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## Journey to Moriah



The untold story of how Abraham became the friend of God

## Ken Wade

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# Author Biography

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Abraham has been Ken Wade's hero for many years, and Ken says he learns something new every time he reads the old man's story. "I guess that's all right," he says. "After all, life is supposed to be a journey!"

Ken writes and produces radio and television programs for Voice of Prophecy. He has a bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College in both Theology and Biblical Languages, and a master's degree of divinity from Andrew's University. Ken pastored for several years in both North America and the mission field of Southeast Asia. Ken has also worked for Ministry magazine and Pacific Press.

He is married to Debbie and they have two sons. His current passion is mountain biking. "It helps me clear my mind and it is nice to get out in nature," says Ken.



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### BOOK SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Nampa, Idaho (January 27, 2004) — A new book by Ken Wade, author of *The Orion Conspiracy* and *Jesus for a New Millennium* and producer for the Voice of Prophecy, was released last week by Pacific Press®. Wade's new book, *Journey to Moriah*, delves into the ancient culture Abraham lived in; bringing new facts to light about Abraham's life. The book also explores Abraham's relationship to God over his lifetime and applies it to our own modern day lives.

"Abraham has been a subject of study for me for many years. It has blessed me to realize that Abraham had to go through many experiences, including his failures, to become a true hero of faith," says Wade, "I wrote this book to help people see (through Abraham's life) that their walk with God is a journey, not a destination. Also, in writing this book I wanted to open people's eyes to the culture that Abraham lived in; thereby, helping readers better understand Abraham's life and his relationship with God."

*Journey to Moriah* takes a fresh look at this hero of faith. It takes its readers on a spiritual adventure with Abraham – seeing life through his eyes, entering his culture, and learning with him how to really walk with God. In *Journey to Moriah*, Wade shows his readers a real human being with faults and flaws – a man steeped in a pagan culture trying to learn the ways of Jehovah.

To read a sample chapter of *Journey to Moriah* or to purchase it, visit [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) on the Internet or call toll-free (800) 765-6955. The book retails for \$11.99.

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# Interview Questions

**Ken Wade**

*Journey to Moriah*

- 1) How has studying Abraham's life impacted your own spiritual journey?
- 2) You speak a lot about life as a journey. What do you mean by that?
- 3) There was a time when Abraham's story had a very negative influence on your life? What was that all about?
- 4) How do you think a person who has been exposed to the Bible all their life can find new insights and inspiration for their life in the Good Book?

# Book Synopsis

## ***Journey to Moriah* by Ken Wade**

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Sometimes we treat religion as though it were a destination, not a journey. As though baptism were the goal, that once your name is recorded on the church books, you've "arrived," and there's not much else you need to do.

Maybe that was what Abraham thought – that all he needed to do was leave Haran, and God would show him the right place to live. His journey would be over. But forty years later God was still calling him to get up early in the morning, saddle his donkey, and ride off to a new adventure of faith.

In *Journey to Moriah* Ken Wade invites us to **go on a spiritual adventure with Abraham—seeing life through his eyes, entering into his culture, and learning with him how to really walk with God.** Along the way, Wade shows us a new picture of the "Friend of God." We see a real human being with faults and flaws that needed to be smoothed over. And we see a man steeped in pagan culture trying to learn the ways of Jehovah.

Abraham never could have made the journey to the top of Mount Moriah if he hadn't been through myriad other trials along the way—some of which he failed. Life was a learning, growing experience for the friend of God. It can be for you, too.

**Once you've read *Journey to Moriah*, you will never look at Abraham the same again!**

# Excerpt from the Book

## *Journey to Moriah* by Ken Wade

“As Abraham and Lot looked over the land from up there in the rocky hills by Bethel, Lot saw a place that looked like home. The Jordan valley reminded him of Haran and Ur—a place by a river where he could grow crops and find good pasture. And that memory of the fertile land where they had crossed the Jordan on the way to Shechem popped out of the place in the back of his mind where he had stored it away. Life would be a little less challenging in a fertile valley like that, he thought. So off he went, down into the valley, finally ending up near Sodom—not realizing how many spiritual challenges he would meet there.

Abraham, on the other hand, stayed at Bethel, at the altar where he had shouted at the silent skies and received no reply. But this time God was ready to meet with him there.

What made the difference? Had God changed? Or was it Abraham who had changed?

By leaving Shechem and setting out willfully to solve his own problems, Abraham had tuned God out. And even though he stopped in Bethel long enough to build an altar and call out to God, the Lord could see that he was just going through the motions.

The fact that you go to church every week and bring your offerings and sing your praises and say your prayers doesn't necessarily mean you're really walking with God. In fact, religion sometimes gets in the way of true openness with God. It can make you feel secure—like everything's OK between you and God just because you went through the right rituals. But underneath the religious veneer you might be just as sneaky and conniving as the man who went to Egypt and sold his wife for profit.

So the problem at Bethel the first time Abraham passed through hadn't necessarily meant God had left him. God hadn't retreated to His throne in heaven and said, “You think I'm going to move down to Bethel with you? No way! I said Shechem's the place, and that's where I'm staying!” No, the problem was with Abraham.

So, when Abraham got back to Bethel, God came to meet him there—because Abraham, not God, had changed! Abraham was more willing to listen now. He'd had a chance to try things his own way, to chart his own path, to conjure self-created schemes, and none of it had done him a bit of good. Nothing had worked out according to his plans. He was still stuck with his barren wife, and he was back in Canaan—the land God had promised to him. And so God came to talk to him...”

*Taken from pages 70 & 71*