



Notes on Abraham

To be a Jew was to be a descendant of Abraham (an Israelite)
Abraham is thought to be the father of the Jewish nation. He is also understood to be 'the Father of a multitude of nations'. 'In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.'(Genesis 17: 5; 12: 3) God made a covenant (solemn promise) with him that if Abraham worshipped only Him, then Abraham would father a great nation.

Remember this:

Abraham is famed for being the first person to say ' there is only One God- not many'. This does not sound like much but in times when it was believed there were many Gods- for many different things-it was truly revolutionary!

The story of Abraham is a story of faith. God made several promises to him: that he would have a land to live in, he would have a son, and a great nation would be descended from him. This was God's covenant with Abraham (sort of like a solemn promise- basically-God was saying- if you love,have faith in and recognise Me as the One True God- I will make all my promises come true) and all that he promised came true. Down through the ages Abraham has become known as 'our father in faith'

We are the descendants of Abraham and we have inherited God's great blessings. In return God wants us to recognise and love him as our God, to trust him, and to have faith in him. This is what he asks of us today.