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Genesis 15



# Abram = Abraham

Genesis 17:5 *No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham.*

# Sarai = Sarah

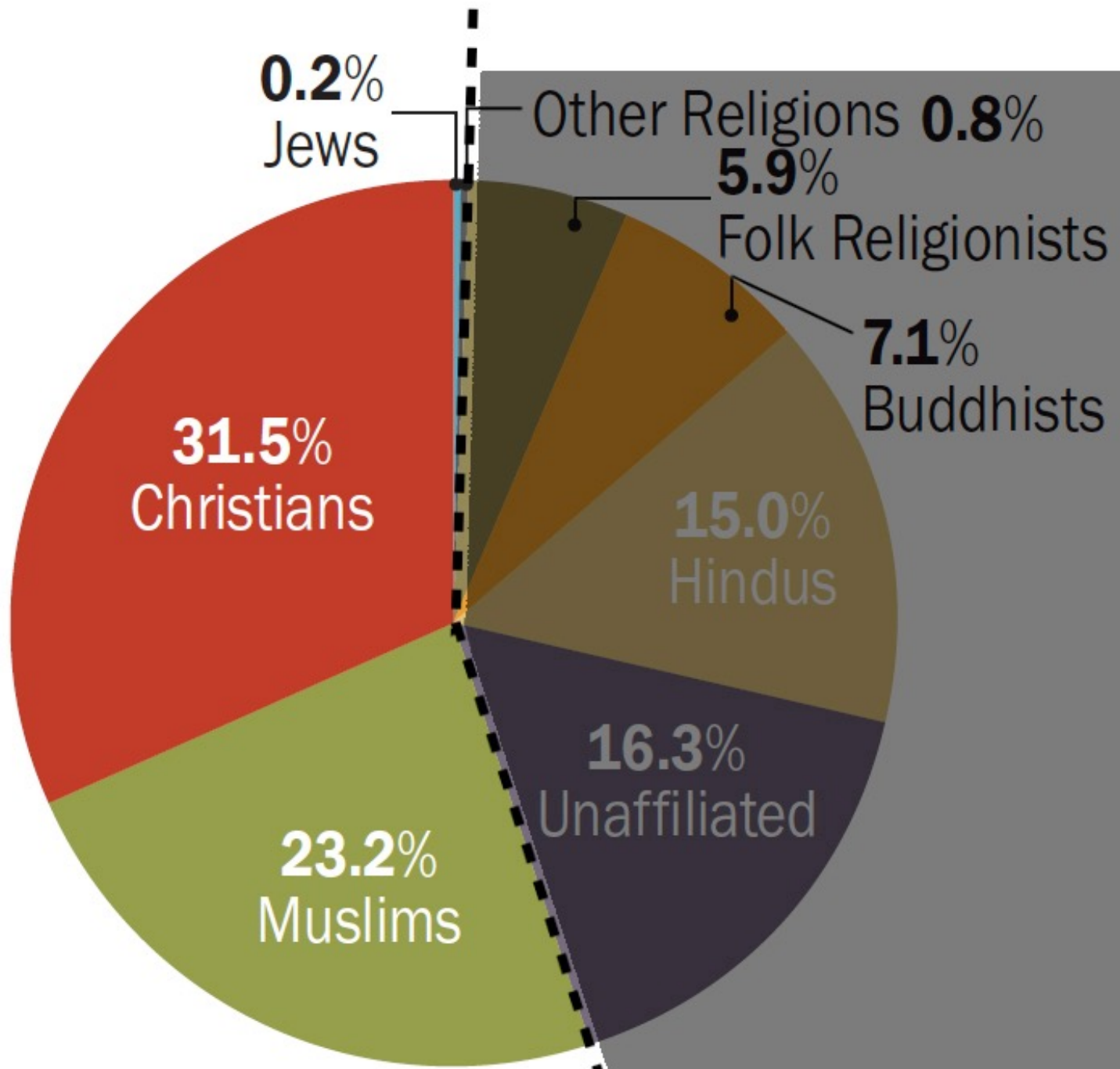
Genesis 17:15 *God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.”*

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# ABRHAM'S RELIGIONS



David 57 times

Abraham 72 times

Moses 85 times



# ABRAM'S JOURNEY FROM UR TO CANAAN



# Blessing

## Genesis 12:1-3

“Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and ***all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.***”

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**NOTICE OF IMMINENT  
WINNER SELECTION**

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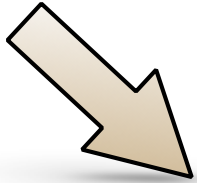
**- THIS IS THE NOTICE WE TOLD YOU TO LOOK FOR!**

WINNER SELECTION SCHEDULED. PCH officials are getting ready for our \$7,000.00-A-Week-For-Life prize authorized to be awarded on April 30, 2014. Prior drawings have been conducted, but now winner determination for our Set For Life prize event is just weeks away for Day 3050. Winner will receive a surprise visit from the Prize Patrol and be revealed on TV during NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.



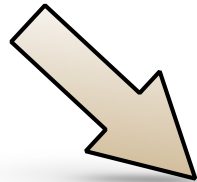
## Genesis 12

Noah's Message "*Following the Example of Abraham*".  
God's call and Abraham moves.



## Genesis 13

John's Message "*Decisions, Decisions*".  
Abraham and Lot go separate ways.



## Genesis 14

Abraham rescues his nephew Lot.

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# Genesis

## Chapter 15:1-8

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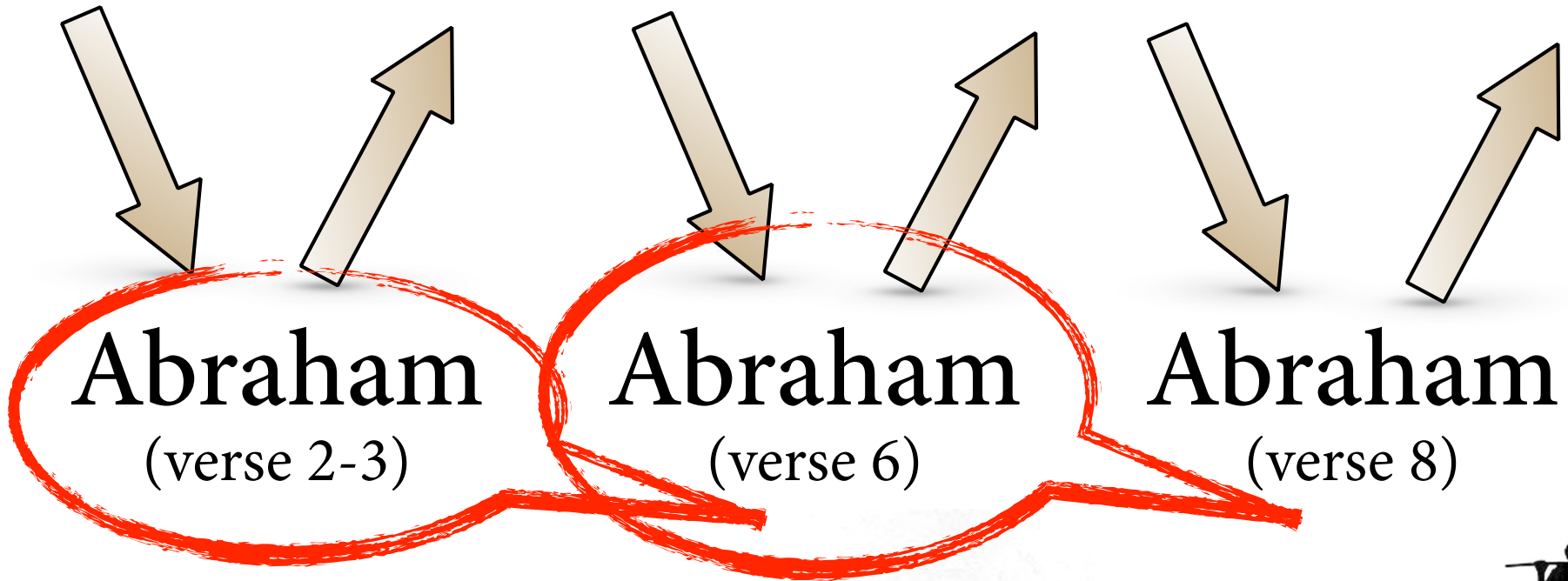
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Lord**  
(verse 1)

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(verse 4-5)

**The  
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(verse 7)

**The  
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(verse 9-21)



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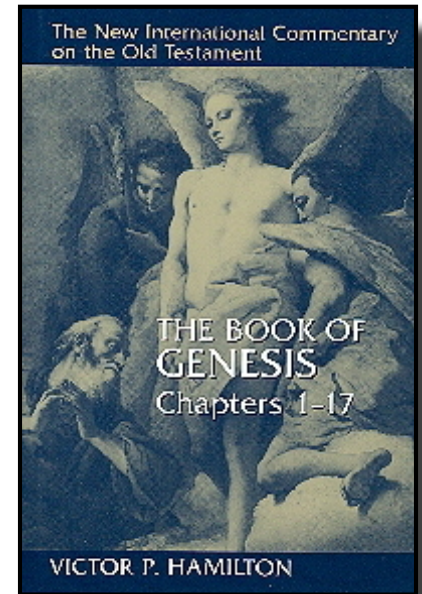
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***verse 6: Abraham***

***“became steadfast  
(or firm) in Yahweh.”***

***emphasizing the certainty and  
sureness of the believer.***



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Rom. 4:1,3,23 & 24 Abraham was,  
humanly speaking, the founder of our  
Jewish nation.<sup>3</sup> For the Scriptures tell  
us, “Abraham believed God,  
and God counted him as  
righteous because of  
his faith.”



Rom. 4:1,3,23 & 24 <sup>23</sup>And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. **It was recorded <sup>24</sup> for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.**



# Doubt

God is not disturbed by our doubts & questions. In fact being honest about our doubts & questions allows us to respond with genuine faith(fulness).



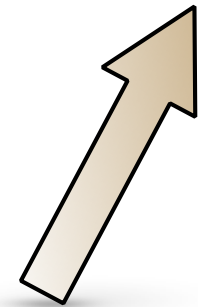
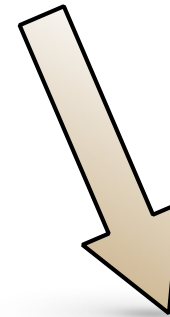
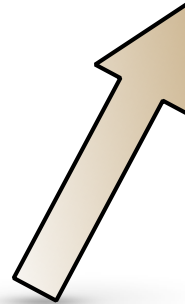
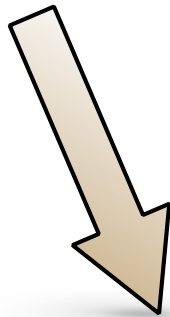
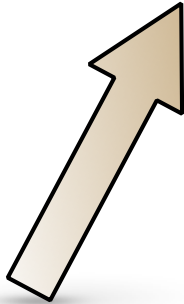
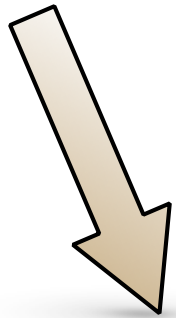
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# Genesis

## Chapter 15:9-21

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# Faithfulness

This is a story about God's faithfulness! He promises, knowing Abraham won't be able to pay the price for his failure or to guarantee the blessing for himself or the rest of the world. God is determined to make the blessing available even if tears Him up.

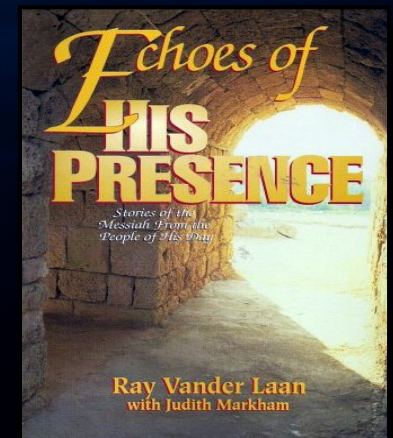
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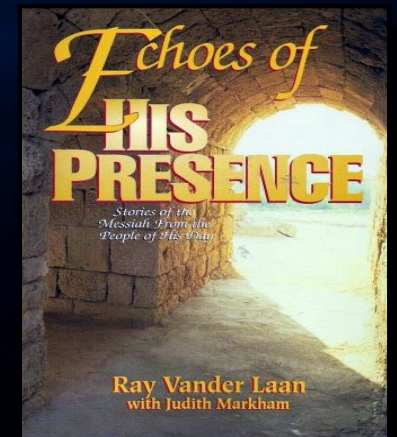
*Picturing God passing through that gory path between the carcasses of animals, imagining the blood splashing as He walked, helps us recognize the faithfulness of God's commitment. He was willing to express, in terms His chosen people could understand, that He would never fail to do what He promised.*

**"Echoes of His Presence"** by Ray Vander Laan 1996 Focus on the Family Publishing - pg. 9-10



*Two thousand years later, on a hill outside Jerusalem, only 35 miles from the area where the covenant was made, Jesus, the Messiah, God Himself in human form, hung on a cross, His blood dripping onto the same dusty, rocky soil which His ancestor and servant Abraham had walked.*

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