

## The Blessing of Abraham

|                                     | <b>Numerous People<br/>(and land)</b>   | <b>Abram<br/>Blessed</b>   | <b>Honor</b>                             | <b>Abram is a Blessing to<br/>Many Others</b><br>Possessor & Dispenser<br>Source & Mediator  |
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| <b>Abraham</b><br>Genesis<br>12:2-3 | 2 "I will make you into a great nation  | and I will<br>bless<br>you;  | I will<br>make<br>your<br>name<br>great, | and you will be a blessing.<br>3 I will bless<br>those who<br>bless you,<br>and whoever<br>curses you I<br>will curse;<br>and all<br>peoples<br>on earth<br>will be<br>blessed<br>through<br>you." |
| Genesis<br>12:6                     | "To your offspring a I will give this land."  |  |  |  |
| Genesis<br>13:14-16                 | 14 "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring a forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. |  |  |  |
| Genesis<br>17:1-8                   | 2 ...and will greatly increase your numbers."   | 6 I will make you very fruitful...   |  | 4 ...You will be the father of many nations.   |
| Genesis<br>18:18                    | 18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation,  |  |  | and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.  |
| Genesis<br>22:17-18                 | 17b and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,  | 17a I will surely bless you  |  | 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."   |
| <b>Isaac</b><br>Genesis<br>26:3-4   | 3b For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. 4a I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands,  | 3a Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. |  | 4b and through your offspring a all nations on earth will be blessed,  |
| <b>Jacob</b><br>Genesis<br>28:13-14 | 13 "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south.               |  |  | All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.   |
| Genesis<br>35:12                    | 12 The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."   |  |  |  |

## Old Testament

Psalms 47:8-10 God reigns **over the nations**; God sits on His holy throne. 9 The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

Isaiah 2:2-4 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That **the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains**, And shall be exalted above the hills; And **all nations shall flow to it**. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah 19:24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria— **a blessing in the midst of the land**,

Jeremiah 4:2 And you shall swear, 'The Lord lives,' In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; **The nations** shall bless themselves in Him, And in Him they shall glory."

Zephaniah 3:9 "For then I will restore to **the peoples** a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord.

## New Testament

Luke 1:55 (Mary in Magnificat) to Abraham and his descendants forever, even **as he said to our fathers**."

Luke 1:73 (Zechariah in Benedictus) **the oath** he swore to our father Abraham:

Acts 3:25 "You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed.'

Acts 13:26 "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that **this message of salvation** has been sent.

Romans 4:13, It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received **the promise that he would be heir of the world**, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Romans 4:16 Therefore, **the promise** comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received **the promises** was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

## I am the God of Abraham or the God of (y)our fathers...

Matthew 22:32, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." (Mk 12:26-27, Lk 20:37-38)

John 8:56 **Your father Abraham** rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

Acts 3:13 **The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers**, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

Acts 7:32 'I am **the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

### **Son of Abraham, Abraham's children, not merely Descendants**

Luke 19:9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is **a son of Abraham.**

Acts 13:26 "Brothers, **children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles**, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

Romans 9:7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all **Abraham's children.** On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

John 8:37 I know you are **Abraham's descendants.** Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

Romans 11:1 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, **a descendant of Abraham**, from the tribe of Benjamin. (2 Cor.11:22)

### **Three Extended Teachings on Abraham's Blessing (God's Promise)**

**Acts 7:2-17** "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. **3 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'** 4 "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. 5 He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. **But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land**, even though at that time Abraham had no child. 6 God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. 7 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' 8 Then **he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision.** And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. ... 17 "As the time drew near for God to fulfill **his promise to Abraham**, the number of our people in Egypt greatly increased.

**Hebrews 11:8-19** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to **the place which he would receive as an inheritance.** And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in **the land of promise** as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with **Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;** 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made **the promise.** 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they

were aliens and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received **the promises** was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” 19 Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

**Galatians 3:6-14, 17** Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. 8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced **the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”** 9 So those who have faith are blessed **along with Abraham, the man of faith.**

10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” 11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.” 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, “The man who does these things will live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” 14 He redeemed us in order that **the blessing given to Abraham** might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit....17 What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside **the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.**

### **Abram’s Fruit of Faith (Four Altars)**

Gen 12:7 **altar** at **Shechem**

Gen 12:8 **altar** at **Bethel**

Genesis 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in **Hebron**, and **built an altar** there to the Lord. (#3)

Genesis 22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham **built an altar** there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. (#4 **Mount Moriah**)

### **James 2:21-23**

21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **his faith and his actions were working together**, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.

### **Sarah**

1 Peter 3:6 ...like **Sarah**, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.