

The angles of the Lord visit Abram & inform him that his wife is to have a son Genesis 18:10-15
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Sarai overheard the angels and laughed to herself, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" Genesis 18:12

God kept his covenant with Abraham and Sarah bore a son named Isaac, thus making Abraham the father of nations to come.



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Moving into the New Testament, problems arose with some specifics of the covenant; such as circumcision, and Jesus as Messiah. Paul attempted to justify these differences by stating that being blood of Abraham doesn't automatically make someone a descendant or a child of God, and that the real children of Abraham are those who put their faith in God. Romans 9:7-8; Galatians 3:7
"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" Galatians 3:29

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Unable to conceive, Sarai brings Hagar to Abraham to bear them a child Genesis 16

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This union provides Abram with a son named Ishmael. Sarai was jealous & exiled Hagar & Ishmael to the desert. God heard Ishmael's cry & provided a well of water for them & tells Hagar that Ishmael will become a great nation. Genesis 21

The covenant:

Giving: the Call of Abram (Genesis 12)

Making: the Promise of Descendants and Land (Genesis 15)

Affirming: the Sign of Circumcision (Genesis 17)

Confirming: Abraham's Obedience and Confirmation of the Promises by Oath (Genesis 22)

"As for me, this will be my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations"
Genesis 17:4-6

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Abraham's faith to God was unwavering, & when God commanded him to sacrifice Isaac, he did not falter – at the last moment God stopped Abraham & produced a lamb for sacrifice instead Genesis 22:12-13



When Abram was 99 & Sarai was 90, as part of God's covenant, their names were changed to Abraham & Sarah – Genesis 17

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Abraham was considered the first Jew, & through him, Isaac formed the nation of Israel, placing Judaism on solid ground. Isaac is also considered a prophet in Islam & Christianity.

ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

	JUDAISM	CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM
COMMON SYMBOL	✡	✝	☾
FOLLOWERS	Jewish People	Christians	Muslims
KEY PERSON / PEOPLE	Abraham and Moses	Jesus	Mohammad
HOLY BOOK	The Torah	The Bible	Koran
HOLY PLACE	Western Wall	-	Mecca
PLACE OF WORSHIP	Synagogue	Church	Mosque
PRINCIPAL SECTS	Reformed, Conservative, Orthodox	Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox	Sunni, Sufi

The belief that Abraham was the world's first true monotheist is common to Judaism, Christianity, & Islam alike, making him a foundational figure in all three religions, though one occupying a more central place in the Jewish & Muslim narrative than in the Christian one.

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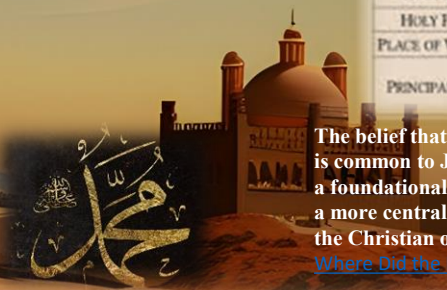


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