

Q. Did they keep alive amongst them the remembrance of God?

A. They did not. Blinded by the devil and their own evil passions, they turned away from God, their Creator, and began to worship first the sun, moon, and stars, then animals, plants, and even inanimate statues of wood or stone, the work of their own hands.

Q. What did God then do in order to perpetuate true religion on the earth?

A. In order to perpetuate true religion on the earth, God resolved to raise up for himself one particular nation, of whom should be born the promised Saviour; and he chose Abraham, a just man of the race of Sem, to be the head and root of this chosen race.

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Q. What does the Scripture teach us concerning the calling of Abraham?

A. The Scripture teaches us that Abraham, a descendant of the patriarch Sem, lived at Ur, in Mesopotamia, and unlike the majority of his people, did not fall into idolatry, but adored and served the true God. Hence it was that Almighty God appointed him to be the father of his chosen people, and called him from amongst his idolatrous kindred, to settle in the land of Canaan.