

Characteristics of Abraham in texts outside Genesis

As part of the **triad of “founding fathers”**: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (33 times)

As **“father” of his people** (e.g., Deut 1.8; Isa 41.8)

As **recipient of God’s covenant** (e.g., Ex 2.24; Lev 26.42)

As **recipient of God’s promise of land** (e.g., Ezek 33.24; Jer 33.25-26)

As one who **faithfully obeyed YHWH** (e.g., Judith 8.26a; 1 Maccabees 2.4-68)

As **opponent of idolatry** (e.g., Apocalypse of Abraham; Genesis Rabbah)

As **student and teacher of Babylonian science/wisdom** (e.g., Jubilees, Pseudo-Philo)

As a **“friend of God” in heaven**, interceding for others (e.g., Testament of Levi; Luke 16; Sibylline Oracles 2.245-49)

As **model of torah-obedient piety and prayer** (e.g., Jubilees)

As **model of (Platonic) virtue of willingness to be taught** (e.g., Philo)

As **witness to “the Word”** (e.g., John 8)

As **model of pre-torah faith** (e.g., Romans 4)

As **prophetic predecessor to prophet Mohammed** (Islam)

As **founder/father of “three world religions”** of Judaism, Christianity and Islam (current view)