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BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

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BARUCH ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH LA OLAM VA'ED

BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

תולדות

Toldot

"Generations"

Bereishit | Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

Reading from: Genesis 28:5 - 9

Blessing the Reading of the Torah

ברוך אתה אדני

אלהינו מלך העולם

אשר בחר בנו מכל העמים

ונתן לנו את תורתו

ברוך אתה אדני נותן התורה

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu,

melekh ha-olam,

Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim

venatan la-nu et Torato.

Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe

Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah

Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah

Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless *Caleb Lovelace* because he has come up for the honor of God, for the honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver *Caleb* from all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and may He send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together with all Israel and all his brethren;
and the congregation says,
In Yeshua's Name
Amen.

Genesis 28:5-9

5 Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he commanded him, “Do not marry a Canaanite woman,”

Genesis 28:5-9

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram.

8 Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac;

9 so he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham, in addition to the wives he already had.



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Life of Abraham

Genesis 12-22

Why did God choose
Abraham?

Genesis 12 – the Calling

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and he who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Did God know?

- Abandoned his homeland
- All he had to do?

Did He Know Yah Before His Calling?

Isaiah 41:8 - But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

Deck Stacked Against Him

Gen 12:4 “Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.”

Genesis 11:30 “Sarai was barren; she had no child.”

Genesis 15

the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “Adonai Yah, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he trusted in the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.



A Small Amount of Faith

Matthew 17:14-18

A man approached Yeshua and knelt before him.
15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” 17 “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Yeshua replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” 18 Uesjia rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

A Small Amount of Faith

Matthew 17:19-20

the disciples came to Yeshua privately and said, “Why could we not cast the demon out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith/trust. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith/trust like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Irony

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Yeshua said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

errare humanum est
autem perservare diabolicum.

James 4:7-10

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

“Double-Minded”

- δίδυμος (di-psychos)
- “waverer”
- “doubter”
- “hesitater”

When called, did Abraham:

- waver?
- doubt?
- hesitate?

Genesis 15 – The Covenant

“I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” 8 But he said, “Adonai Yah, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” 9 He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other....

Genesis 15 – The Covenant

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

Genesis 15 – The Covenant

But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

Genesis 15 – The Covenant

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...

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What do they represent?



Torch of Fire

- Pillar of Fire?
- Exodus 13:17-21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud **to lead them** along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and **the pillar of fire by night** **did not depart from before the people.**



Firepot – Furnace - Oven

Psalms 21:9 - When you appear for battle, you will burn them up as in a blazing furnace/firepot. The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath, and his fire will consume them.

Hosea 7:6 - For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire.

Malachi 4:1 - “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.”

What did God say before? – Genesis 15

But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

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Abraham and Sarah – Genesis 16

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went into Hagar, and she conceived.

24 Years From the Promise...Genesis 17

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” 17 Then Abraham fell prostrate and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

But Ishmael!

18 And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael will live before you!” 19 God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. 21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

Promise Kept – Genesis 21

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” 7 And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

The Test– Genesis 22

God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac... and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Did Abraham Know?

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and we will come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they both went on together.

Isaac Wonders...

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8
Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they both went together.

Making an Offering

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Making an Offering

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Mt. Moriah – “It shall Be Provided”

NIV: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

KJV: “In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.”

LXX: “The LORD was seen”

Hebrew: בְּהַר יְהוָה יֵרָאָה (b’har YHWH Ye’ra’eh)

- “on a mountain, YHWH will be seen”
- “on the mountain of YHWH, he will be seen”

Mt. Moriah becomes Mt. Zion

2 Chronicles 3:1 - Then Solomon began to build the house of YHWH in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where YHWH **had appeared** to his father David.

Had appeared = had been seen – same as Genesis 22

The Mountain of the Lord

Zechariah 8:3 - This is what YHWH says: “I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of YHWH of Armies will be called the Holy Mountain.”

Micah 4 & Isaiah 2:3 - Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The Torah will go out from Zion, the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.

Faithfulness – the two-way street

Abraham

- faithfulness
- life of his one and only promised son
- On Mt. Moriah

Yah

- faithfulness
- life of his one and only son
- In Jerusalem

What is the lesson of the
Abraham Story?

Live Out the Shema

You shall love Yahweh your
God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your might.

Parashah Vayetzei Aliyah or Reading

וַיֵּצֵא – And he went out

Genesis 28:10 – 32:3

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| • 1 st Day | Genesis 28:10 – 22 | <u>Haftarah</u> |
| • 2 nd Day | Genesis 29:1 – 17 | Hosea 12:13 – 14:10 |
| • 3 rd Day | Genesis 29:18 – 30:13 | |
| • 4 th Day | Genesis 30:14 – 27 | |
| • 5 th Day | Genesis 30:28 – 31:16 | <u>Gospels</u> |
| • 6 th Day | Genesis 31:17 – 42 | John 1:41 – 51 |
| • 7 th Day | Genesis 31:43 – 32:3 | |



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