

# Abraham



Ancestor of all three Semitic religions  
of Near Eastern origin  
Primal representative of monotheism  
Archetype of the prophetic religions:  
the believer **before** God, friend of God



Physical father of Isaac, whose son Jacob was called Israel. God made an eternal covenant with him. So he is the ancestor of the **Jewish people**.

A model of true obedience to the law: the ideal Jew; justified by works, which prove his steadfastness in faith.

The sacrifice of Isaac as a prototype for withstanding the most difficult trial of faith.

Recipient of the promises of Israel: **people and land**.

Spiritual father of all believers, whose promises have been fulfilled in Christ. So he is the ancestor of **Jews and Christians**.

A model of unshakeable steadfastness in faith; the one who announces Christ; justified by the faith which precedes works.

The sacrifice of Isaac as a prototype for the handing over of God the Son by the Father.

Recipient of the promises for all peoples: **Jesus Christ** as the heir of Abraham.

Physical father of Ishmael, with whom he founded the Ka'bah in Mecca as the central sanctuary of the one God. So he is the ancestor of the **Arabs**.

A model of unconditional submission (= Islam): the first Muslim; he attains righteousness through faith in God, the service of God and a life pleasing to God.

Setting out from Ur as the prototype of the Prophet's migration from Mecca (hijrah).

Recipient of the original revelation, which is set down unfalsified only in the **Qur'an**.