

Old Testament Eyewitness - Abraham

1ST APPEARANCE TO ABRAM AT SICHEM

Genesis 12:7

And **the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and **there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.**

Genesis 13:18 Abraham Settles in Hebron

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, **which is in Hebron...**

2ND APPEARANCE TO ABRAM - COVENANT FOR THE LAND

Genesis 15:7-9, 17-18

7 And **he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.**

8 And **he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?**

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, **behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.**

18 In the same **day** the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

3RD APPEARANCE TO ABRAHAM AT HEBRON

Genesis 17:1-8

1 And when **Abram was ninety years old and nine,** **the Lord appeared to Abram,** and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 **And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.**

3 And **Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,**

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 **Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham;** for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And **I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.**

7 And **I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee** in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and **to thy seed after thee.**

8 **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 **This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee;** Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 **And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.**

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

❖ Genesis 12:3 **... in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Galatians 3:8, 16-20

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.**

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; **but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, **till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 **Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.**

❖ Hebrews 6:13-14

13 When God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Genesis 17:15-22

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

16 And **I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.**

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, **O that Ishmael might live before thee!**

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and **I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.**

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And **he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.**

4TH APPEARANCE TO ABRAHAM AT HEBRON - THE LORD & TWO ANGELS

Genesis 18:1-8

1 And **the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre (Hebron):** and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And **he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,**

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it.

8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; **and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.**

The Lord Reconfirms Promise During the Eyewitness Encounter

Genesis 18:9-14

9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he said, **I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.** And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now **Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age;** and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my Lord being old also?

13 And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14 **Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.**

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom During the Eyewitness Encounter

Genesis 18:16-24, 28-33

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and **Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.**

17 And **the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;**

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And **the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom** (Gen 19:1): **but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.**

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous...

29 Peradventure there shall be forty found there...

30 Peradventure there shall thirty be found there...

31 Peradventure there shall be twenty found there...

32 Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And **the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.**

Genesis 19:1

And there came two angels to Sodom at even (Gen 18:22); and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;