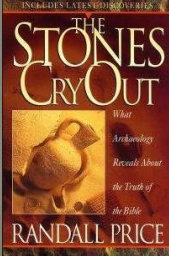



# The Stones Cry Out

## Biblical Archaeology





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### Chapter 5: The Patriarchs: Living Legends or Legendary Lives

- Patriarchs “fathers who rule”
- Covenant between God and the forefathers of Israel
- God of the Bible Identified Himself as
- God of Abraham
- God of Isaac
- God of Jacob
- God promised to fulfill His Covenant






**Exodus 3:6,15-16**

(6) And he said, "I am the God of your father, the **God of Abraham**, the **God of Isaac**, and the **God of Jacob**." And **Moses hid his face**, for he was afraid to look at God.

(15) God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.



(16) Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, "**The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob**, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt,

**Luke 20:37-38**


(37) But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord **the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob**.

(38) Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

### The Patriarch's

- Recognized by Moses
- Recognized by Jesus
- If the Patriarch were not real...then why would we trust ...The Bible?
- The Jewish Claim to the land of Israel rests on Patriarchs
- Land between the two rivers (Genesis 15:18)
- Euphrates and River of Egypt







**Playing Down the Patriarchs**

- Critical Jewish Scholars join secular Scholars
- Patriarchs are not historical
- Randall Price..
- Dallas Theological Seminary vs. Hebrew University
- “Abraham never existed”
- Campfire accounts passed down through centuries.. Backward projection created by nationalist Jews.. (600-400BC)
- Seeking to created a glorified past

Israel Finkelstein, 2007

Low Chronology

**Playing Down the Patriarchs**

- Is Abraham Important?
- Romans 4:16 “Father of us all”
- Jesus and New Testament writers..Accepted Abraham
- Hall of Faith ... Hebrews 11
- ½ of the chapter dedicated to Old Testament Patriarchs & Wives
- Promises to Abraham..transferred to us..

**Julius Wellhausen**

**Verifying the Patriarchs**

- Documentary Hypotheses
- JEDP Theory
- Four independent sources
- Combined into one document
- the Yahwist source (J) : hypothetically written c. 950 BCE in the southern Kingdom of Judah.
- the Elohist source (E) : hypothetically written c. 850 BCE in the northern Kingdom of Israel.
- the Deuteronomist (D) : hypothetically written c. 600 BCE in Jerusalem during a period of religious reform.
- the Priestly source (P) : hypothetically written c. 500 BCE by Kohanim (Jewish priests) in exile in Babylon.

May 17, 1844

**PRESUPPOSITION that Moses was not the author**

**Maximalist:** Biblical scholar who gives maximum authority to the biblical text as a source for historical and factual information about the past

**Vs.**

**Minimalist:** Biblical scholar who minimizes the biblical text as an authoritative source for reliable historical and factual information about the past

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**Verifying the Patriarchs**

- William Albright (1891-1971)
- Rejected the “Assumptions” of JEDP
- Based on current archeology
- Hittites proved JEDP was wrong

**Presuppositions:**

- Moses was not the author
- No ability to literally communicate
- Primitive thinking, ideas

**Facts proved assumptions were incorrect:**

**Nuzi Tablets**

Hurrians/Horites  
14<sup>th</sup> Century BC  
Administrative  
Culture, Family

	Proto-Canaanite	Early Phoenician	Greek	Proto-Canaanite	Early Phoenician	Greek
a			Α	א		Λ
b			Β	ב		Μ
g			Γ	ג		Ν
d			Δ	ד		Σ
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h			Η	ח		Ϟ
f			Θ	ט		Ρ
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**World of the Patriarchs**  
 Genesis 49: Jacob gives 12 sons equal share  
 Deuteronomy 21:15-17 Firstborn should receive a double portion  
 Wellhausen attributed contradiction to different authors  
**Lipit-Ishtar** 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
**Hammurabi** 18<sup>th</sup> Century (First Born Son "Double portion")  
 Other Correlations: (Kenneth Kitchen)  
 • Price of slaves in silver shekels (Gen. 37:28)  
 • Form of treaties and covenants (Gen. 21,26,31)  
 • Geopolitical Conditions (Gen 14)  
 • Domestication of Camels



**Names of the Patriarch**  
 Names reflect the period of the times:

Popular names of the 1880s				
Males			Females	
Rank	Name	Number	Name	Number
1	John	89,950	Mary	91,669
2	William	84,881	Anna	38,159
3	James	54,058	Emma	25,404
4	George	47,651	Elizabeth	25,007
5	Charles	46,657	Margaret	21,800

**Names of the Patriarch**





1400 BC, Old Babylon





The Babylonian Empire 606-538 BC

- Names reflect the period of the times:
- Abraham, Serug, Nahor, Terah
- These names also appear in OLD Assyrian and Babylon
- 2000 BC (20<sup>th</sup> Century BC)
- Names with *i/y* prefix are common
- Yitzchak/Issac Ya'akov Jacob, Yishmael/Ishmael

**Places of the Patriarchs**  
 Tel Dan/Laish  
 "From Dan to Beersheba"  
 Egyptian execration texts..Dan was Laish  
 Judges 18:7,14,27  
 Laish was renamed Dan  
 In Abraham's day it was Laish  
 Judges 18:28-29  
 (28) And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. Then they rebuilt the city and lived in it.  
 (29) And they named the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first.

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**Places of the Patriarchs**  
**Fort Abram**

- Built in Negev by David or Solomon 10<sup>th</sup> BC
- Defenses against Egypt
- Name "Fort of Abram"
- Used for Beerheba.
- Abraham founded Beersheba (Gen. 21:22-23)
- When a government builds a fortifications, it is natural to name them for illustrious local or national heroes. Abraham of biblical fame surely fit the bill". *Roland Hendel*



**Places of the Patriarchs**  
**Fort Abram**

Genesis 21:22-23  
 (22) At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do.  
 (23) Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned."

Genesis 21:32-33  
 (32) So they **made a covenant at Beersheba**. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines.  
 (33) Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in **Beersheba** and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.



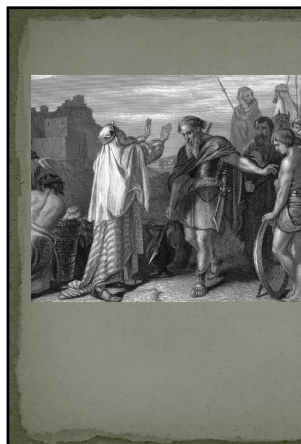
**Climate of the Patriarchs**

- Climate changes through time
- Today the area of Israel is drier
- Compare the biblical record to other "Contemporary Evidence"
- Evidence show the area was wetter in 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium BC
- 3000-2000 BC
- Dead Sea was fertile



**Climate of the Patriarchs**

Genesis 13:10-12  
 (10) And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw **that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD**, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (**This was before** the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)  
 (11) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.  
 (12) Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.



**Witness of Genesis 14**

- Lot was living in Sodom
- Captured and carried away (Gen. 14:12)
- Abraham rescued Lot
- Met with Melchizedek, Priest/King of Salem
- Critics call it a fabrication
- Detailed listing of place names
- Valley of Siddim-Salt Sea vs.
- Valley of Shaveh—Kings Valley vs. 17



**Witness of Genesis 14**

Gen 14:1 In the days of **Amraphel king of Shinar, West Semitic Lower Mesopotamia**

**Arioch king of Ellasar, Appears in Mari Texts**

**Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Elamite name**

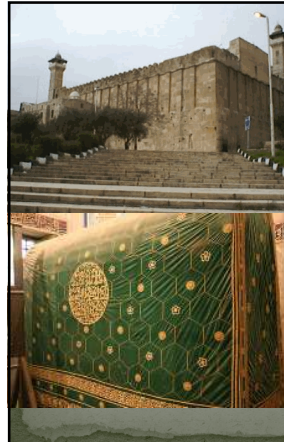
**Tidal king of Goiim, Early form of Hittite Pg. 101**

### Witness of Genesis 14

Gen 14:1 In the days of **Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar**, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim,  
 Gen 14:2 these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).  
 Gen 14:3 And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).  
 Gen 14:4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.  
 Gen 14:5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,  
 Gen 14:6 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness.

### Tomb of Patriarchs

**Genesis 23:17-20**  
 (17) So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was made over  
 (18) to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city.  
 (19) After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.  
 (20) The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.



• Tomb of Rachel

• Tomb of Joseph

