **God's Promises to Abraham Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob.**

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## God's Promises

### To Abraham Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob.

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### TEN PROMISES GOD GAVE TO ABRAHAM

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#### 1. FIRST PROMISE TO ABRAM

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- **Genesis 12:1-3:** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country (Haran) and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you (Canaan). <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you (Abram) all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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Abram was 75 years old when he departed Haran (Gen 12:4).

God promises Abram:

- He will make of Abraham a great nation.
  - In Abram all the families of the earth shall be blessed (notice there is no mention of Sarai in the promise).
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#### 2. SECOND PROMISE TO ABRAM

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- **Genesis 12:7:** Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Abram arrives in Canaan and the LORD reaffirms the promise again.

God promises to give Abram:

- The land of Canaan to his offspring.

Later Abram goes to Egypt because of famine (Gen 12:10). Abram and Lot leave Egypt (Gen 13:1) and separate (Gen 13:11) (notice there is still no mention of Sarai in the promise).

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#### 3. THIRD PROMISE TO ABRAM

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- **Genesis 13:14-16:** The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, <sup>15</sup>for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. <sup>16</sup>I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted

After Lot separated from Abram, God reaffirms the promise again to Abram.

God promises Abram:

- To give to him and his offspring all the land of Canaan forever.
- To make his offspring as the dust of the earth.

Lot and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are taken captive (Gen 14:11). Abram rescues Lot and the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 14:6) and Melchizedek the King of Salem meets Abram (Gen 14:18-20) (notice there is still no mention of Sarai in the promise).

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#### 4. FOURTH PROMISE TO ABRAM

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- **Genesis 15:1-6:** After these things (Rescuing Lot and meeting Melchizedek) the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness

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After Abram had rescued Lot and met Melchizedek king of Salem.

God promises Abram:

- Eliezer his faithful servant would not be his heir.
- His very own son would be his heir.
- His offspring would be as numerous as the stars of heaven.

After this Abram Sacrifices a heifer, goat, ram, turtledove and pigeon (Gen 15:8), God tells him that his offspring will go into Egypt for four-hundred years (Gen 15:13-14) and that he will die in peace (Gen 15:15) (notice there is still no mention of Sarai in the promise).

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#### 5. FIFTH PROMISE TO ABRAM

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- **Genesis 15:18-21:** On that day (Abram sacrificed the Heifer) the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup>the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup>the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

God makes a covenant and reaffirms the promise with Abram.

God promises Abram:

- To give his offspring all the land of Canaan.

After Abram had lived in Canaan ten years Sarah was still barren and without children so she gave her maid Hagar to her husband Abram to wife. Hagar conceives and while pregnant flees from Sarah (Gen 16:6), but God tells Hagar to return to Sarah so she returns (Gen 16:1-9)

(Notice there is still no mention of Sarai in the promise).

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## FIRST PROMISE TO HAGAR

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- **Genesis 16:10-12:** The angel of the LORD also said to her (Hagar) "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." <sup>11</sup>And the angel of the LORD said to her "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. <sup>12</sup>He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

God's promises Hagar that:

- He would multiply her offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.

The words, "Ishmael shall dwell over against all his kinsmen," means that he will dwell alongside Isaac but there will always be tension between them (at least until the Lord returns). Since Isaac was a result of God's promise and Ishmael was born of the flesh this tension exists even today between these two brothers.

Hagar conceived Abram's son Ishmael (Gen 16:5) and when she gave birth to Ishmael Abram was eighty-six years old (Gen 16:16)

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## 6. SIXTH PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

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- **Genesis 17:1-8:** When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup>And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

God changed the name Abram to Abraham when Abram was ninety-nine years old and reaffirms the promise that He had made to him.

God promises Abraham:

- He will establish His everlasting covenant with him and his offspring.
- No longer will people call him Abram, but Abraham.
- He will be the father of a multitude of nations.
- He will be exceedingly fruitful, and kings will come from him.
- He and his offspring will inherit all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession.
- He will be Abraham's God and the God of his offspring after him.

Notice there is still no mention of Sarai in the promise.

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## GOD'S COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISED WITH ABRAHAM

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- **Genesis 17:10-11:** This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

Abraham was ninety-nine years old when God made this covenant with him. Circumcision was a sign that God had made all the previous promises to Abraham. It is interesting to notice that so far these promises that God has made to Abraham have not mentioned that Sarah would be the mother of the promised son. Up to (Gen 17:19-20) the promise has not named the mother it has only said Abram's offspring, because of this it is understandable that Abram believed Ishmael would be the son that his offspring would come from especially since Abraham loved Ishmael and Ishmael was thirteen years old when Isaac was born it is only in the following verses that God tells Abram who the mother of the promised son will be.

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## 7. SEVENTH PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, INCLUDING SARAH

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- **Genesis 17:15-17:** And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

Abraham is ninety-nine years old when God told him:

- Sarai's name will be Sarah.
- Sarah will have a son.
- Nations will come from Sarah.
- Sarah would have a child (Sarah was eighty-nine) (Genesis chapter Seventeen).

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## 8. EIGHTH PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, INCLUDING SARAH AND ISAAC

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- **Genesis 17:19-21:** God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup>As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

God promises Abraham:

- Sarah his wife will bear him a son who they are to name Isaac.
- He will establish His covenant with Isaac and his offspring as an everlasting covenant.
- Sarah will give birth to Isaac this time next year (at this time Sarah is 89 and Abraham 99).
- From Ismael will come twelve princes who will be fruitful, multiply and become a great nation.

The following verses show that Abraham loved Ishmael as his only son prior to God telling him Sarah would be the mother of the child of the promise.

- Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, Ishmael (Gen. 16:15).
- Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac (Gen. 17:18-19).
- Then Abraham took Ishmael his son (Gen. 17:23).
- Ishmael Abrams son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised (Gen. 17:25).
- That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised (Gen. 17:26).
- The thing (Sarai rejecting Hagar) was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son (Ishmael) (Gen. 21:11).
- I (God) will make a nation of the son (Ishmael) of the slave woman (Hagar) also, because he is your (Abrams) offspring (Gen. 21:13).
- Isaac and Ishmael Abraham's sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah (Gen. 25:9).

These verses show that Abraham greatly loved his son Ishmael, his cry to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" (Gen. 17:18-19) shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Abraham prior to being told Sarah would be the mother of the promised child had believed that Ishmael was the promised son and would be heir to the promises. Remember for thirteen Ishmael had grown up with Abraham as his only son. Abraham circumcised Ishmael the very day God told him Sarah would have a son (Gen 17:21). Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised and when God told Abraham Sarah would have a son (Gen. 17:25-26).

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## 9. NINTH PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, INCLUDING SARAH

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- **Genesis 18:10:** The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

God promises Abraham and Sarah:

- About this time next year, Sarah will give birth to a son.

Sarah was eight-nine, barren not because she chose to be, but because she could not conceive and long past the age of giving birth (Gen 18:11) when God told Abraham this so of course she doubts and giggles at the thought of a woman her age giving birth. God perceives her doubt and said:

- Is anything too hard for the LORD (Gen 18:13-14).

For all those who doubt the birth of Jesus through the Virgin Mary and God's creative power and the Holy Spirit they should consider these words that God spoke to Sarah.

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## 10. TENTH PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, INCLUDING SARAH

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- **Genesis 18:14:** Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

God promises Abraham and Sarah:

- That Sarah will have a son in one years-time

In the following chapters (Gen. 18-21) God plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham intercedes for Lot. Lot is saved and Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed and God visits Sarah one year after He had told her she would have a son (Gen 21:1) (Gen 18:10, 14).

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## GOD TELLS ABRAHAM TO SACRIFICE ISAAC

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- **Genesis 22:1-5:** After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I tell you.

God speaks to Abraham a Second Time from Heaven

- **Genesis 22:15-18:** And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Here we are told that God spoke to Abraham a second time from heaven because he was prepared to sacrifice Isaac, but this is not the second time God has confirmed His promise to Abraham, but the second time God spoke to Abraham from heaven. The first time God spoke to Abraham from heaven was when He told Abraham not to sacrifice Isaac (Gen. 22:11-12). The many other times God that God spoke to Abraham it was by angels and visions. God promises Abraham:

- His offspring will be a numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore.
- His offspring will possess the gate of his enemies.
- In his offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Notice: in both sets of Scriptures God calls Isaac Abraham's only son.

**Sarah:** lived 127 years (Gen 23:1) and was buried in the Promised Land (Canaan) in Hebron in the cave of Machpelah (Gen 23:19) (Gen 23:2)

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## ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD IN HIS OLD AGE

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- **Genesis 24:7:** The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you (Abraham's oldest servant) and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

Abraham is about to send his oldest servant to find a bride for his son Isaac. This verse shines a light on the truth that there was no wavering, no element of doubt in Abraham old age he fully believed that God would give his offspring the land He had promised to give them.

**NOTE:** amongst this story of Abraham sacrificing his only son and sending his servant to find a bride for his most loved son there are a lot of beautiful analogies for those who enjoy seeking them out of God sacrificing his only Son and sending the Holy Spirit to find a bride for his most beloved Son. There is no doubt (in my mind at least) that the story of God calling Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac brings a sense of horror and bewilderment to the natural mind that God would call a human father who is totally devoted by love to his only son to do such a horrific thing, but God's angel stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac.



Obviously, God in His eternal foreknowledge never intended to allow Abraham to actually go through with it, so what was the point of all the horrific emotional drama inflicted upon Abraham and His son? Perhaps, (this is not biblical, but only my thoughts) God thought the emotional expected horror we feel in our hearts and minds toward this story is giving us a spiritual insight that we can all relate to of what it cost God the Father to sacrifice His own beloved Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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## GOD REAFFIRMS THE PROMISES TO ISAAC

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- **Genesis 26:2-5:** the LORD appeared to him (Isaac) and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. <sup>3</sup>Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. <sup>4</sup>I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."
- **Genesis 26:23-24:** From there he (Isaac) went up to Beer-sheba. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake."

God reaffirms the promise He made to Abraham to his son Isaac telling him that he will:

- Give all the land to Isaac's offspring.
- Establish the oath that He swore to Abraham his father.
- Bless and multiply his offspring as the stars of heaven.
- In his offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

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## GOD REAFFIRMS THE PROMISES TO JACOB

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- **Genesis 28:13-14:** behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

God reaffirms the promise He made to Abraham and to Isaac to Isaac son Jacob telling him that he will:

- Give all the land to him and to his offspring.
- His offspring will multiply like the dust of the earth.
- In his offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed.

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## GOD CHANGES JACOBS NAME TO ISRAEL

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- **Genesis 35:9-10:** God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. <sup>10</sup>And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel.

God changes Jacob name to Israel, from Jacob came twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel who form the nation of Israel.



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## GOD'S REAFFIRMS THE PROMISE TO JACOB

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- **Genesis 35:11-12:** God said to him (Jacob) "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you and kings shall come from your own body. <sup>12</sup>The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you and I will give the land to your offspring after you."

God again reaffirms the promise to Jacob telling him that:

- A nation, a company of nations and kings will come from his own body.
- The land that He gave to Abraham and Isaac He will give to him and his offspring.

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## SUMMARY OF PROMISES TO ABRAHAM SARAH, HAGAR, ISHMAEL, ISAAC AND JACOB

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When Abraham was seventy-five years old years old God told him to leave Haran and promised him that:

- His very own son would be his heir, kings and nations would come from him and his offspring would be as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sand on the seashore. They would conquer their enemies and inherit the Promised Land. God would be Abraham's God and the God of his offspring and in his Seed all the families of the earth would be blessed.

When Abraham arrived in Canaan with his family the LORD reaffirms the promise (Gen 12:7) and after Lot separated from Abraham God again reaffirms the promise (Gen 13:14-16). Abraham had no son and believed Eliezer the faithful and oldest servant of his house would be his heir (Gen 15:1-6). God again reaffirms the promise (Gen 15:1-6) and makes a covenant of circumcision with Abraham and his offspring then God again reaffirms the promise (Gen 15:18-21). Ten years after Abraham had lived in Canaan (Gen 16:1-4) Hagar conceives. God promised her that He will multiply her offspring (Gen 16:10-12). When Abraham was eighty-six years old Hagar gave birth to Ishmael (Gen 16:5) (Gen 16:16). God came to Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old and told him and Sarah that she would have a son (Gen 17:1, 24). Sarah doubts the promise and the LORD says, "Is anything too hard for the LORD" (Gen. 18:14). One year later Sarah gave birth to Isaac (Abram was 100 and Sarah was 90 years old) (Gen 17:17).

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT

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### THE PROMISES OF ABRAHAM

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The following New Testament verses show that Jesus Christ is the son of Abraham and that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will be in the Kingdom of God with all the prophets and the faithful in Christ. They show that God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision and that Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs which means Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are the fathers of Israel. They shine a spotlight on the truth that Abraham "believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness and that the gospel that was preached to Abraham was the glorious truth that God would justify the Gentiles by faith. It is those of faith who are the true sons of Abraham not the descendants of the flesh. This is what God's promise that Abraham would be the father of many nations and the promise that from his offspring all the families of the earth would be blessed means. The glory contained in God's promise to Abraham is that

Jesus Christ came through the bloodline of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob this is the blessing of Abraham Gentiles not only receive all the promises God made to Abraham by faith, but also receive the promised Spirit of righteousness that leads to eternal life and everlasting glory through faith in Christ. Everyone who has faith in the promised seed of Abraham the Lord Jesus Christ is counted righteous by faith as Abraham was and become heirs of all the promises made to Abraham. The following Scriptures gloriously show that the promises made to the offspring of Abraham did not refer to all the children of Israel, but to one of his offspring who of course is Christ. They show that no one can inherit the promises made to Abraham by strictly adhering to Moses law, ceremonial rites holy days or by keeping religious customs and traditions. The only way to inherit the blessings of God's promise is by having faith in the promised seed of Abraham the Lord Jesus Christ. Following are just a few of the Scriptures in the New Testament that shine a light on the glory of God's promises to Abraham.

- The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).
- I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 8:11).
- In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out (Luke 13:28).
- He gave him (Abraham) the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs (Acts 7:8).
- Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"? <sup>7</sup>Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." <sup>9</sup>So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith (Gal. 3:6-8).
- So that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith Gal. 3:14).
- To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise (Gal. 3:15-18).
- For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise (Gal. 3:27-29).
- The Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"— and he was called a friend of God (James 2:23).

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## THE BEAUTY, THE GLORY AND THE MAJESTY OF THIS STUDY

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In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one in Christ Jesus, whoever is baptised into Christ are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise. This means that unbelieving Jews are not automatically accepted by God as heirs of the promises of Abraham. James the brother of Jesus wrote:

- Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness and he was called a friend of God.

This is the glory and the majestic royal wonder and beauty of the Bible God calls Abraham out of the land of Ur and gives him an eternal promise. This promise travels through Isaac, Jacob, King David and gloriously continues through the Old Testament into the New Testament where brilliant light is shined upon it when God's angel came to a virgin girl named Mary and then the promise continues to travel through the eternal teachings of the apostles through the present age we live in and on into the book of Revelation where it meets with spectacular breathtaking wonder and climax's in the resurrection of all the faithful to and eternal life and everlasting glory with the promised seed of Abraham who gave himself on the cross of Calvary so that no one should perish but have eternal life.

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## ABRAHAM A BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS

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Abraham has been a blessing to all nations in the following two ways:

1. Abraham gave birth to Isaac, who gave birth to Jacob who gave birth to twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel who form the nation of Israel. They were given the law, the Old Testament Scriptures and the promises. From their bloodline came the Virgin Mary who gave birth to Jesus the promises seed of Abraham.

From him came the twelve apostles and from them came the New Testament Scriptures and the Gospel of faith and grace that leads to eternal life through the promised seed of Abraham the Lord Jesus Christ. This eternal Gospel of grace not only went around the world during their generation, but is still going around the world today saving people to eternal life and everlasting glory through faith in the promised seed of Abraham (Gen. 25:19-34).

2. Abraham gave birth to Ishmael who gave birth to twelve sons (called princes) who became twelve tribes who form the Arab nations (Gen. 25:12-16).

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### **The apostle Paul wrote:**

- Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"? Know that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham and that God in his eternal foreknowledge proclaimed the Gospel to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed," so those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith (Gal. 3:6-9).
- In Christ Jesus you are all sons and daughters of God, through faith (Gal. 3:26).

This means whether a person is born a direct descendant of Abraham, a Hebrew, Jew or of any other nation, whether a person is born into nobility or a lowly estate, rich or poor, a king or pauper it matters not all are saved in the same way through faith in the promised seed of Abraham the Lord Jesus Christ.