

# SON OF ABRAHAM

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"The Book of the generations of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, **the Son of Abraham**. Abraham begot Isaac; and Isaac begot Jacob; and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers; and Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and Perez begot Hezrom; and Hezrom begot Ram; And Ram begot Aminadab; and Aminadab begot Nahshon; and Nahshon begot Salmon; and Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab; and Boaz begot Obed by Ruth; and Obed begot Jesse; and Jesse begot David the king; ..." (Matthew 1:1-6)

**Son:** from the Greek word *huios* meaning: a son (by birth or adoption), a male descendent, who shares the same nature, and rights as his Father.

**Abraham:** from the Greek word *Abraam* (of Hebrew origin meaning 'father of a great multitude'). The name of the father of the Hebrew race; in context the father of the chosen people of messianic promise.

The significance of this title, of Jesus, lies in the importance of who Abraham was in his relationship to Jesus, and to the people of Israel. Consider these passages from the Bible:

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'I Myself have I sworn, says the LORD; for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son; indeed in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and **your Seed** shall possess the gate of **His** enemies; and in your Seed (Jesus) shall ALL the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed My voice.' " (Genesis 22:15-18)

(Explain or read context in Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6 17:1-8; **22:1-19**; 26:1-5)

Abraham is clearly the foremost, and preeminent, patriarch in the ancestry of Jesus, and of the Jewish people. All Jewish people were considered sons and daughters of Abraham. consider the following examples:

"And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Matthew 3:9)

"...His holy covenant: the oath which he swore to our father Abraham,..." (Luke 1:73)

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16)

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham." (Luke 19:9)

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad." (John 8:56)

"And he said, 'Men, brethren, and fathers, listen-closely; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,.." (Acts 7:2)

"Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you fears God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." (Acts 13:26)

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?" (James 2:21)

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Jesus is a Son of Abraham by birth; and yet more importantly, Jesus is **The** preeminent Son of Abraham – the **Seed** of Promise! Jesus is the Seed of Promise for all the children of Abraham: first to Jewish people, and then to all people of all nations who are children of Abraham through faith in Jesus the Messiah. Consider these passages:

"Know all of you therefore that those who are of faith (in Jesus), the same are the **children of Abraham**. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, first preached the gospel unto Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all nations be blessed.' So then those who are of faith are blessed with **believing Abraham**!" ... Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, 'Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:' so that the **blessing of Abraham** might come upon **the nations** through Jesus Christ; so that we might receive **the promise of the Spirit through faith**. ... **Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made**. He says not, 'And to seeds,' as of many; but as of one, '**And to your Seed, who is Christ**.'" (Galatians 3:7-9, 13-16)

"For all of you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for all of you are all one in Christ Jesus**. And **if all of you are Christ's, then you are all Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise**!" (Galatians 3:26-29) As it says, "**and in your Seed (Jesus) shall ALL the nations of the earth be blessed**." (Gen. 22:18)

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He (Jesus) took not on Himself the nature of angels; but he took on Himself the **seed of Abraham** (human in nature). Therefore in all things **it was essential for Him** to be made **like unto His brethren** (us), that He might be a **Merciful and Faithful High Priest** in things pertaining to God, **to make reconciliation for the sins of the people**." (Hebrews 2:12-16)

Jesus had to be a Son of Abraham, by birth, in order to be the Christ, the promised Savior of the World. And Jesus, the Christ, had to be the Son of Promise, of believing Abraham, so as to reconcile, through the Cross, believing people from all nations, to the Father!

## JESUS is ...

### the Son of Abraham

**The Seed of Promise in whom ALL the nations of the earth are blessed!  
So that we who believe may all also be children of Abraham;  
and sons of the Father – God Most High!**

**Thank You Father Most High for sending Your Beloved Son Jesus.  
born as the Son of Man, human like us, the Son of believing Abraham!  
Thank You for fulfilling Your long ago promise to Abraham,  
that people in all nations are now blessed with salvation through Christ Jesus,  
and the promise of Your Holy Spirit abiding in us!**

**All praise and Glory to You forever and ever! Amen!**