# Abraham and The Classification of Pagan Religions

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# ABRAHAM'S SOCIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.

- 1. We are called children of Abraham. Rom. 4:11,12.
- 2. We are children of Abraham through Faith. Gal. 3:7; Rom. 4:13.
- 3. What kind of children of Abraham are we? Not biological children, but spiritual children. Rom. 4:16.
- 4. What is a "spiritual child"? A "spiritual child" is:
  - a. One who is not a fleshly relative (or descendant), but a relative (or descendant) according to the Faith of Abraham. Rom. 4:12.
  - b. And one who, as a child, means that he is not the source of the Faith, but a receiver of the Faith coming from an elder (or parent) in the Faith.
- 5. What kind of Faith did Abraham have? He kept God's Laws. Gen. 26:5.
- 6. These Laws cannot be kept by self-works (self-induced), but only through Faith. Rom. 2:27; Rom. 9:31,32.
- 7. Faith makes us keep the Law of God. Rom. 3:30,31; Jam. 2:17,18,26.
- 8. And it is the Faith of Jesus Christ that causes that obedience; thus the Faith of Abraham is in fact the Faith of Jesus Christ. Rom. 3:22; Phil. 3:9.
- 9. It is the Gospel of Faith. Phil. 1:27.
- 10. And this is the Gospel that contains Righteousness. Rom. 1:16,17.
- 11. We are Abraham's historical, sociological posterity, or descendants and/or Abraham are our historical, sociological ancestor. Explain.
  - a. Sociology is the relationship of man with man and there is <u>sociological influence</u>.
  - b. History is the sum total of all our acts throughout the preceding years, and there is <u>historical transference</u>, or the passing on of values in history.
  - c. Thus those who from age to age and generation to generation receive the sociological influence, so that there is a historical transference of an idea, experience and/or way of life from an individual, they are the sociological children of that individual.

- 12. God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. Gen. 12:1,2; Gen. 13:16; Gen. 15:5,6; Gen. 17:1-6.
- 13. Why Abraham? Because at the time when men were founding nations, Abraham only had the true God while all others were pagans. Josh. 24:2,3.
- 14. Abraham's fatherhood was not really related to his fleshly posterity or biological descendants, but to his spiritual posterity. Rom. 9:6-8.
- 15. Why would <u>Abraham</u> be the father of us all? Why not someone else? Because he would start a train of sociological and righteous influence that would reach down through history to the latter days of the earth, transmitting his Faith. Gen. 18:17-19.
- 16. This would be possible because Abraham kept God's Law. Gen. 26:1-5; Rom. 4:18.
- 17. If we have Abraham's historical Faith, we belong to Christ (as he, Abraham did), and are his sociological seed. Gal. 3:7,29.
- 18. And all apostate, pagan nations receive the blessing of "Justification through Faith" through Abraham's sociological children preaching it unto them. Gen. 26:4; Gen. 12:1-3.

# THE FAITH/THEOLOGY AND MISSIONARY WORK OF ABRAHAM

- 1. The Bible Flood occurred <u>1656</u> years after the creation of Adam. Gen. 7:1,16-24.
- 2. The descendants of Noah's three sons began to rapidly multiply and builded the tower of Babel from whence they were scattered all over the earth. This was about 102 years after the Flood, about <u>2242</u> B.C.B. Gen. 10:8-10; Gen. 11:1-9.
- 3. Abraham was born in UR about the year 2051 B.C.B. this was 293 years after the Flood and 191 years after the Tower of Babel. Gen. 11:26,27.
- 4. Ur was Ur of the Chaldees Abraham was a Chaldean. Gen. 11:27,28.
- 5. The chief gods of Ur at the time of Abraham were

"... god of Ur, the moon god, Nannar, and his consort Ningal..." <u>Unger's Bible Dictionary</u>, pg. 1127.

"The chief seat of the lunar deity, Nannar or Sin, was the ancient city of Ur... he was also called great Anu... the sky god... His name Sin is believed to be a corruption of "Zu-ema", which signifies "knowledge lord"... The consort of Nannar was Nin – Uruwa, "the lady of Ur", who was also called Nin-gala. She links with Ishtar as Nin..." **D. A. Mackinzie**, **Mythology of the Babylonian People**, **pg. 51,52,53.** 

- 6. Abraham was 75 years when he was called by God out of Ur. This was the year <u>1976</u> B.C.B. That was 368 years after the Flood and 266 years after the tower of Babel. Gen. 12:1; Acts. 7:2-4; Josh. 24:2,3.
- 7. What was the content of the Faith that Abraham had? What was the Faith of Abraham? Rom. 4:9-12.
  - a. Abraham believed in one true God, which he knew as El-Shadday. Ex. 6:3; Gen. 14:18-20,22.
  - b. He kept God's Commandments. Gen. 26:5.
  - c. He believed in the spiritual meanings of circumcision, which was given to him. Gen. 17:9-12.
    - i. Meanings like, he believed in Righteousness and Justification by Faith. Gen. 15:3-6; Rom. 4:10,11.
    - ii. He believed in a new changed mind. Col. 2:11-13; Deut. 30:6.
  - d. He believed in a Messiah to come which his son Isaac typified. Gen. 22:7-14;

Heb. 11:17-19.

- e. He believed that he was to inherit a new holy city and a new earth. Rom. 4:13; Heb. 11:8-10.
- f. He believed that he was God's ambassador to preach the Gospel to the nations of his times that they may be able to receive the blessing of Justification by Faith. Gen. 12:1-3; Gen. 22:15-18; Gal. 3:7-9.
- 8. Abraham's ancestors served other gods beyond the Euphrates River; thus God called him out of Ur of the Chaldees. Josh. 24:2,3.
- 9. The first place Abraham came to dwell when he left Ur was a city called Haran. Gen. 11:31,32; Acts. 7:2-4.
  - a. What kind of religion would Abraham preach against in Harran?

"Abraham migrated from Ur to the northern city of Harran, where the moon god was also the chief city deity – the Baal, or "lord"... Ashur was sometimes worshipped in the temples of other gods. In an interesting inscription he is associated with the moon god Nannar (Sin) of Haran... Ashur and Sin are linked as equal. Associated with them is Nusku, the messenger of the gods...". **Ibid**, **pg. 131,353.** 

- 10. To leave Ur to reach Haran, Abraham would have to travel up through Mesopotamia or old Babylonia or Sumeria by cities such as Lagash, Nippur, Isin, Erech, Babylon, Assur, Mari, and etc. and these cities worshipped various gods like: Er, Bel-Enlil, sun god Shamesh, fire gods, Girru, Gish-Bar, Gibil, Nuska, goddess Ishtar, Eresh – Ki gal, gods Ninip, Nergal; Indra, Varuna and Mitra of the Mitanians, Hittites gods etc. Thus Abram gave the Gospel to all these ancient civilizations.
- 11. From Haran, Abraham obeyed God again and entered into Canaan. Gen. 12:1-7.
- 12. Abraham covered from the Northern Canaanite cities of Imar, Allepo, Ebla, Hamath, Qatna, near Ugarit, Byblon, Sidon, Tyre, Damascus, Hazor etc. They worshipped gods like Teshub, Tarhuns, Hadad, Baal, Dagon, Enlil, Chemosh, Ashtoreth, Mot, and goddess like Belitekalim. Abraham first settled in Shechem in the middle of Canaan, then went south, he settled in Hebron for awhile. Gen. 12:6-9; Gen. 13:18.
- 13. Thus by living in Canaan Abraham would have covered all the Canaanite cities destroyed and settled in by his descendants even Sodom, Gomorrah, Ai, Jericho, etc. and give them the Gospel. Gen. 13:2-7,12; Gen. 15:18-21.
- 14. Abraham even went down to Egypt, thus he preached against Isis, Osiris, Horus, Ra, etc. Gen. 12:9,10.

15. World centers Abram preach to (1976 B.C.B.) Ur, Summer, Assyria, Canaan, Egypt.

# **CLASSIFICATIONS OF WORLD RELIGIONS**

- 1. True religion started from God through the Sabbath. Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 31:13; Eze. 20:12,20.
- 2. False religion started from the mouth of Satan himself. Gen. 3:1-5.; Jn. 8:44.
- 3. Abel. Followed the true religion while Cain followed false religion. Gen. 4:1-8.
- 4. True religion is Messianic Yahwehism. Deut. 6:4,6; Jer. 23:5,6.
- 5. True religion was to come through Shem thus it is Shemetic religion. Gen. 9:26.
- 6. The Hamatic line was so corrupted that no religion was justified coming from them, they needed Shemetic Religion. Gen. 9:20-25.
- 7. Nimrod was a descendant of Ham. Gen. 10:6-8.
- 8. He was a great rebel worshipped (or honored) before God. Gen. 10:8-10.
- 9. He started the first global empire and was responsible for the rebellion of the building of the tower of Babel. Gen. 10:8-10; Gen. 11:1-9.
- 10. Babylon became the source of all false religions of the nations as men left the Tower, being scattered by God. Gen. 11:8,9; Rev. 17:5.
- 11. Babylon type religion presided over all the nations and world empires. Rev. 17:9,10; Zech. 1:18,21.
- 12. Thus the religions over all the world in the past should be categorized as Babylonian where ever they were situated, and whatever cultural from they assumed. Here are examples:
  - a. Asian-Babylonian Religion.
  - b. Euro-Babylonian Religion.
  - c. Afro-Babylonian Religion.
  - d. Far-Eastern-Babylonian Religion.
  - e. Amerindo-Babylonian Religion.
  - f. Indo-Babylonian Religion.
  - g. Austra-Babylonian Religion.
  - h. Arabi-Babylonian Religion.

- I. Polynesian-Babylonian Religion.
- 13. Which is the chief race of people that aided Nimrod in the tower building, and hence which was scattered far all over the world thus carried Babylonian Religion all over the world first? The Canaanites (Gen. 11:8,9; Gen. 10:15-18).

# 14. Thus we have **Shemetic Religion** and **Canaanite Religion**.

- 15. Nimrod (and his wife Semiramis) was worshipped as God in Babylonian/Canaanite religion; Nimrod was stamped with the glory of God. Gen. 10:8,9; Rom. 1:21-23.
- 16. The religious characteristics of false Babylonian/Canaanite Religion are seen in the voice of the devil. (Jn. 8:44; Gen. 3:1-5; Isa. 14:12-14); Job. 1:8-11.
  - a. Salvation by works and Salvation in sin.
  - b. Immortal-Soulism.
  - c. Pantheon-Polytheism.
  - d. Sun God.
  - e. Mother Goddess.
  - f. Rejection of YaHWeH.
- 17. The political characteristics of false Babylonian/Canaanite Religion as seen in the voice of the Devil. Job. 1:7; Matt. 4:3,6,8,9.
  - a. No Right of Religious Liberty.
  - b. No Right to exist/Life.
  - c. No Right to private property.
  - d. Globalism/One world government.
- 18. Different names given to Nimrod in his worship by different tribes, nations etc.
  - a. Baal. Jud. 2:13; 1 King. 16:31.
  - b. Baal-Berith. Jud. 8:33.
  - c. Baal-Peor. Deut. 4:3.

- d. Baal-Zebub. 2 King. 1:2,3,6.
- e. Bel. Jer. 51:44.
- f. Nebo. Isa. 46:1.
- g. Merodach. Jer. 50:2.
- h. Dagon. Jud. 16:23.
- i. Jupiter. Acts. 14:12,13.
- j. Malcham. Zeph. 1:5.
- k. Tammuz. Eze. 8:13.

19. Different names given to Semiramis, Nimrod's Wife.

- a. Ashtoreth. 1 Kings. 11:5,33.
- b. Diana. Acts. 19:27.
- c. Queen of Heaven. Jer. 7:18; Jer. 44:17,18.
- 20. Deeds that false religions cause people to do. Lev. 18:6-25.
- 21. Thus Yahweh is the only true God and all other gods of Babylonian/Canaanite Religions are false. Ps. 135:4,5,15-18,21.

# HOW FALSE RELIGION SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD (OR) THE SOURCE OF ALL PAGAN RELIGIONS

- 1. Noah's three sons re-peopled the earth after the great Flood. Gen. 9:18,19.
- 2. Ham is particularly mentioned as the father of Canaan. Gen. 9:18.
- 3. Why is this so? Because Ham's sin was fully ripened in Canaan. Gen. 9:25-27.
- 4. Observe that Ham's crime is mentioned with Canaan's name also. Gen. 9:20-23.
- 5. The prophetic curse pronounced upon Canaan reveals him to be the one who inherits the full results of Ham's evil. Gen. 9:24-27.
- 6. Canaan is the last son of Ham. Gen. 10:6.
- 7. From Canaan came the Canaanites. Gen. 10:15-18; 1 Chr. 1:13-16.
- 8. Nimrod, son of Cush was responsible for the rebellion at the Tower of Babel. 1 Chr. 1:10; [Gen. 10:8-10; Gen. 11:1-9].
- 9. Babylon was the source of all false religions. Rev. 17:5; Rev. 18:3.
- 10. This type of religion is totally corrupt. Rev. 18:2.
- 11. Nimrod used the children of Canaan the Canaanites to aid his rebellion, thus when the scattering of Babel occurred so that people went all over the world, the Canaanites were the main race that first scattered all over the world. [See. "spread abroad" in Gen. 10:18, and "scattered" in Gen. 11:4,8,9, both words being the same Hebrew word for scattered].
- 12. Thus the Canaanites took "Hamatic" religion all over the world, wheresoever they first settled after the dispersion of Babel. (Gen. 10:18; Gen. 11:8,9).
- 13. Thus the ancient pagan religions [Hamatic religions] are always associated with gross immoralities after Ham's behavior. Gen. 9:22; Rom. 1:18-32).
- 14. Observe the middle-eastern general area of the Canaanites from where they spread all over the world after Babel- it was called Canaan. Gen. 10:19.
- 15. God warned Israel against Canaanite religion. Ex. 23:23, 24,32,33; Ex. 34:11-17.
- 16. Joshua commanded the Children of Israel to prepare to take the land of Canaan. Josh. 1:10,11.
- 17. The first city Israel came to that they were to destroy was the oldest city in Canaan, the first

city built there after the scattering at Babel, by Canaanites, and from which the Canaanites colonized the land of Canaan, is Jericho. Josh. 2:1.

- 18. This city had connection with Babylon its mother. [Josh. 6:17,18; Josh. 7:19-21].
- 19. Thus the first city to be destroyed when Israel came into Canaan was Jericho, the oldest Canaanite city that spread Canaanite/Hamatic religion all over the land of Canaan, showing God's abhorrence for that religion. Josh. 6:16-18,20,21,24,26.
- 20. Thus here are different ways we can legitimately call pagan false religions:
  - a. When identifying the fact that they came through Noah's son Ham as against Shem [Gen. 9:26], it can be called <u>HAMATIC RELIGION</u>.
  - b. Naming false religion after Babel the first city built after the Flood in which it was founded, we can call it. **<u>BABYLONIAN RELIGION</u>**.
  - c. Naming false religion after the race of people that spread it all over the world—the Canaanites- we can call it. <u>CANAANITE RELIGION</u>.
- 21. Whatever race of people that migrated all over the world, of Noah's sons, and met colonies of Canaanites already settled in those areas and conquered these Canaanites [Gen. 9:25-27], and absorbed this Canaanite religion into their religious system, they all had Hamatic, Babylonian and Canaanite religion in their own cultural form. Their particular cultural form could be used as a prefix to the name of Hamatic/Babylonian/Canaanite Religion. Eg. Egypto H/B/C Religion; Indo H/B/C Religion; Euro H/B/C Religion; Afro H/B/C Religion; Americo H/B/C Religion; Arabo H/B/C Religion; etc.

# SOME DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCES OF THE MAJOR THESIS OF THE STUDY: "HOW FALSE RELIGION SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD (OR) THE SOURCE OF ALL PAGAN RELIGIONS"

- 1. Archaeological evidence of the overthrow of Babel:
  - a. "The building of this temple offended the gods. In a night they threw down what had been built. They scattered them abroad, and made strange their speech. The progress they impeded." Quoted from an ancient cuneiform script in: Joseph P. Free and Howard F. Vos, <u>Archaeology and Bible History</u>, pg. 41.
  - b. "…The writings of Berossus [a Babylonian priest of the third century B.C.B.] reported that 'the gods introduced a diversity of tongues among men, who until that time had all spoken the same language...' 'When all men formerly spoke the same language, some among them undertook to erect a large and lofty tower, that they might climb up to heaven. But the Lord, sending forth a whirlwind, confounded their design, and gave to each tribe a particular language of its own'." Quoted in Zecharia Sitchin, <u>The Wars of Gods and Men</u>, pg. 198.
- 2. Here are quotations from two broken tablets discovered at Ashurbanipal's library in ancient Nineveh:
  - a. "The thoughts... were evil; against the Father of the Gods he was wicked... the people of Babylon he corrupted to sin... small and great to mingle on the mound... the lord of the Pure Mound... to Heaven and on Earth spoke... He lifted his heart to the Lord of the Gods, Anu, his father; to receive a command his heart requested. At that time he also lifted up... to Damkina... with my son I rise... his number... Nunamnir from the heaven to earth spoke; by his path they did not go; violently they fronted against him... saw this, to earth he descended... when a stop he did not make of the gods... To their stronghold tower, in the night, a complete end he made, In his anger, a command he also poured out; to scatter abroad was his decision. He gave a command their counsels to confuse... their course he stopped... against the gods revolted with violence, violently they wept for Babylon; very much they wept." **Quoted in Ibid, pg. 198,199.**
- 3. Since so many people doubt the real history of a tower of Babel, here is additional proof reproduce in **James B. Pritchard**, **Ancient Near Eastern Texts**, **pg. 68-69**.
  - a. "Now, O lord, thou who hast caused our deliverance, what shall be our homage to thee? Let us build a shrine... Brightly glowed his features, like the day: Like that of lofty Babylon, whose building you have requested, let its brickwork be fashioned. You shall name it 'The Sanctuary'. For one whole year they molded the bricks. When the second year arrived, They raised high the shrine equaling a great height. Having built a stage-tower a great height, they set up in it an abode for Marduk, Enlil, and Ea. This is Babylon, the place that is your home... He set

up a throne... Another in... Verily, most exalted is the son... His sovereignty is surpassing... May he shepherd the human race." H. L. Hoeh, <u>Compendium of</u> <u>World History Vol. 1</u>, pg. 44,45.

- 4. The fact that Canaanites populated much of the nations first and then were conquered by other races who took up their culture and religion, giving to the world various forms of Canaanite religion, can be clearly discerned in the following quotations:
  - a. Of Britain and western Europe we are told:
    - i. "The true Celts... were a tall, fair race, warlike and masterful whose place of origin (as far as we can trace them) was somewhere about the sources of the Danube, and who spread their dominion both by conquest and by peaceful infiltration over Mid-Europe, Gaul, Spain and the British Islands. They did not exterminate the original prehistoric inhabitants of these regions—Paleolithic and Neolithic race, dolmen- builders and workers in bronze- but they imposed on them their language, their arts, and their traditions, taking, no doubt, a good deal from them in return, especially, as we shall see, in the important matters of religion. Among these races the true Celts formed an aristocratic and ruling caste. **T. W. Rolleston, <u>Myths</u> of the Celtic Race, pg. 18-20.**
  - b. Observe how far the scattered Canaanites migrated and dwelt before they were later conquered by other races:
    - i. "The religion of primitive people mostly center on or take their rise from, rites and practices connected with the burial of the dead. The earliest people inhabiting Celtic territory in the west of Europe of whom we have any distinct knowledge are a race without name or known history, but by their sepulchral monuments, of which so many still exist, we can learn a great deal about them. They were the so-called Megalithic People, the builders of dolmens, cromlechs, and chambered tumuli, of which more than three thousand have been counted in France alone. Dolmens are found from Scandinavia southwards, all down the western lands of Europe to the Straits of Gibraltar, and round by the Mediterranean coast of Spain: They occur in some of the western islands of the Mediterranean, and are found in Greece, where, in Mycenae, an ancient dolmen [a huge slab of rock placed on top huge upright pillars of rock] yet stands beside the magnificent burial – chamber of the Atreidae... But they cross the Straits of Gibraltar, and are found all along the North African littoral, and thence eastwards through Arabia, India, and as far as Japan." Ibid, pg. 52,53.
  - c. "Megalithic People have been brought a step or two out of the atmosphere of uncanny mystery which has surrounded them, and they are shown to have played a very important part in the religious development of Western Europe, and in preparing that part of the world for the rapid extension of the special type of Christianity which took place in it." **Ibid**, **pg. 83.**

- d. "The practice of human sacrifice is, of course, not specially Druidic—it is found in all parts both of the Old and of the New World at a certain stage of culture, and was doubtless a survival from the time of the Megalithic People." **Ibid**, **pg. 84.**
- 5. Even the Chinese and Japanese too inherited the religion of the ancient Canaanites that first inhabited those far-eastern regions.
  - a. "When the early Chinese entered China, they found non-Chinese peoples in different parts of that vast area which they ultimately welded into an empire... Although the West Highlanders and the inhabitants of the land of the Rising Sun were never brought into contact, it may be that similar cultural influences drifted east and west from their area of origin, and that the carriers were the ancient mariners who introduced the same type of vessel into far-separated oceans... the influential religious cults of ancient times that flourished in Mesopotamia and in the Egyptian Empire (which included part of Western Asia), appear to have left their impress on the intellectual life of even far-distant peoples... Even before trade routes were opened, religious beliefs and practices appear to have been introduced into distant lands by prospectors and by settlers who founded colonies from which later colonies 'budded'." **Donald A. Mackenzie, <u>Myths of China</u> and Japan, pg. Vi,viii,ix.**
  - b. "Culture A is that of a pre-Ainu people whom the Ainu found inhabiting parts of the archipelago, and called the Koro-pok-guru. The name signifies 'the people having depressions', and is usually rendered by Western writers as 'Pit-dwellers'. In the Japanese writings the Koro-pok-guru are referred to as 'the small people' and 'earth spiders'... Like the 'pit-dwellers' of Saghalin and Kamschatka, the Koro-pok-guru were seafarers and fishers... Although the Ainu claimed to have exterminated the Koro-pok-guru, it is possible that they really intermixed with them and derived some of their religious ideas and myths from them, and that, in turn, the Japanese were influenced by both Ainu and Koro-pok-guru ideas myths." **Ibid**, **pg. 326,327,333.**
- 6. Ancient Babel/Babylon was the source from which all false religions flowed.
  - a. "The system of idolatry spread from Babylon to the nations, for it was from this location that men were scattered over the face of the earth [Gen. 11:9]. As they went from Babylon, they took their worship of the mother and child, and the various mystery symbols with them. Herodotus, the world traveler and historian of antiquity, witnessed the mystery religion and its rites in numerous countries and mentions how Babylon was the primeval source from which all systems of idolatry flowed. Bunsen says that the religious system of Egypt was derived from Asia and 'the primitive empire in Babel'. In his noted work <u>Ninevah and its</u> <u>Remains</u>, Layard declares that we have the united testimony of sacred and profane history that idolatry originated in the area of Babylonia—the most ancient of religious systems." **Ralph Edward Woodrow**, <u>Babylon Mystery Religion</u>

# Ancient and Mordern, pg. 4.

- 7. Facts about the Canaanite city of Jericho being the most ancient city in Canaan.
  - a. "Jericho… possible place of fragrance or moon-city… From the manner and frequency in which it is referred to it would seem to have been the most important city of the Jordan valley that time… The ancient strategic fortress commanding the entrance to Canaan from the east". **Unger's Bible Dictionary**, pg. 572,573.
  - b. "The archaeological history of Jericho is virtually a summary of the whole archaeological history of Palestine." **E. M. Blaiklock and R. K. Harrison**, <u>The</u> <u>New International Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology</u>, pg. 258.
  - c. "Ancient Jericho is currently the primary source of information on the earliest settled life of Palestine." J. D. Douglas, editor at large, <u>New Bible Dictionary</u>, pg. 563.
- 8. Though the date or age of Jericho has been much over inflated by false dating methods, it is yet one of the oldest city in the world.
  - a. "Seen shining in the distance is Jericho. It rises up like a mirage, an oasis, a balmy Garden of Eden to welcome the traveler after the desert crossing. At more than 800 ft. below sea level, it is the lowest urban settlement on earth. It is also the site of the oldest city that has been discovered to date." **Reader's Digest**, <u>The World's Last Mysteries</u>, pg. 143.