The God of Abraham Isaac & Jacob

Each believer in Jesus Christ can get a bird’s-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 ABRAHAM we see patterns ....

-HE STARTED AS AN IDOLATOR  Josh 24:2

-GOD CALLED HIM FROM AMONG IDOLATROUS NEIGHBORS  Gen 12:1

-ABRAHAM RESPONDED ....NOT KNOWING WHERE HE WENT  HEB 11:8

-GOD IS THE SOURCE / FOUNTAIN/ ALL IS IN GOD, BY GOD, FROM GOD

-NOTHING ORIGINATES FROM ABRAM ...(not even Isaac)  (NOT EVEN WEALTH)

-HE WENT OUT NOT KNOWING WHERE HE WENT  ( We didn’t know we’d be here when we started)

-DISTINGUISHED BY HIS DEEDS,  WEALTH GAINED FROM UNUSUAL  CHANNELS

-CHOSEN -CALLED -SEPARATED

-TESTED  Go where you know not  Lot & the land issue  Ishmael
         Isaac’s Offering  War & Intercession for his kin

-EXPERIENCES : looked for a city  Given the covenant of circumcision
                Built altars  Dug wells  Paid tithes

-TITHES (acknowledgment of God’s provisions)

In ISAAC we see patterns ...

-THE RECEIVER  NOTHING OF HIMSELF

-HAD NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

-BORN INTO  EVERYTHING

-ORDINARY :  No wars.  No Tests.  No Accumulation of Wealth.  It All came to Him.

-BORN INTO EVERYTHING

Extraordinary thing was his ordinariness
Had nothing but what was given him
It was all a gift, even his wife

-RE-DUG HIS FATHER’S WELLS UNTIL HE CAME BACK TO THE COVENANT WELL
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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

1st> (Abraham) : God is the Source of Everything

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

3rd > (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.