

THE FRIEND OF GOD
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ABRAHAM'S LIFE.

- A. His name.
1. Abram means "exalted father".
 2. Abraham means "father of a multitude".
- B. His ancestry.
1. He was the tenth generation from Noah.
 2. He was descended from Noah's third son Shem, who himself was descended from Adam's third son, Seth.
 3. He had two brothers, one of which died early.
 4. He married Sarai but she could not have children--Gen. 11:30.
- C. His religion.
1. As a descendant of Seth, Adam's third son, they worshipped Yahweh--Gen. 4:26.
 2. Abraham's father and grandfather became idolaters--Joshua 24:2.
 3. There is no indication that Abraham worshipped idols.
 4. Terah moved his family from Ur to Haran (Turkey) intending to go eventually to Canaan.--Gen. 11:31-32.
 5. God spoke to Abraham while he was still in Ur and called him to go to Canaan--Acts 7:2-3.
 6. It's possible that God's call for Abraham in Genesis 12 to leave Haran and go to Canaan was a restatement of an earlier call--Gen. 12:1.
 7. Abraham is known as the father of the Jewish nation of Israel--John 8:39a.
 8. Abraham is also known as the "father" of all believers or Christians--Rom. 4:13, 16.
 9. God established a covenant with Abraham to make him the father of a great nation--Gen. 12:2-3.

D. His occupation.

1. Apparently was a shepherd.
2. He became very wealthy--Genesis 13:2.

E. His family.

1. Sarai was his wife.
2. Lot was his nephew--Gen. 12:5.
3. He took Hagar, Sarai's servant as a second wife and had Ishmael.
4. Eventually he and Sarai had Isaac as a promise from God.
5. He died at the age of 175--Gen. 25:7-8.
6. He is buried in Hebron in the Cave of the Patriarchs.