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BROOKLYN TABERNACLE
 BIBLE STUDY ON
ABRAHAM, THE HEBREW.
 Genesis 12:1-9--Feb. 16.
"I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."--Verse 2.

ABRAM is one of the greatest characters in history. God's promises made to him constitute the foundation of faith for Jews, Christians and Mohammedans, although many of them are not aware of the fact. The Jews are Abraham's descendants through Isaac and Jacob; while Mohammedans represent especially Ishmael and Esau. Christians profess to have become heirs to the chiefest blessings promised to Abraham's Seed, by becoming joint-heirs with Christ Jesus, whom they consider the antitype of Isaac.

The New Testament claim is that the Church of Christ is the antitype of Rebecca, Isaac's wife and joint-heir; and that Christ and the Church, as the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, will be God's agency in blessing the nations. But much of the New Testament teachings was lost during the Dark Ages. Christians forgot that they were called to be joint-heirs in Messiah's "in thy seed shall all Kingdom, to be blessed."

Only now are Bible students getting back to the teachings of Scripture. Only now are we learning the true import of St. Paul's words, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise."

God's Call to Abraham.

Abraham's birthplace was Ur, one hundred twenty miles north of the Persian Gulf. His father Terah was a heathen. Polytheism prevailed--the worshiping of many gods. From Ur, the family migrated to Haran, about five hundred miles in the direction of Palestine. There Abraham remained until Terah's death.

God's dealings with Abraham, according to St. Stephen (Acts 7:2, 3), began while he was in Ur. God called him out of his evil surroundings, to be the founder of a new nation, holy and obedient to God. The migration from Ur to Haran took the family away from the idolatrous scenes of the metropolis to pastoral life. In harmony with the Divine call, Abraham, then seventy-five years old, with his wife Sarah, and his nephew Lot, with their flocks and herds, moved to Canaan after the death of Terah.

Abraham's Great Faith in God.

Abraham was full of faith. This feature of his character especially endeared him to the Almighty, who, because of it, styled him His friend. The Bible does not claim that Abraham was perfect. The reverse of this is declared--"There is none righteous [perfect], no, not one." (Romans 3:10.) None measure up to the glorious image of God represented by Adam.

Abraham was not the friend of God because of his great education, nor for his wonderful intellectual powers. Nevertheless, he had intellectual powers. The fact that he was very rich indicates that he was a good manager. His skill as a leader was shown when Lot and the wealthy Sodomites were taken captive by Chedorlaomer. Abraham promptly armed three hundred and eighteen of his servants, pursued the victors and recovered the spoils.

But it was not for his skill as a general that God loved Abraham. The special quality that God esteemed in him is repeatedly mentioned in the Bible as having been his faith. "Abraham believed God."

Children of Abraham.

Abraham's children, from God's standpoint, include only those who have faith in God. The original evidence of this faith and obedience was circumcision of the flesh, figuratively representing a turning away from sin to obedience to God. Circumcision has become largely a ceremony with the Jews. Such faithless circumcision entitles them to no special Divine favor. But all Jews who still trust in the promises made to Abraham will soon be recipients of marked evidences of Divine blessing through Messiah, who soon is to set up God's Kingdom.

St. Paul explains that all true Christians become the Spiritual Seed of Abraham--heirs of certain spiritual promises, as the natural seed are heirs of certain earthly promises, not yet fulfilled. As the natural seed must maintain circumcision to mark their separateness from the Gentiles, so the Spiritual Seed must have circumcision of the heart--separating them from the world and from sin, marking them as "peculiar people, zealous of good works."

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