

*(Mat 1:2) Abraham became the father of Isaac. Isaac became the father of Jacob. Jacob became the father of Judah and his **brothers**.*

Judah (YaHudah) this eleven brothers, from Jacob, the one renamed, Israel. It is from Isaac that Israel is considered to be descended and not Abraham, as we will see.

(Mat 1:17) So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon to the the messiah, fourteen generations.

From Abraham to David, fourteen generation -- a total of 42, from Abraham to our Messiah, YaHshua. If we count a generation as 40 years then we have 1680 years from Abraham to our Messiah. Plus or minus the years counting from Abraham and his covenant with YaHWeH, or when he began His calling, his journey out from his own country or from his death, or perhaps the death of his beloved wife Sarah, the birth mother of the single son, Isaac? Interesting questions but we are not working out a math problem here, this article/study is focusing on the, or who the children of Abraham are.

The verse just quoted seems to say that Abraham is the father of all that became Israel, and this true, but in a spiritual sense not everyone is of Abraham, or not counted as being of the Covenant made between Abraham and YaHWeH. The genealogy is one of the flesh. The covenant made, originally, with Abraham is called the Covenant of the Promise, covenants following that first, signed and sealed in blood, began to change with each person or people that would enter into a covenant with YaHWeH, but it is that first Covenant of Promise, made with Abraham that YaHshua is representative.

In fact, YaHshua is our King and Priest. He is not following the Levitical Priesthood at all, He is of the Melchizedek Order. Why is this important? It is important that we know and understand that the Melchizedek Order is not in the lineage of Israel. The Melchizedek Priesthood is based on the King of Salem, or YaHusalem (Jerusalem). Guess what? This King/Priest, seems to be of Canaanite origin. Everyone forgets that the Canaanites knew all about YaHWeH, as a god, but only a god out of many gods. It was YaHWeH that identified Himself to Abraham and Moses as the only One True God, the actual Creator of all things and declaring, by His revelation, that all other things called gods are not gods at all but of wood and stone and human invention.

Throughout all of scripture, however, metaphors are used as examples applied to the one and only Creator to make a point. For example, while the pagan gods of stone are worshiped, we are told that the Stone or Rock of Israel Is YaHWeH and again, the Rock of our Salvation is YaHshua. The pagan, or Canaanite rock is only stone from the earth, our Rock is from Heaven.

Another little tid-bit along those lines -- the Muslims worship a stone, a black stone

that is embedded in the corner of their Kabba (cube building they march around), and as they move closer to this stone some lean forward and kiss it. This black stone, or Kabba stone is said to have fallen from Heaven. While our Stone also came from Heaven, our Stone or Rock is a living testament to life eternal, while the Muslim stone is only a rock, made up of minerals of an asteroid -- it can do nothing. The next time a Muslim tries to tell you that they do not worship anything other than Allah, mention the Kabba stone and listen to the excuses, even the Cube or Kabba itself is adored.