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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch ✓
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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AUTHOR

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- Acts 15:1
- Refers to Genesis 17
- “Historically, Jews and Christians alike have held that Moses was the author/compiler of the first five books of the OT...The Bible itself suggests Mosaic authorship of Genesis...” CSSB 2

READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- “Compiled” by Moses as inspired by God
- A history of the world, written for anyone who had or has questions about it’s origin.
- A history of God’s relationship with man; a study of the nature of God, written for anyone interested.

STORYLINE

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- The Life of Abraham:
 - with Sarai in Egypt
- Covenant of Circumcision
- Lot & Sodom
- Isaac & Sacrifice
- Last Days

Major OT Themes found in this Book: 10

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION:
THINGS WE LEARN ABOUT GOD IN THIS BOOK

- He gives and takes away;
- God always acts out of love & promise & blessing.

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SECULAR CONTRIBUTION



Abraham
Sacrificing
Isaac
by Laurent
de La Hyre
1650

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KEY VERSE
THE SEVEN PARTS OF THE ABRAMIC COVENANT

- 1. I will make you a great nation
- 2. I will bless you
- 3. and make your name great
- 4. so that you will be a blessing.
- 5. I will bless those who bless you
- 6. and curse those who curse you.
- 7. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- The rest of the Bible is the story of these 7 promises being fulfilled.

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REQUIRED READING

- Chapter 12: 1-3
- Chapter 17
- Chapter 22

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- What is a sacrifice?
- Where does God belong in your life?
- How important should God be to you?

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LUTHER SAYS:

- Christ, promised to Adam and Abraham, in order that throughout the Scriptures from the beginning faith may be praised above all works and laws and merits. (AE 35:327 from TLSB)

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- **Children of Abraham started out as physical descendants of Abraham-- which were the people of Israel**
- **With the death & resurrection of Christ, the covenant became for spiritual descendants, not physical descendants.**

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MR. MARTIN SAYS

- **We are now spiritual descendants of Abraham--the new Children of Abraham, and are subject to the promises given by God**

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LIFE LESSONS FROM GENESIS CHAPTERS 12-25

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- Essay Starters: (100 words)
- You are a Child of Abraham, subject to the promises granted by God.
- What are some of God's promises to Abraham?
- How are those promises available to you?
- What do those promises mean to you?
- Why are those promises important in your life?

ACTIVITIES

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