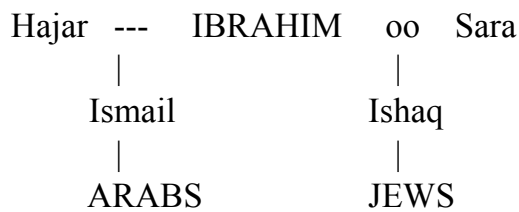


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The Patriarchs



ARABIA

Bedouin (*Badawiyin*) = “inhabitants of the desert”

-kinship (family, clan and tribe)

-nobility of character: great warrior skills: physical courage
loyalty and honor
moral courage
ethnic superiority

-the centrality of honor

-family feuds and tribal wars

-the wisest and strongest man > *shaikh* (translated as “chief”)

-religious beliefs:

-sacred trees and stones

-demons worked evil, angels carried out the mission of the gods

-shamans

-no afterlife, no final judgment, no paradise

MECCA (*Makkah*)

(from the Sabeian word for “sanctuary”)

The hub of a prosperous caravan trade
and of a prosperous pilgrimage trade

City god of Mecca: *al ilah* = Allah (“the God”)

-the Ka’aba / Ka’bah

-Arabian pilgrimage rites: -circumambulation of the Ka’aba shrine
-drinking from the well of Zamzam
-casting stones to drive out the devil
-animal sacrifice and celebration

-the 360 idols

The Quraysh tribe

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