

## The Birth of Judaism

### Characters

**Abraham:** established covenant with God; founder of Judaism

**Sarah** – Abraham's wife

**Abraham's father**

**Voice of Jewish God**

**Voice of Angels**

**Isaac:** Abraham and Sarah's son

**Narrator**

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**Narrator:** The story takes place in the land of Ur in Sumer. Abraham accidentally knocked into one of the figures, causing it to crash to the ground and break into pieces.

**Abraham's father:** How could you do such a thing?

**Abraham:** Father, I am truly sorry that I broke the idol. It was an accident. But father, I have been thinking all day about this, and I must ask a question. Why, if this is a god, was I, a small and weak boy able to destroy him?

**Abraham's father:** Pause.

**Voice of God:** Abraham, the idols are not gods, since there is only one God. You and your descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky.

**Sarah:** I am your wife and have not been able to bear a child.

**Voices of Angels:** Sarah you have grown quite old and elderly, but will have a child in nine months.

**Sarah:** Laughs. I do not believe you! I have grown very old and can not conceive at such an old age.

**Voices of Angels:** You will bear a child. All things are possible for the Lord.

**Narrator:** And so Abraham was one hundred and Sarah was ninety, they had a son named Isaac.

**Sarah:** Because of our belief in our God, I have been able to have a child in my old age.

**Voice of God:** As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you. Every male shall be presented to me in sacred ritual as a sign that you will worship Me.

**Narrator:** His descendants, the Jewish people, maintain to this day the covenant that God made with Abraham.