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The Binding or Sacrifice of Isaac

Directions: Read the article and answer the following questions.

1. In both Judaism & Christianity, of what is Abraham the 'paradigm,' and why?
2. What is different about the way this story is understood by Muslims?
3. How did the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus interpret Isaac's binding? What significance did his interpretation hold for future generations of Jews?
4. How was the story reinterpreted as a result of the destruction of the temple?
5. Some ancient sources for this story have an alternative ending. What is it?

