

“Abraham Went” **(Genesis 12:1-*4)**

“From Cahill’s Book—*“Gift of the Jews”*”

Hebrews 11:13-16-pilgrim

Romans 4:11-“Father of the Faithful”

Galatians 3:26-29-Believers in Christ of His seed

James 2:23—Believed, thus the *friend of God*

O, “wayyelekh Auram” (“Avram went /departed”)—two of the boldest words in all literature. They signal a complete departure from everything that has gone before in the long evolution of culture and sensibility. Out of Sumer, civilized repository of the predictable, comes a man who does not know where he is going but goes forth into the unknown wilderness under the prompting of his god. Out of Mesopotamia, home of canny, self-serving merchants who use their gods to ensure prosperity and favor, comes a wealthy caravan with no material goal. Out of ancient humanity, which from the beginnings of its consciousness has read its eternal verities in the stars, comes a party traveling by no known compass. Out of the human race, which knows in its bones that all its striving must end in death, comes a leader who says he has been given an impossible promise. Out of mortal imagination comes a dream of something new, something better, something yet to happen, something—in the future.

The two working parts of Abraham’s legacy as a spiritual pilgrim are offered definition in *The Jeremiah Study Bible* under **“Picture This—Abraham’s Tents & Altars”**. It has been said for Abram (later renamed Abraham) that the symbol of his life was a tent, BUT: the secret of his life was an altar, alone; dedicated to the One True God.