

## The Life Of Abraham: Introduction

**God's friend** **Isaiah 41:8** But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, **the seed of Abraham my friend.**

### Abraham lived in Ur of the Chaldees

**Genesis 11:27-28** Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat **Abram**, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, **in Ur of the Chaldees.**

### Abraham is our example

**1 Corinthians 10:11-12** Now **all these things happened unto them for ensamples** [pattern or types]: and **they are written for our admonition** [instruction, warning], upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

### His biography was written for our instruction

**Romans 15:4** For **whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction**, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

### Abraham ? the father of the faithful

**Romans 4:11** And **he** [Abraham v.9] received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be **the father of all them that believe** [present, active], though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

## Abraham's walk sets a pattern for Christians

**Romans 4:12** And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

### Those who are of faith are Abraham's children

**Galatians 3:7** Know ye [in the churches of Galatia] therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same **are the children of Abraham.**

### Abraham's hope is now the Christian hope

**Acts 26:6-7** And now I [Paul, a Christian] stand and am judged for **the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers** [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ? the patriarchs 1Chron.29:18]: 7 Unto **which promise** our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, **hope to come.** For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

### God preached the gospel to Abraham

**Galatians 3:8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand**, *saying*, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

### What is the gospel?

**Acts 8:12** But when they believed **Philip preaching the gospel**, the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of **Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women.

### Jesus came to proclaim the promises made to Abraham

**Luke 4:43** but He said to them, "I must **preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, because for **this purpose I have been sent.**"

### And to confirm them

**Romans 15:8** Now I say that **Jesus Christ** was a **minister** of the circumcision for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises**

made unto the **fathers** [Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob]:

### **Abraham's father Terah was an idolater**

**Joshua 24:2** And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood** in old time, even **Terah, the father of Abraham**, and the father of Nahor: and they **served other gods**.

### **Abraham's brothers**

**Genesis 11:27** Now these are the generations of Terah: **Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran**; and Haran begat Lot.

### **Abraham married Sarah, his half sister**

**Genesis 20:12** And yet indeed *she is* my sister; **she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother**; and she became my wife.

Chronology of Abraham's life

**Event**

**Age**

**Scripture Ref.**

Born in Ur

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11:27, 32; 12:4

Departs from Haran

75

12:4

Sojourn in Egypt during famine

12:10-20

Rescue of Lot from Macedonian Kings

14:1-24

Marriage to Hagar

85

16:3

Birth of Ishmael

86

16:16

Reaffirmation of covenant

99

17:1

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

99

19:24

Sojourn in Gerar

99

20:1-18

Birth of Isaac

100

21:2; cf. 21:5

Offering of Isaac

22:1-19

Death of Sarah	137
23:1-2; cf. 17:17	
Marriage of Isaac to Rebekah	140
25:20	
Birth of Jacob and Esau	160
25:26	
Death of Abraham	175
25:7	