

The **Big** Story Of The Bible #36

AN ABRAHAM OVERVIEW PART TWO

So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it... if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

Romans 4:16 (NLT)

What Have We Learned From Abraham?

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* The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you... All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

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* Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. Genesis 12:4 (NLT)

* Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own..." Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

Genesis 15:4-5 (NLT)

* But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?"

Gen. 15:8 (NLT)

* So the Lord made a covenant with Abram that day. Genesis 15:16 (NLT)

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* "I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations... Regarding Sarai, your wife— her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. And I will bless her and give you a son from her..." Then Abraham... laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?" Genesis 17:1-17 (NLT)

*** The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac... Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!" Genesis 21:1-7 (NLT)**

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*** Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." "Take your son, your only son— yes, Isaac, whom you love so much— and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." Genesis 22:1 (NLT)**

*** At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." Genesis 22:1 1-14 (NLT)**

*** Clearly, God's promise... to Abraham... was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith... So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it... if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. Romans 4:16 (NLT)**

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