

## “YHWH had blessed Abraham in All Things” - Gen. 25

The Family of Abraham. The First and Presiding Family of Abraham was his first wife Sarah and their firstborn son Isaac. Abraham was both Prophet and Patriarch. Sarah was authoritative First Wife. Isaac as the Firstborn of the First wife was sole heir of his father Abraham's inheritance of not only land and possessions but also most importantly, heir to Abraham's Presiding Patriarchal Priesthood. This

authorized Isaac to succeed his Patriarch father as the next Presiding Patriarch in the Patriarchal Order of the Priesthood. This the Priesthood and Blessings of the "Fathers" or "Patriarchs" that Abraham was seeking in Abraham 1. Isaac and Rebekah would succeed Abraham and Sarah as the presiding parents and covenant bearers, and then pass it onto their righteous son, Jacob.

### Ishmael - Firstborn No. 2

Ishmael, Abraham's firstborn of his second wife Hagar, would receive gifts, blessings, and posterity. God promised Abraham that "12 Princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation" (Gen17:20). Ishmael was indeed blessed as the LORD promised. Abraham loved his spouses and his sons and bound them all to him by covenant.

#### Ishmael's Blessings

- Blessed by the LORD to be a Great nation.
- He was blessed with 12 Sons and 1 Daughter (Just like Jacob would).
- The descendants of Ishmael would become wealthy Kingdoms in Arabia.

## Ishmael - "God Will Hear" - יִשְׁמָעֵאל

Ishmael loved his father Abraham and his brother Isaac. God also loved Ishmael and Hagar. At the times of great need, God heard and answered Hagar's prayers and the cries of Ishmael. Ishmael's name יִשְׁמָעֵאל means "God will hear", a promise he always keeps. Ishmael was present when his father Abraham died and buried him honorably together with his brother Isaac. Moreover, Ishmael's daughter *Mahalat* married Isaac's son Esau, maintaining their family relationships.



# The 12 Tribes of Ishmael

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Ishmael had 12 sons and 1 daughter, foreshadowing the same family blessings that would come to the 12 Tribes of Israel. The 12 Tribes of Ishmael sustained the very ancient culture and beliefs of Abraham in the desert. The isolation of the deserts from the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Gulf would preserve ancient customs and traditions among the Tribes of Ishmael for millennia.



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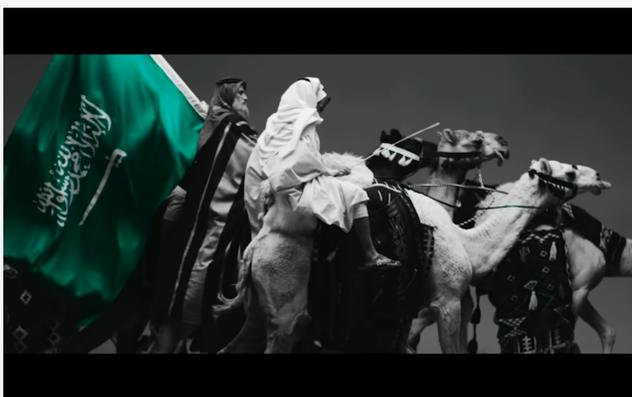
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# “I will make Him a Great Nation”

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The Tribes of Ishmael have been greatly blessed throughout time. Today, the descendants of Ishmael are incredibly wealthy kings with vast desert kingdoms. Even in our day, the remembrance of their family relationship has inspired the diplomatic *Abrahamic Accord* renewed among the children of Ishmael and Isaac, Abraham’s sons. Moreover, in

due time, we shall witness to a greater degree the Spirit of God touch the hearts of the children of Ishmael and allow the righteous children of Isaac and Israel, who hold the blessings of the higher covenant, to bestow them upon our brothers and sisters throughout the lands of Ishmael.

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