



ABRAHAM

WEEK 3

Read Genesis 12:1-9, 15, 18:1-15, 21:1-7, 22

CHARACTERS:



ADONAI ELOHIM / GOD

(The LORD God)

WHO: The creator and ruler of the universe and source of all authority and life; the supreme being.

PERSONALITY: Loving, awesome, Holy, The best Father imaginable...but even better.

PHYSICALITY: God is Spirit, though One God, He exists in three persons; Father-Adonai, Son-Jesus/Yeshua, Holy Spirit/Ruach Ha-Kodesh

MISSION: To have a family who chooses to love and obey Him.

OBSTACLE:



ABRAHAM

WHO: The patriarch who God called righteous because of his faith in God. God told Abraham that his descendants would be very numerous and that he would bless the whole world through him. He took him to the land of Canaan (Promised Land) and promised it to his descendants. Abraham was very old, well beyond the years of having children yet he believed God. Abraham was a descendant of Noah by Noah's son Shem. A Shepherd. He was married to Sarah. In doubt, because she was 90 years old, Sarah told Abraham to lay with her servant Hagar so they could have the promised child. Hagar gave birth to Ishmael, but God said this was not the child of promise. When Abraham was 100 years old, Sara gave birth to Isaac who was the child of promise.

PERSONALITY: Faithful, Loving, A good father, Close to God, Obedient, Sharing

PHYSICALITY: Around 100 yrs old when they had Isaac and around 130 when he was to sacrifice Isaac.

MISSION: To believe God no matter how impossible it looked, and obeyed God no matter the difficulty of the task-like when he was asked to sacrifice his son.

OBSTACLE: Time! It was about 10 years after God promised Abraham's descendants would be numerous; that he had his son of promise. The waiting took perseverance of faith.



SARA

WHO: Was the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac

PERSONALITY: Gentle, quiet spirit, Loyal, Trusting, Faithful,

PHYSICALITY: 90 years old when she had Isaac. She died at 127.

MISSION: To trust God's promises that he had made even though it seemed impossible.

OBSTACLE: The temptation to doubt when it takes so long. This was her desire her whole life and now that it was promised it was taking so long.



ISAAC

WHO: The second son of Abraham born of Sarah. The son of promise receiving Abraham's blessing.

PERSONALITY: As a picture of the coming Messiah, Isaac always did his father's will, no matter how difficult. He brought great joy to his father.

PHYSICALITY: Though the Bible doesn't tell us his age, Isaac was probably between 25-33 years old when Abraham offered him as a sacrifice.

MISSION: To obey his father and lay down his life.

OBSTACLE: Fear of suffering, pain, death.



LOT

WHO: Abraham's nephew who was traveling with Abraham. A Shepherd. Because Abraham and Lot's servants and livestock were many, Abraham told Lot to decide which land he would like. Lot chose the land and the city of Sodom and Gomorrah so they departed ways. Abraham traveled on to Hebron in Canaan.

PERSONALITY: Righteous.

PHYSICALITY: Strong. Fit.

MISSION: To live separate from Abraham so that he could have more land and make more money and raise his own family. **OBSTACLE:** The sinful ways of those in Sodom.



ANGEL 1

WHO: The Angel of the Lord that stopped Abraham from killing his son. He also travels with two other angels to eat with Abraham and to tell him he will have a son in one year's time.

PERSONALITY: Kind, Moves with authority like a soldier or messenger of a King.

PHYSICALITY: Strong, but a little disguised as to not frighten those in Abraham's camp.

MISSION: To give Abraham a message **OBSTACLE:**



SERVANT 1

WHO: Abraham's servant who is also a shepherd.

PERSONALITY: Hard worker, obedient, sharing.

PHYSICALITY: Strong

MISSION: Help take care of the livestock. Later, to help Abraham in his travels to Mt Moriah and back.

OBSTACLE: Not enough feed at times especially when Lot and company was still around.



SERVANT 2

WHO: Abraham's servant

PERSONALITY: Hard worker, Obedient, Sharing.

PHYSICALITY: Strong

MISSION: Help take care of the livestock. Later, to help Abraham in his travels to Mt Moriah and back.

OBSTACLE: Not enough feed at times especially when Lot and company was still around.

NON-SPEAKING ROLES:



ANGEL 2

WHO: Angel of God

PERSONALITY: Kind, Moves with authority like a soldier or messenger of a King.

PHYSICALITY: Strong, but a little disguised as to not frighten those in Abraham's camp.

MISSION: To give Abraham a message

OBSTACLE:



RAM, COW, TURTLE-DOVE, BIRD

WHO: Livestock of Abraham's herd that will be used for having more livestock, food, and sacrifices to God.

PERSONALITY: Varying depending on species.

PHYSICALITY: Different for each animal.

MISSION: Eat or be eaten.

OBSTACLE: Having to walk to long without enough water or food.



SERVANTS 3, 4

WHO: Abraham's and Sarah's servants

PERSONALITY: Hard worker, obedient, sharing.

PHYSICALITY: Strong

MISSION: Help take care of the livestock, cooking, cleaning, raising children.

OBSTACLE: The travel and Lot's servants

PRAY: Take a moment to pray that God would teach you about himself and help you hear his words as you read/act.

SCRIPT

Then ADONAI said to Abram,

ADONAI- Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. My heart's desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing. My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

So Abram went, just as ADONAI had spoken to him. Also Lot went with him. (Now Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.) Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions that they had acquired, and the people that they acquired in Haran, and they left to go to the land of Canaan, and they entered the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, as far as Moreh's big tree. (The Canaanites were in the land then.) Then ADONAI appeared to Abram, and said,

ADONAI- I will give this land to your seed."

LOT- So there he built an altar to ADONAI, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the mountain to the east of Beth-El and erected his tent (with Beth-El to the west and Ai to the east). There he built an altar to ADONAI and called on the Name of ADONAI. So Abram kept on journeying southward.

After these things the word of ADONAI came to Abram in a vision saying,

ADONAI- Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.

But Abram said,

ABRAM- My Lord Adonai, what will You give me, since I am living without children, and the heir of my household is Eliezer of Damascus?

Then Abram said,

ABRAM- Look! You have given me no seed, so a house-born servant is my heir.

Then behold, the word of ADONAI came to him saying,

ADONAI- This one will not be your heir, but in fact, one who will come from your own body will be your heir.

He took him outside and said

ADONAI- Look up now, at the sky, and count the stars—if you are able to count them. Then He said to him, So shall your seed be.

Then he believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then He said to him,

ADONAI- I am Adonai who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans, in order to give you this land to inherit it.

So he said,

ABRAM- My Lord Adonai, how will I know that I will inherit it?

Then He said to him,

ADONAI- Bring Me a three year old young cow, a three year old she-goat, a three year old ram, a turtle-dove and a young bird.

So he brought all these to Him and cut them in half, and put each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. Then birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. When the sun was about to set and a deep sleep fell on Abram, behold, terror of great darkness was falling upon him! Then He said to Abram,

ADONAI- Know for certain that your seed will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and they will be enslaved and oppressed 400 years. But I am going to judge the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will go out with many possessions. But you, you will come to your fathers in peace. You will be buried at a good old age. Then in the fourth generation they will return here—for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

When the sun set and it became dark, behold, there was a smoking oven and a fiery torch that passed between these pieces. On that day ADONAI cut a covenant with Abram, saying,

ADONAI- I give this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River: the Kenite, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Raphaites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Then ADONAI appeared to him at Mamre's large trees while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day. When he lifted up his eyes to see, suddenly, three men were standing right by him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed down to the ground. Then he said,

ABRAHAM- My Lord, if now I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. Please let a little water be brought so you can wash your feet, and make yourselves comfortable under the tree. And let me bring a bit of bread so that you can refresh yourselves—then you can pass on—since you have passed by your servant.

They said,

ADONAI- Do just as you have said.

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said,

ABRAHAM- Quick! Knead three measures of fine flour and prepare bread loaves!

SARA- Then to the herd Abraham ran and took a young ox, tender and good, and he gave it to the servant, who prepared it quickly. Then he took butter and milk and the young ox that he had prepared and set it before them. While he was standing by them under the tree, they ate.

Then They said to him,

ADONAI- Where is Sarah your wife?

ABRAHAM- There, in the tent

he said. Then He said,

ADONAI- I will most surely return to you in about a year's time, surprisingly, Sarah your wife will have a son.

Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years—Sarah had stopped having the way of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,

SARAH- After I've grown decrepit, can I have desire—and my lord so old?

Then ADONAI said to Abraham,

ADONAI- Why is it that Sarah laughed, saying, 'Can I really give birth when I am so old?' Is anything too difficult for Adonai? At the appointed time I will return to you—in about a year—and Sarah will have a son."

Sarah denied it saying,

SARAH- I didn't laugh!

For she was afraid. But He said,

ADONAI- No—for you did laugh.

SERVANT 1- Then Adonai visited Sarah just as He had said, and Adonai did for Sarah just as He had spoken. So Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time that God had told him. Abraham named his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore for him—Isaac. Then Abraham circumcised Isaac, his eight-day-old son, just as God had commanded him.

Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac his son was born to him. So Sarah said,

SARAH- God has made laughter for me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me.

She also said,

SARAH- Who would have said to Abraham, 'Sarah has nursed children'? For I have given birth to a son in his old age!

Now it was after these things that God tested Abraham. He said to him,

ADONAI- Abraham." "Hineni,"

he said. Then He said,

ADONAI- Take your son, your only son whom you love —Isaac—and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains about which I will tell you.

So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split wood for the burnt offering, and got up and went to the place about which God had told him. On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

Abraham said to his young men,

ABRAHAM- Sit yourselves down here with the donkey. As for me and the young man, we'll go over there, worship and return to you.

SERVANT 2- Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on Isaac his son. In his hand he took the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

Then Isaac said to Abraham his father,

ISAAC- My father?

Then he said,

ABRAHAM- Here I am, my son.

He said,

ISAAC- Look. Here's the fire and the wood. But where's the lamb for a burnt offering?

Abraham said,

ABRAHAM- God will provide for Himself a lamb for a burnt offering, my son.

The two of them walked on together.

SERVANT 1- Then they came to the place about which God had told him, and Abraham built the altar there, laid out the wood, bound up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the Angel of Adonai called to him from heaven and said,

ADONAI- Abraham! Abraham!

He said,

ABRAHAM- Hineni!

Then He said,

ADONAI- Do not reach out your hand against the young man—do nothing to him at all. For now I know that you are one who fears God—you did not withhold your son, your only son, from Me.

SERVANT 2- Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and behold, there was a ram, just caught in the thick bushes by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Abraham named that place,

ABRAHAM- Adonai Yireh,

—as it is said today,

ABRAHAM- On the mountain, Adonai will provide.

The Angel of Adonai called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said,

ADONAI- By myself I swear—it is a declaration of Adonai—because you have done this thing, and you did not withhold your son, your only son, I will richly bless you and bountifully multiply your seed like the stars of heaven, and like the sand that is on the seashore, and your seed will possess the gate of his enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed—because you obeyed My voice.

Then Abraham returned to his young men and they got up and went together to Beer-sheba. Then Abraham dwelled in Beer-sheba.

SONG: I BELIEVE GOD, I BELIEVE GOD, HIS PROMISES ARE TRUE, HIS PROMISES ARE TRUE
I BELIEVE GOD, I BELIEVE GOD, DO YOU BELIEVE HIM TOO? I DO!
DO YOU BELIEVE HIM TOO? I DO!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What did you like?
2. What confused you?
3. What did you learn about God?
4. What did you learn about people and yourself?
5. Does God see everything that's going on inside your heart?
6. How can you apply what you learned from this story in your life?
7. How will you remember this story?

Key Verse: Then he (Abraham) believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6

Pray the Word

Thank you that when Abraham believed in You, You said Abraham had a right relationship with You because of his belief.

Adoni, help me to believe in You, so that I can have a right relationship with you.