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HOW ABRAHAM PROPHETICALLY EXPERIENCED THE GOSPEL

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He promised Abraham and Sarah a miracle son.

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All the earth's families and all the earth's nations were predicted to be blessed in Abraham.

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Abraham was told to offer his only son as an offering on a certain mountain.

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Journeying to the place of sacrifice took 3 days.

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Abraham believed they would both return.

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