

Abraham Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Was Abram/Abraham chosen by the LORD because he was a morally superior person?

How did it require faith to move from his country, his people and his father's household and to a land he had never seen?

Did he do it for the promised blessings?

Does that make a difference?

Why did he do it?

Was it foolish or trusting to take his household of 318 shepherds to pursue the armies of 4 kings to rescue his nephew?

Did the result likely strengthen the faith of Abraham?

How does his giving a tithe to Melchizedek become significant in the future.

Is there evidence for the existence of written records from the pre-flood patriarchs?

Did the life of Shem son of Noah overlap with Abraham?

What happened to the faith of Abraham when he and Sarah made a plan to produce an heir through her maid, Hagar?

Did God cancel the plan because of that?

Were there also some negative consequences as a result?

What were the special features of the way Isaac's birth was announced?

Why do you suppose the LORD chose to allow Abraham to have a bit of advanced knowledge of the destruction of Sodom?

Why did the LORD allow him to haggle about the minimum requirement of righteous people?

How many people living in Sodom actually survived its destruction?

How would you describe the behavior of the men of Sodom? (Genesis 19:1-11)

21st Century LGPTQ apologists say that the offense of Sodom was lack of hospitality. How does that fit with the record?

What is Abraham likely to think when he hears the LORD tell him to sacrifice his son?

What does his obedience tell us about him?

Would you say that he was absolutely sure that it was the voice of the LORD?

Does the LORD sometimes give us assignments without explanations?

Might Abraham have been wrong to marry Keturah after Sarah died?

Can we expect to unravel the plans of the eternal God with our finite minds?