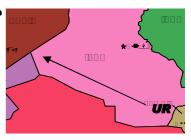




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I was born in Ur near the Persian Gulf and lived there until I



married Sarai. Then as a family we moved north-west.

Today this country is Iraq.

Then I heard God speak to me and so Sarai and I moved east towards a land



where God told me to go - the land of Canaan.

There God spoke to me again with a wonderful promise.



I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will bless everyone who blesses you so that all people on the earth will be blessed through you.

I built an altar to the LORD.



Lot, my nephew, had come with Sarai and me and we spread out with our sheep, cattle, donkeys and camels, until the land was crowded

So Lot and I decided to separate. Lot took the

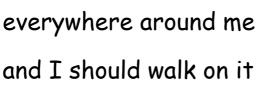


plain near the city of Sodom, so

I took the hill country.

But God spoke to me

again and told me to look





to own it. This would be the land for all my children and grandchildren.

This was strange because Sarai and I had no children at all.

Lot got into big trouble and some enemy kings came and raided Lot's property so we had to go and rescue him.

This resulted in me meeting a very special priest-king, who brought me bread and wine and to whom I gave a tenth of all I had.

After this I asked God about having children and He gave me a powerful sign.

I set out some animals for sacrifice and a fire went across.



After this God changed our names to "father of many", and Sarah- "mother of nations".

But it was not until one day when three men came to visit me. It was the LORD. Then Sarah became the

mother of Isaac.

I was 99 and Sarah 90.

God tested me one day whether I loved Him more than Isaac.

He asked me to sacrifice
Isaac on the mountain.
Just as I thought I would

have to kill him God provided a ram in the bush nearby. God said to me, "Now I know that you love me more."

One day God asked me about something He was going to do.

A whole city would be destroyed because of wickedness. I asked

God, if there were 50 people who did right would He save it.

I asked again and again, down to 10, but in the end God sent an angel to rescue just 3 people who would go, and the city was wiped out.

I am called a friend of God
because I love Him so much and
obey Him even when I do not
understand what is happening.
Will you be His friend too?

This story is from the Bible Genesis 12-22