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A. The Arab tribes of the desert, who still live in
nts, and lead to-day the wandering life which their
ther Ishmael led of old.

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Q. How did God try Abraham's faith?

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A. God tried Abraham's faith by commanding him
to take his only son, Isaac, to the top of Mount Moria,
here the temple of Jerusalem was afterwards built,
and there sacrifice him to the Lord.

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Q. Did Abraham obey this so harsh command?

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A. Yes, Abraham obeyed without any hesitation,
and taking his son to the mountain, he caused him to
carry up its steep side the wood that was to make the
fire for consuming the victim. Isaac was thus a figure
of Christ bearing his cross up the hill of Calvary.

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Q. Did Abraham complete the sacrifice?

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A. No; when he had bound his son and laid him on
the altar, ready to strike him dead, a voice from heaven
told him not to slay his son, for that God, well pleased
with his submission, had provided a victim; turning
round, Abraham saw a ram with his horns entangled
in the bushes, and him he sacrificed instead of his son.

Q. How was Abraham rewarded for his submission to the
divine will?

A. He was rewarded by a renewal of the promise
made to him so long before, that the Saviour of the
world should be born of his race.

Q. In what way did Abraham and the other patriarchs live?

A. They lived as shepherds and husbandmen, having