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1. Overview and Highlights of Abraham's Life

- a. Abraham is known as the father of the nation of Israel as well as many other nations as God proclaims four times in Scriptures that he would be "the father of many nations".
- b. God changed his name from Abram to Abraham and his wife's to Sarah (Genesis 17:5, Gen 17:15)
- c. He has one of the most respected reputations of characters named in the Bible:
James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham **believed** God, and it was **imputed** unto him for righteousness: and he was called the **Friend** of God.
- d. Abraham made mistakes like when he left the promised land for Egypt (Gen 12:10-20)
- e. Sarah convinced Abraham to have a child with her handmaid Hagar (Gen 16)
- f. God introduced the practice of circumcision with Abraham and it was a sign of the covenant God made to Abraham (Gen 17:11, Gen 17:24)
- g. God blessed Abraham & Sarah with a son, named Isaac, when he was 100 years old (Gen 21:5)
- h. Abraham met with and was blessed by Melchizedek king of Salem:
Gen 14:18-20 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth **bread** and **wine**: and he was the priest of the most high God. (19) And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: (20) And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him **tithes** of all.
- i. Abraham pleaded with God to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 17)
- j. After the death of Sarah, he married Keturah and had six more sons
- k. Abraham lived to be 175 years old (Genesis 25:7-10)

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Acts 7:2-4 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory **appeared** unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, (3) And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. (4) Then **came he out** of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

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- b. God reminded Abraham of it in Genesis 13:14-17
- c. God ratified the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:1-7

4. God foretold Abraham of the Exodus - Gen 15:13-14 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a **stranger** in a land that is not theirs, and shall **serve** them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; (14) And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great **substance**.

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