

A black and white photograph showing a group of approximately seven people of diverse ages and ethnicities. They are all looking towards the camera with expressions ranging from neutral to slightly smiling. In the center, a person is holding a large, circular object that appears to be a map or a large coin. The background is dark and out of focus.

THE PROMISE

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DEATH TO ALL JEWS!



This is for Allah and his prophet, Muhammed!

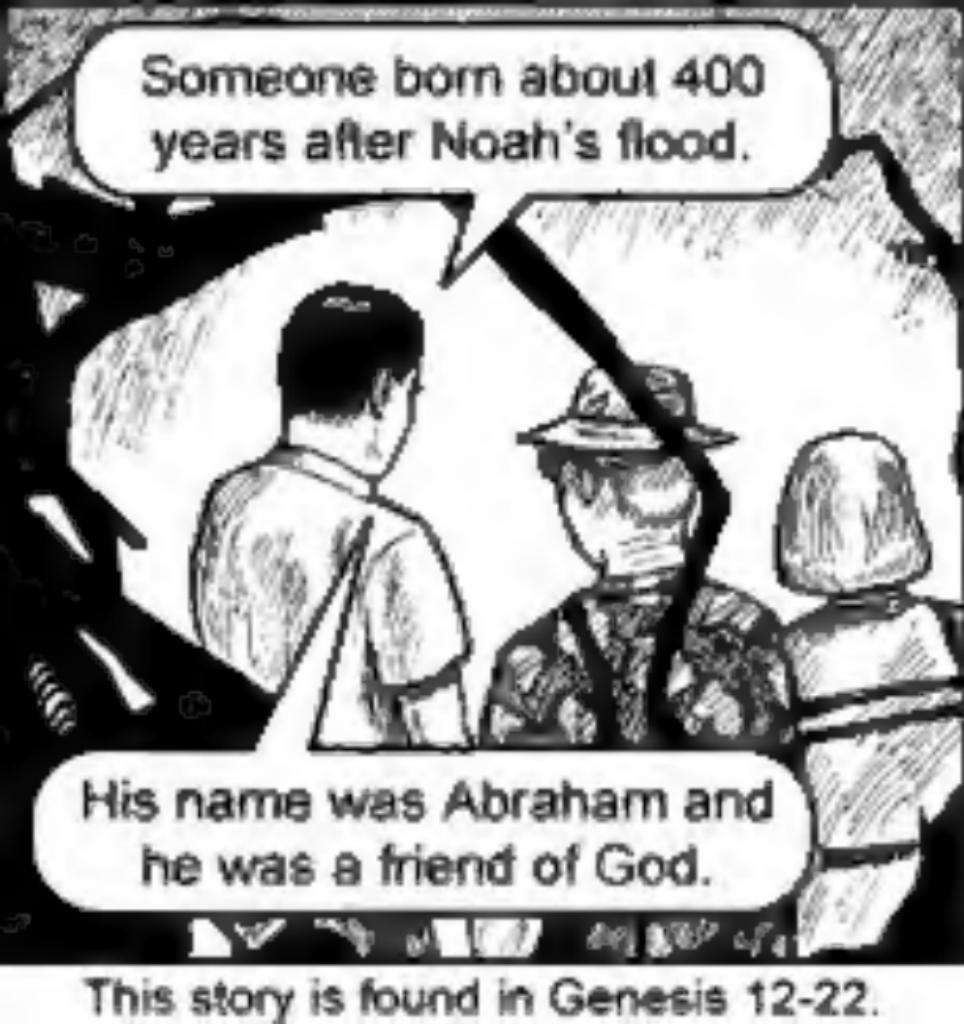
NO!





That was *horrible!* What started this Middle East hatred?

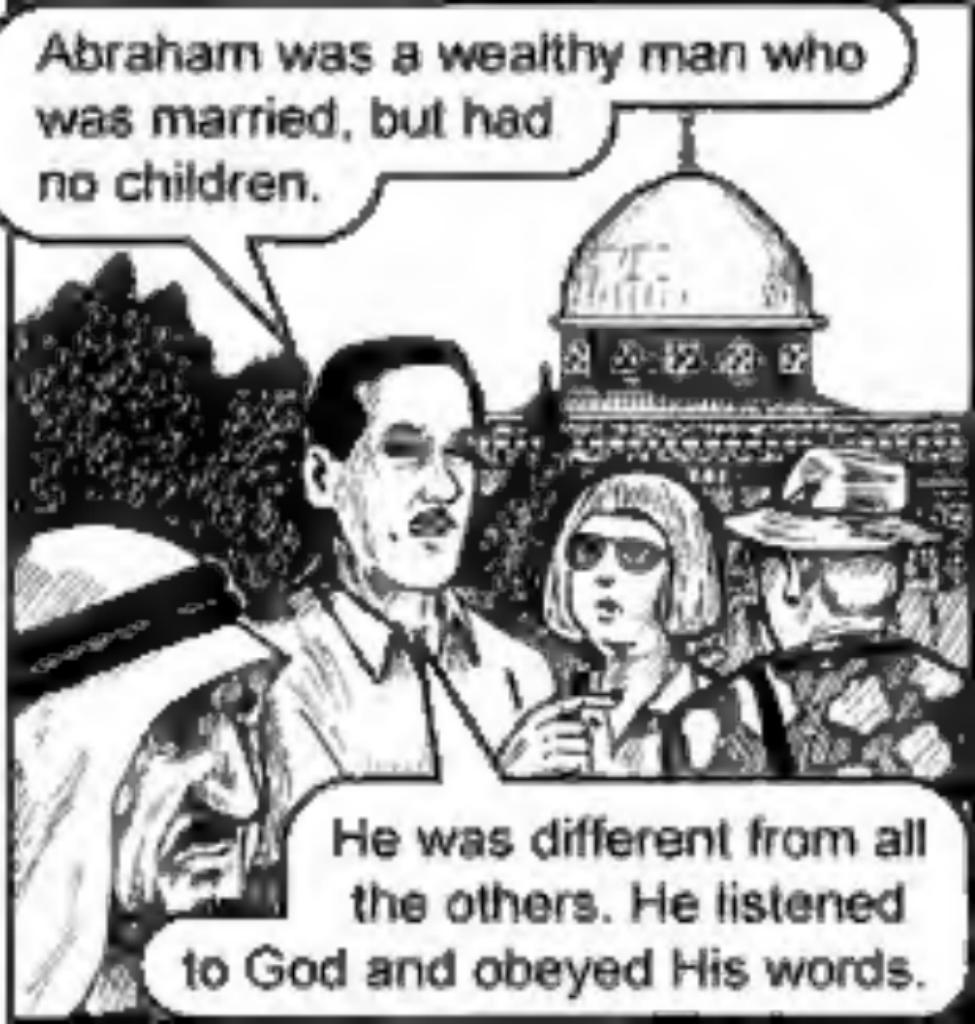




Someone born about 400 years after Noah's flood.

His name was Abraham and he was a friend of God.

This story is found in Genesis 12-22.



Abraham was a wealthy man who was married, but had no children.

He was different from all the others. He listened to God and obeyed His words.

God spoke to him and said, "Get thee out of thy country... unto a land that I will shew (show) thee."^{**}



*Gen. 12:1

God promised to make him a great nation... but Abraham had a problem.



He had great riches and power. But he **still** did not have a son.

Abraham was worried that when he died, all his riches would go to his number one servant.



She gave her Egyptian servant, Hagar, to Abraham, so they could have a son.



This incident created the mess the world is in today.

While pregnant with Abraham's child,
Hagar viewed Sarah with contempt.

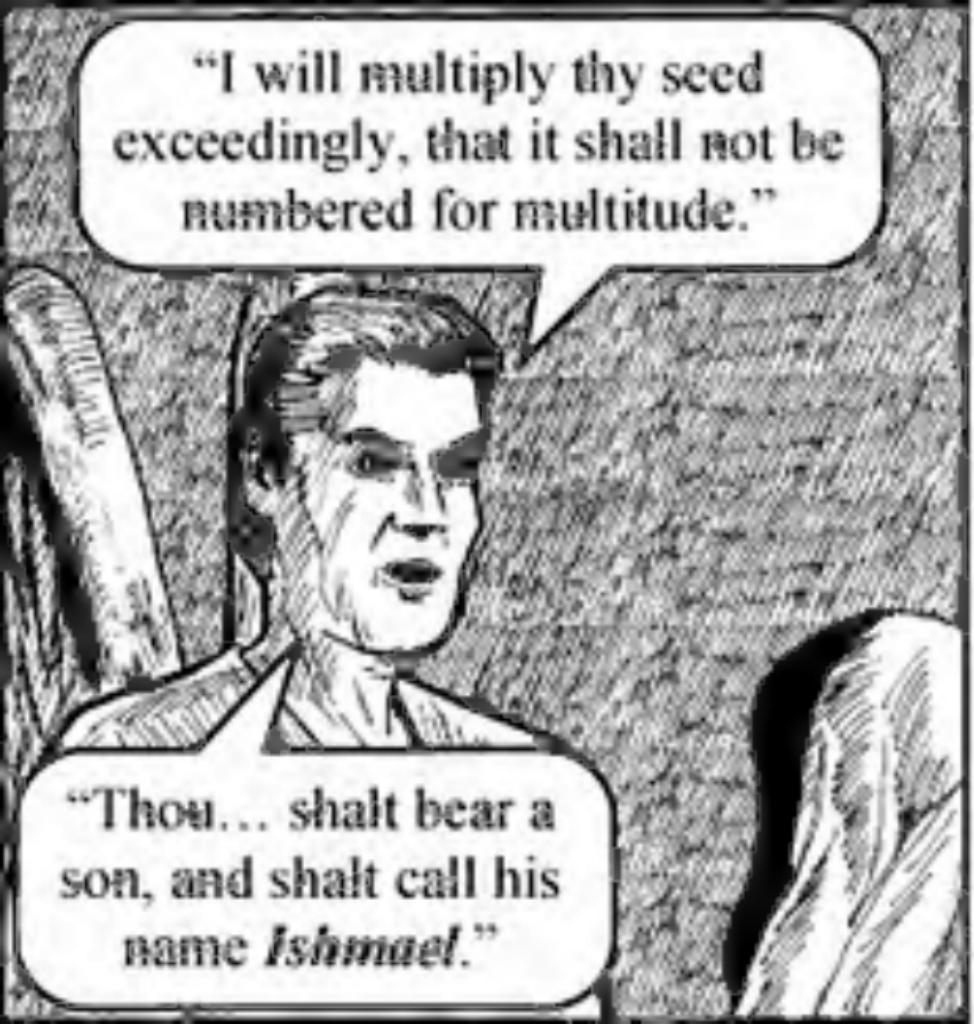


Sarah was *furious!* She treated
Hagar so badly that she ran away.

The angel of the Lord found
Hagar and told her to return
and submit to Sarah.

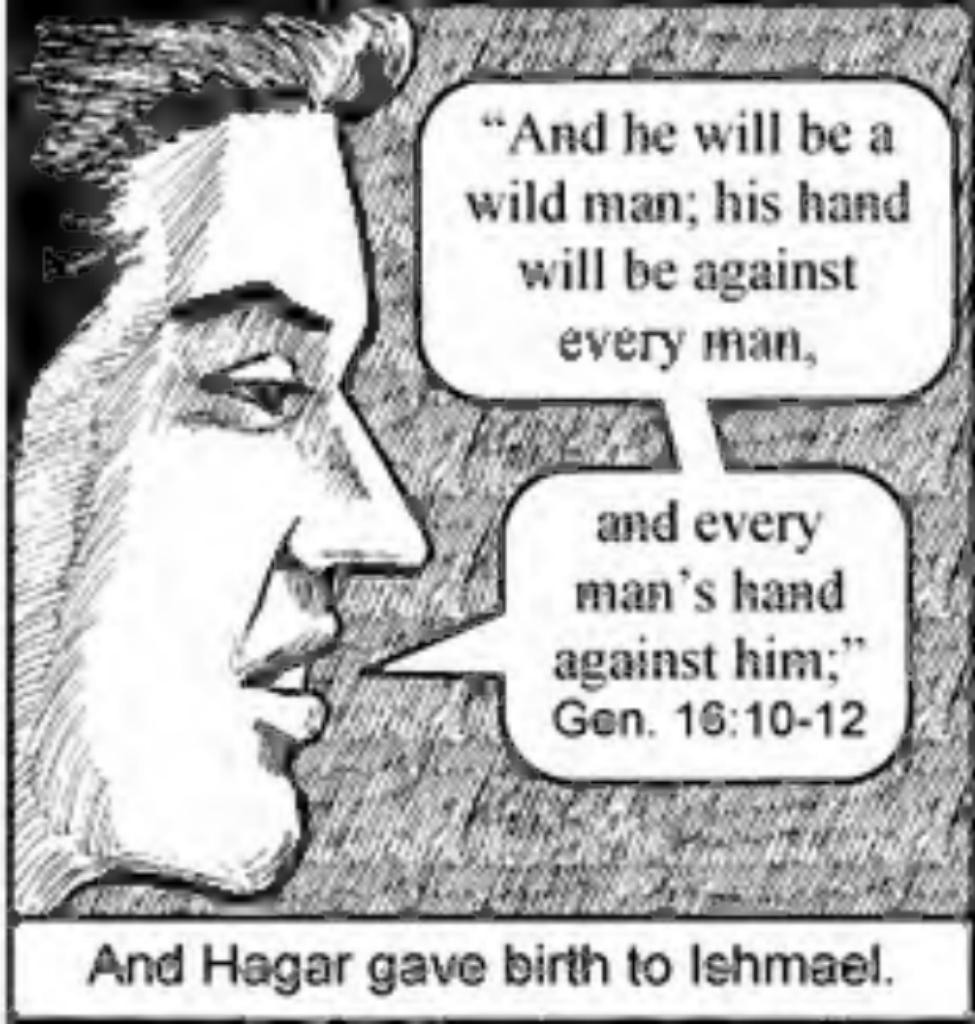


The angel then told her the
child's future. He said...



"I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

"Thou... shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name *Ishmael*."



"And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man,

and every man's hand against him;"
Gen. 16:10-12

And Hagar gave birth to Ishmael.

13 years later, God again appeared to Abraham. He told him that Sarah was to become the mother of nations.



But it would take a *miracle* for her to bear a child at the ripe old age of 90.

But God kept His promise. Sarah gave birth to little Isaac.



But there was *trouble* brewing in the camp. Sarah saw her baby was in danger.

When Isaac was weaned, there was a great party, during which time...



Sarah saw 13-year-old Ishmael making fun of baby Issac.

Sarah pressured Abraham to throw Hagar and Ishmael out of the camp. He was sick about it.



God told Abraham to listen to his wife, because God's promise was to come through Isaac, *not* Ishmael.

Joseph and his mother were angry and humiliated



They were cut off from God's chosen people

Matthew describes the powerful leader of a great nation



They hated the sons of Israel who became the nation of Israel. This hatred is still smoldering in the Middle East today.

Abraham was overjoyed to have a son through his wife Sarah. He was named Isaac which means laughter.



Abraham's life was wrapped up in this child of promise.

What promise?



The promise that through Isaac, God would bless the whole world.

God fulfilled that promise about 2000 years later. Through Isaac, the came the Saviour of the world - the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then came the greatest test in Abraham's life.

God spoke unto him,
saying, "Take your son,
your only son Isaac,
whom thou lovest,
and offer him
as a burnt offering.
Gen. 22:2



Abraham was devastated!

Can you imagine what went through
Abraham's heart and mind?



How could he possibly kill the
son that God had promised him?



Oh my God... My God
how can I do this?

I love you
father!

Abraham rose early. He had to get
everything ready for the long journey.



God you promised
that my offspring
will be as the stars
of heaven

and God you
cannot lie!





He bound his son and
laid him on the altar

I couldn't
do that



Abraham stretched out his hand
and took the knife to slay his son.

God help me!



On the dragon of the world
the dragon of the sea, the dragon
of the earth, the dragon of the sky.

4 dragons

4 dragons



And now that we have the dragon

we can now make the dragon of the world

the dragon of the sea, the dragon of the earth,



And now that we have the dragon

we can now make the dragon of the sea

the dragon of the earth, the dragon of the sky.

Through Abraham God had shown what He Himself would do 2000 years later



By sending His only begotten Son to be a human sacrifice for our sins

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son

...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16



Jesus died was buried and three days later He rose from the dead

Wasn't Jesus only a man?

No!... Jesus Christ
is God Almighty.

It was only *His* precious blood
that could wash away our sins.

That's amazing!

I never heard
that before!

God made two more
very important promises
concerning Jesus...



If you believe that Jesus
died for your sins, and
make Him your personal
Saviour...

You *will* be saved!
That is promise #1.

"For the wages of sin is death; but
the gift of God is eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

The last promise is **terrifying!**
If you refuse God's love gift and
reject the Lord Jesus Christ as
your personal Saviour...



...you *will* be cast
into the Lake of Fire. And that's
a promise from the **only** One
who never lied. (See Rev. 20:15)

I would be scared to death *not*
to take God's love gift.



Dear Lord Jesus, we are sinners.
We believe You died on the cross
for us. Please become our personal
Saviour. Come into our hearts.
Thank You, Lord.



"...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

