

## The God of Abraham Isaac & Jacob

Each believer in Jesus Christ can get a birds-eye overview of the experiences God has for them in their walk with God over a life-time as they look into the life of faith experiences of the three patriarchs of the Old Testament... Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The phrase *....the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob .... Is repeated several times...*

**God said to Isaac:** (Gen 26:24) *I am the God of Abraham thy Father (after well digging)*

**God said to Jacob:** (Gen 28:13) *I am the God of thy Father, ..Abraham & the God of Isaac  
At Bethel's dream*

**God said to Moses:** (Ex 3:6, 15, 16, 4:5)

*I am the God of thy Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob  
And Moses hid his face Exo 3:6*

*....Tell the children of Israel... the Lord God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob hath sent me unto you Exo 3:15*

*...Call the elders together and tell them ....The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and  
the God of Jacob .... .....hath appeared to me. Exo 3:16*

*...Take the serpent by the tail ....that they may believe that the God of their fathers, the  
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob hath appeared unto thee. Exo 4:5*

**In DAVID's Prayer of ...**

*1Ch 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the  
imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:*

**In Hezekiah's Decree of ...**

*2Ch 30:6 So the posts went with the letters .... saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto  
the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, ...*

**In Jesus mention of the burning bush incident of ...**

*Mr 12:26 .... have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him,  
saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?*

**Stephen mentions it : ...**

*Ac 7:32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and  
the God of Jacob.*

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**GOD WANTED A PEOPLE, A NATION .... Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob**



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## In JACOB we see patterns ...

- REPRESENTS THE SQUASHING OF NATURAL MAN, STRENGTH,.... SELF-WILL
- DISTINGUISHED BY HIS MUCH SUFFERING
- BARGAINED FOR EVERYTHING (Even his wife)
- NATURAL STRENGTH MUST BE BROKEN      most clever and able man,  
    cheat his brother,                      deceive his father,  
    connive to take his uncle's possessions      Everything went wrong
- PREPARED TO GIVE ALL HE ACQUIRED AWAY
- GOD'S JUDGEMENT UPON ALL JACOB ACCOMPLISHED BY HIS CRAFTINESS
- HE MET GOD ....CRIPPLED    ...FINISHED    ...END OF RELIANCE UPON HIMSELF
- THE DECEIVER WILL BE DECEIVED

## PRINCIPLES FROM ABRAHAM, ISAAC, & JACOB ..... IN CHRIST

1<sup>ST</sup>> (Abraham) : God is the Source of Everything

2<sup>nd</sup>> (Isaac) : Everything is a Gift. We have nothing we've not received. No earning.

3<sup>rd</sup> > (Jacob) : All Human Effort / Strength is Not Accepted. It must be broken.

*ie .... Jacob always had a plan to work things out for God*

*His own methods of self-advancement.....All self methods are disciplined out by the Spirit*

*It is a nature from birth, that has to be worked out.....*

*Used deceit, guile to prosper ... birthright, ... wealth by questionable methods*

*God's hand against the results of our craftiness.....Suffering took the craftiness out of him*

*He wrestled in the dark with angel but Day-Light was coming*

*He never saw the deceit of his sons about Joseph .....Must lose faith in your Self*

**A summary thought :** God chooses ordinary sinners to follow his lead. He becomes their ultimate source as he bestows his free gift and inheritance of eternal life upon all those who are willing to submit to his discipline of His Spirit which keeps his free gift from being abused.

**In ABRAHAM =** We see GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS CHOOSING

**In ISAAC =** We see LIFE THAT IS GIVEN IN THE SON

**In JACOB =** We see GOD'S WAYS OF BREAKING SELF-WILL TO MAXIMIZE THAT GIVEN

THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS HIS OWN METHODS OF ATTAING GOD'ENDS. HE WILL NOT SETTLE FOR LESS THAT HIS WILL – HIS WAY – HIS MEANS – HIS TIME - HIS GLORY !

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### PARALLEL EXPERIENCES FOR US IN CHRIST JESUS....

#### IN ABRAHAM: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF OUR ....

OUR CHOOSING

OUR CALLING

OUR ASSIGNMENT TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES

#### IN ISAAC : ORDINARY - A RECEIVER OF FATHER'S PROMISES

ORDINARY LIVING IN HIS FATHER'S PROMISES

IN THE SON CHRIST JESUS WE ARE HEIR RECEIVER OF ALL

NOTHING IS OF THE OURSELVES

BORN INTO EVERYTHING WE ARE

Gal 4:29, 3:29 Isaac the heir was **born after the Spirit** & we who are called Abraham's seed are heirs according to promise

#### IN JACOB : WALKING AFTER THE FLESH IS CONDEMNED

GOD WANTS TO BLESS. BUT HE WANTS TO DO IT WITHOUT ....  
CONNIVING, CHEATING, DECEIVING, OR CONNING.

MUST MEET & WRESTLE WITH GOD ON THE EVE OF LOSING EVERY  
THING HE BARGAINED FOR.

MUST BE CRIPPLED IN HIS WALK FOR THE REST OF HIS DAYS.