

Genesis ^{11:32-} 12:2

SUBJECT: Abraham
Citizenship of his children
Father of the faithful

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Gen. 12.

ABRAHAM
Citizen of U of Chaldea

After Gen. 11. Bible concentrates on 1 man, 1 family, 1204
History of entire race left to
not a chronicle, not a biography, but an imposed redaction
of life of Christ: age 1-30, one (2 yrs.) incident
of 3 years, $\frac{1}{2}$ gospel story last few days.

Abraham father of the faithful friend of God absolutely
essential to any understanding of the plan of redemption
which the OT inaugurates as well as the NT completes. To
eliminate Abraham = severance of one end, suspension bridge
the 3 great monotheistic religions look to him: quasi-
muslim
by...

The higher critic:
One half century ago, Abraham not regarded as
historical personage.
of Willmerson
of Prof. Volck
of Prof. Volck

But all these airy surmises of the learned
critics have been decidedly disturbed by the
historical facts uncovered by the work of
the archaeologist.

Ug of Chaldees,

the joint expedition of British Museum & University of Pennsylvania, under Mr. Howard Woodley, to explore the site of Ug of Chaldees.

It is located about 10 miles west of present course of the Euphrates, midway between Baghdad & Basra. [? low flows over the country]. Very sunny, dry & hot climate & probably no language. Successive hot-dust storms blow over for weeks at a time. In winter heavy fogs of water from northern deserts chill the air & the low, thin, to solid ice the dry by water in the winter's ice.

But the country was once lush & prosperous. The Euphrates flowing against west wall of the city. Canals ditched everywhere. A former paradise. Rich cities with heavy walls to protect them. Here the original home of civilization, not Egypt.

A civilization really had 2000 years before Abraham. [4000 B.C.] See many dwellings, temples, libraries, culture. Saw literature, commerce, art, music, things in nature, gold, silver, iron.

ARCH. The school of my youth taught that the art was introduced into architecture by the Romans. The Greeks only brought them. But in Ug of Chaldees the so-called Romans and was in use in building erected 15 centuries before the foundation of Rome was laid.

FOUR WHEELED vehicles. made use of the wheel 1500 years before imported into Egypt.

MATHEMATICS - based on number 6 or 10 or 100.

POSTAL SERVICE. Prof. SAYCE "The Archaeology of the Cuneiform Inscriptions" there was an excellent postal service connecting Canaan & Babylon which went back to the days of NARAM-SIN 1750 years before Abraham.

Willhausen: Abraham is "a free
creation of unconscious art," "a tribal
personification," "an unsubstantial
'solar myth!'" "If he ever dis-
sisted, he was an illiterate,
uncultured, semi-savage
Bedouin sheik, a nomad
from birth."

Prof. NOLOEKE. In 1869 the great
Semitic scholar published a treatise on
"The Unhistorical Character of the Fourteenth
Chapter of Genesis." He declared that historical
criticism had forever dispensed the claim to be
historical. Canaan could not in that era
have been a province of Babylon, nor could
Babylonian armies have invaded Palestine.

Genesis 14.

through research of Geo. Smith at the British Museum, the historical character confirmed.

Assyria = Hammurabi, Shinar, the plains of Babylon ruled over Babylon & 3 years. Semitic founder of the first Babylonian dynasty.

Chedorlaomer King of Elam - Elam's King (Persia) western boundary to Tigris River, capital Susa. The SPARTAN tablets tell how Babylon was overrun by a group of King among them Chedorlaomer. Other records tell how King of Babylon & Palestine paid tribute to Chedorlaomer, among them Sennacherib & Hammurabi. After 12 years they rebelled. For records they state that in the 16th year from which King of the Elamite empire was conquered the Palestinian King of the table much more.

In the 7th year, but was taken.

Genesis 16.

When such a practice came from? Egyptian slave Hagar given to mistress of mistress to another children for children in name of Semite. Code of Hammurabi possibly prohibits precisely that when a maid was given by her mistress to her husband she was never thought to hold - a slave. All this is contrary to the will of the. Any records Babylonian background of Abraham - Israel.

Through the patient work of the excavators, the long buried history has been brought to light. We can handle, read the very letters which passed between contemporaries of Abraham. We now know almost as much about the Babylonian age of Abraham as we know about the Assyrian age of David or about the Greek of the age of Pericles.

Idolatry

City of idolatry, like Athens of Paul's day.
Treat an idolater. Gal. 2:2

Dominating structure like of Colosseum, the Ziggurat,
Assyrian word = "hill of heaven". Made of burnt
brick laid in stone - solid structure 200' x
150' x 70' high. Built 2300 B.C. Solid, without
chamber, passage ways. Like Parthenon, no straight
lines, optical illusion, seems straight. Three great
stairways to the top. There a temple.

Paul's call to Abraham to come into.

1. The first demand of faith - separation
How deeply Abraham was committed to the separation
Gen. 22:5, 9
Gen. 14:13 "Hebrew" II V to cross my
people from other
side / separation
side / other side?

2. The first act of faith - to step out on the basis of a
simple promise of God
On the basis of a promise - heard
- surrendered here for the duration

partial friend of Paul at Rome...
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