## Abraham, the Father of the Jews

(Genesis 11:27-25:8)

## The First Patriarch of Israel (scriptural father of a people, tribe, nation or group)

Known for his <u>Faith</u> in God <u>Father</u> (patriarch) of the Jews <u>Friend</u> of God (Jam 2:23)

First mentioned as Abram in Genesis 11:27 whose father was Terah

Terah was an idolater: moon deity in the city Ur located about 200 miles S.E. of Baghdad, Iraq

Born circa 2166 B.C.; lived for 175 years

Life of Abraham spans Genesis 11:27 through 25:8 (gives up the ghost)

Abraham is esteemed in 3 major global religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam (Quran)

Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac, Lot, Melchizedek, Keturah, (wife after Sarah)

Abraham referenced in Exo, Lev, Num, Deu, Jos, 1 & 2Ki, 1 & 2Ch, Psa, Isa, Jer, Eze, Mic

## **Abraham in the New Testament**

- Jesus is the son of Abraham (Mat 1:1)
- Father Abraham (Mat 3:9; Luke 1:55; John 8:39)
- God of Abraham (Mat 22:32; Mark 12:26; Acts 3:13)
- Reference to Abrahamic Covenant (Luke 1:73)
- Daughter of Abraham (Luke 13:16; 1 Pe 3:6)
- Abraham is in the Kingdom of God (Luke 13:28)
- Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:23,24,25, 29, 30)
- Stephen's sermon (Acts 7)
- Abraham justified by faith (Rom 4:1-4)
- Father of the circumcised (Rom 4:12)
- Abraham believed God (Gal 3:6)
- Abraham heard the gospel (Gal 3:8)
- Abraham had two sons (Gal 4:22)
- Melchizedek and Abraham (Heb 7:1-9)
- Abraham's faith (Heb 11)
- Abraham waited (looked) for a city built by God (Heb 11:10)
- Abraham proved his faith in God when he offered Isaac (Heb 11:17)
- Abraham justified by works (Jam 2:21)
- Friend of God (Jam 2:23 from 2Ch 20:7 and Isa 41:8)