

**Hebrews 11:18**                      **Toward whom**  
[ **Abraham** ] **it had been communicated** [ **constative**  
**aorist passive indicative of λαλέω (laléō):**  
**“repeatedly”** ], **In Isaac your gamete shall be**  
**designated**” [ **Genesis 22:12c; predictive future**  
**passive indicative, prophetic of a new race, the**  
**Jew** ].

**Principle:** This prophecy clearly indicates that Isaac will have children who will continue the Jewish chart pedigree. The doctrine that confirms the origin of a new race of people is extremely important and requires a review.

### **The Historicity of the Jewish Race:**

1. Scripture clearly documents the origin of the Jewish race. Whereas Abram’s ancestors were Semites, and therefore, so was he, a miracle occurred in his and Sarai’s life that introduced a fourth race into human history.
2. The Abrahamic Covenant given to Abram in Genesis 12:1–3 is the first paragraph in the divine revelation of promises that would result in the advent of the Jewish race.
3. It is through Abraham that the Jewish race originates and reaches its summum bonum with the birth, life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Messiah.
4. Not to be overlooked by Lucifer and his fallen minions, his initial strategy was to destroy the messianic line thus preventing its survival; his first effort was Cain’s murder of Abel in Genesis 4:8.
5. It is from this and other satanic efforts to destroy the line of Messiah by any means possible that has led to the evil of anti-Semitism:

**Opposition to, prejudice against, or intolerance of the Jewish people. However, the term “Semite” encompasses much more than just the Jews. Jews are but one branch of the Semitic peoples. To be accurate, therefore, anti-Semitism should be defined as opposition to *all* Semites. Yet such is not the case. Jews alone are the target for anti-Semitism, which may run the gamut from antipathy to violent hatred.<sup>2</sup>**

6. What we are noting in Genesis 22 is critical to understanding this satanic evil of anti-Semitism. The drama unfolding on Mount Moriah is seemingly, to the uninformed mind, an exercise designed to cancel the messianic chart pedigree before it even gets started.

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<sup>2</sup> R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Anti-Semitism*, 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 9.



7. Technically and genetically, the term anti-Semitism is actually a misnomer. Yes, Abraham was a Semite from Ur. But, as we have learned from Genesis 17:15–19, Abraham was sterile and Sarah was barren.
8. In other words, Abraham, at age 99, had no viable Semitic gametes and Sarah never did, her barrenness indicated in:

**Genesis 11:30** Sarai was barren [ Qal active imperfect<sup>3</sup> of עָקַר ('aqar)<sup>4</sup> ], she had no child.  
(NASB)

9. The Qal imperfect indicates Sarai's current condition is actively going on resulting in the status quo of being unable to become pregnant. This means that if she is to become pregnant in the future she must be miraculously supplied with active gametes and the ability to conceive.
10. The two of them are incapable of having children unless God supplies them with the ability to do so. Otherwise, there would have been no Jewish race and consequently no Messiah.
11. Although divine intervention did occur, there are some presently who, due to erroneous hermeneutics, have surely, without realizing it, erased the Jewish race from history while claiming to be a Jew.
12. In God's recitation of the first paragraph of the Abrahamic Covenant we find this statement in:

**Genesis 12:3** "And I will bless them that bless you, and curse the one that curses you. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."  
(EXT)

13. Obviously this promise must initially be fulfilled genetically by Abraham. It has just been revealed in Genesis 11:30 that his wife, Sarai, is barren. Later in Genesis 17:17, Abraham exclaims that he is sterile and Sarah is not only barren, but ninety-years old, unable to bear a child.
14. As far as this couple is concerned, there is no way the promises in the Abrahamic Covenant can possibly be fulfilled due to the absence of sexual vitality.

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<sup>3</sup> "The imperfect is used to express *incomplete action and is used to denote habitual or customary action, whether in the past, present, or future*" (Gary D. Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001], 165).

<sup>4</sup> "The state of not being fertile, not being able to become pregnant" (Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, "עָקַר," in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* [Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003], 865).



15. You may remember my reading the following excerpt in which two Jews are quoted, shockingly asserting that Abraham never existed and in doing so, commit genetic suicide:

“Abraham never existed, but his cousin did!” said one of my professors during a graduate course on Israel’s early history at the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#). He believed Abraham and all the biblical patriarchs were fictional characters with colorful relatives in Canaan who produced urban legends about their lives.

Recently, a [Reform rabbi conducting a Passover seder on national television](#) stated, “The Bible is not history; it is a book of ideas.” Though some might praise his statement as nontraditional thinking, such false ideas attack the foundational argument for Israel’s right to exist.

If the Bible were false and Abraham never existed, what basis would remain for Israel’s legitimacy as the nation of promise? What basis would remain for the Jewish people’s millennia-old claim to the land of Israel? If there had been no Abraham, there would be no Jewish people and no Abrahamic Covenant—the unconditional promise God made to Abraham and his descendants to give them the land of Israel as an eternal possession (Genesis 15:18–21).

Without the Abrahamic Covenant, Israelis must compete for their land on strictly political and humanitarian grounds. Moreover, Gentile believers have no foundation for their faith (Romans 11:17–18). Thus the historicity of the Jewish patriarchs is important for Bible-believing Christians, as well as Zionists.<sup>5</sup>

16. If we were to take literally the claims of the Hebrew University professor and the rabbi conducting the Passover Seder, then we would be forced to conclude there is no historical evidence of the Jewish race.
17. The former taught that Abraham and all the biblical patriarchs were fictional. The latter confirmed the former by asserting that, “the Bible is not history.” Both were wrong and in doing so have destroyed any credibility for themselves.
18. The professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem needs to inform its Board there is no such thing as a Hebrew. The rabbi conducting the Seder should retire since there are no Jewish rituals to observe since rituals point to a reality. Both need to admit they are functionaries in a self-proclaimed, multi-millennial fairy tale.

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<sup>5</sup> Randall Price, “What If Abraham Had Never Existed?” *Israel My Glory*, May/June 2018, 35.



19. The truth, I am happy to report, is unrelentingly quite the opposite. We learn from Genesis 16, that Sarai, being barren, decided they needed a son and suggested that Abram engage in a ménage à trois with the housemaid, Hagar.
20. Abraham, not believing his ears, decided he had a ticket to ride, so the tawdry affair took pace. The offspring was an adulterine named Ishmael which Abram sired at age 86. Thirteen years later, at age 99, the Lord approached Abram and Sarai. He changed their names to Abraham and Sarah and announced they would have a legitimate, natural-born son.
21. To get a clear understanding of the bloodline that God created in Abraham and Sarah, we need to flash back to the vocabulary of tenth-grade biology as we note a few verses. First, the news to Abraham and Sarah they would have a son:

**Genesis 17:19** God said, “Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants [ עַרְוָה ] (zera‘): offspring, children, posterity ] after him.

**Genesis 21:12c** ... through Isaac your descendants shall be called.

22. The word “descendants” in modern English translations is “seed,” but it refers to the gamete of the father which produced, with the mother, these descendants. This is brought out more precisely in the Greek of the New Testament:

**Romans 9:6** It is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;

**v. 7** nor are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants, but: “through Isaac your descendants will be named.”

**Hebrews 11:18** ... it was he [ Abraham ] to whom it was said, “In Isaac your descendants shall be called [ **Genesis 21:12c** ].

23. The Greek word that is translated “descendants” is the noun **σπέρμα** (*spérma*): “sperm, gamete.” Abraham’s newly created Jewish male gamete will unite with Sarah’s newly created Jewish female gamete to produce a zygote, the cell formed by the union of the sperm and ovum. In the case of Isaac, this union include a Y chromosome form Abraham and an X chromosome from Sarah.
24. This process resulted in the birth of the first natural-born, full-blooded Jew in human history. In Isaac was Abraham’s “seed” called. The fourth race entered into human history.
25. “Jew” is not a nickname, eventually used as a disparaging term by some, assigned to a group of Semites. It is instead a race of Homo sapiens through which the Messiah would arise. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David, Nathan, and Mary were Jews.
26. The tribe of Judah became the royal line through which arose David as the first king of Israel whose Jewish bloodline continued onward to Joseph and Mary.
27. The Messiah, Jesus Christ, conceived as a full-blooded Jew when the gamete of Mary’s ovum united with a miraculously created Jewish male gamete, developed from this zygote later entering human history as the Messiah of Israel.
28. This sequence of passages disprove the erroneous, even blasphemous, notions of the Hebrew professor and the rabbi that Abraham and the patriarchs are fictitious characters while the Bible is a “book of ideas,” rather than a chronicle of the historical evidence and chart pedigree of the Jewish people.

**Hebrews 11:19**      He [ Abraham ] having calculated [ aorist middle participle of λογίζομαι (*logízomai*): an accounting term: add up the facts and concludes ] that God also was able [ the adjective δυνατός (*dunatós*): omnipotence ] to raise up [ aoristic present active infinitive of ἐγείρω (*egeíro*): instantly by resuscitation ] Isaac out from the dead; for which reason also he recovered [ culminative aorist middle indicative of κομίζω (*komízo*): flashback to Genesis 22 ] him by means of a comparison [ παραβολή (*parabolé*): equivalent to τύπος (*týpos*): “type” ] to the cross. (EXT)

(End JAS2-41. See JAS2-42 for continuation of study at p. 411.)

**Principle:** The noun, *parabolḗ*, does not refer to resurrection but rather indicates an association with something else that is brought alongside for comparison. The synonym, *túpos*, type, is used by the writer of Hebrews to look back retrospectively to the cross. The altar is the type while the cross is the antitype. Isaac is the type while Jesus is the antitype.

29. In Genesis 22:5, Abraham says to the two servants, "... we will worship and return to you." The writer of Hebrews is provided an answer to the question provided by the Holy Spirit.
30. Abraham understood this on Mount Moriah. So did Isaac. The Hishtaph'el imperfect of the verb *shachah*, "to worship," refers both to Abraham and Isaac personally. How was this true for Isaac?
31. The statement in Hebrews 11:19 was also understood by Isaac. He could not worship if he were dead, therefore he had doctrine as the working object of his faith, "God also was able to raise up Isaac from the dead." Isaac knew, having been sacrificed, God would resuscitate him from the dead.
32. The Abrahamic Covenant was the working object of both men's faith. The statement that pulled all five paragraphs of the Abrahamic Covenant together as a faith-rest unit of absolute trust is found in:

**Genesis 21:12** And God said unto Abraham, "Let it not be grievous in your sight because of the lad [ Ishmael ], and because of your bondwoman [ Hagar ]; in all that Sarah has said unto you, harken to her voice; for in Isaac shall your seed [ זרעוֹ (zera'); σπέρμα (spérma) ] be called." (KJV)

33. Not Ishmael, although the firstborn of Abraham. Ishmael is a Semite. Isaac is a Jew therefore, "in Isaac shall your descendants be genetically Jews." Abraham and Isaac are the progenitors of the Jewish line of Messiah.
34. Jacob, Isaac's son, will have his name changed to Israel. He will have twelve sons, one of whom will be Judah to whom Israel assigned the royal line in Isaac's chart pedigree:

**Genesis 49:10** The scepter [ the symbol of royalty and rulership ] shall not depart from the tribe of Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [ Messiah ] comes [ 2d Advent ], and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

