

Zoom 6 - Deep Dive on Avraham

Source Sheet by Shmuel Veffer

► More info >

EARLY LIFE - TOWER OF BABEL

Lech Lecha – Leaving everything behind

Genesis 11:1-8

(1) Everyone on earth had the same language and the same words. (2) And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. (3) They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them hard.” —Brick served them as stone, and bitumen served them as mortar.—

(4) And they said, “Come, let us build us a city, and a tower with its top in the sky, to make a name for ourselves; else we shall be scattered all over the world.”

בראשית י"א:א'-ח'

(א) וַיְהִי כָּל־הָאָרֶץ שְׂפָה אֶחָת
וּדְבָרִים אֶחָדִים: (ב) וַיְהִי
בְּנוֹסְעֵם מִקֶּדֶם וַיִּמָּצְאוּ בְּקֵעָה
בְּאֶרֶץ שִׁנְעָר וַיָּשְׁבוּ שָׁם: (ג)
וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ הֲבָה
נִלְבְּנָה לִבְנִים וְנִשְׂרָפָה
לְשִׂרְפָה וְתִהְיֶה לָּהֶם הַלִּבָּנָה
לְאֶבֶן וְהַחֲמֵר הִנֵּה לָּהֶם לְחֵמֶר:

(ד) וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֲבָה | נִבְנֶה־לָּנוּ
עִיר וּמִגְדָּל וְרֹאשׁוֹ בַשָּׁמַיִם
וְנַעֲשֶׂה־לָּנוּ שֵׁם פֶּן־נִפְּוֶז
עַל־פְּנֵי כָּל־הָאָרֶץ:

(ה) וַיִּרְדַּד יְהוָה לְרֹאֵת
אֶת־הָעִיר וְאֶת־הַמִּגְדָּל אֲשֶׁר

(5) The LORD came down to look at the city and tower that man had built, (6) and the LORD said, “If, as one people with one language for all, this is how they have begun to act, then nothing that they may propose to do will be out of their reach. (7) Let us, then, go down and confound their speech there, so that they shall not understand one another’s speech.”

(8) Thus the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

Genesis 12:1-3

(1) The LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your native land and from your father’s house to the land that I will show you. (2) I will make of you a great nation, And I will bless you; I will make your name great, And you shall be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you And curse him that curses you; And all the families of the earth Shall bless themselves by you.”

בָּנוּ בְּנֵי הָאָדָם: (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר
יְהוָה הֵן עָם אֶחָד וְשִׁפְהָ אַחַת
לְכֻלָּם וְזֶה הַחֲלָם לַעֲשׂוֹת
וְעַתָּה לֹא-יִבְצָר מֵהֶם כָּל אֲשֶׁר
יִזְמוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת: (ז) הֲבֵיהָ נִרְדָּה
וְנִבְלֶה נָשָׁם שְׁפָתָם אֲשֶׁר לֹא
יִשְׁמְעוּ אִישׁ שְׁפַת רֵעֵהוּ:

(ח) וַיִּפֶץ יְהוָה אֹתָם מִנָּשָׁם
עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ וַיַּחֲדְלוּ
לְבִנְת הָעִיר:

בראשית י"ב:א'-ג'

(א) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם
לֵךְ-לָךְ מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ
וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
אֲרָאָךְ: (ב) וְאָעֲשֶׂה לְגֹי גְדוֹל
וְאַבְרָכָךָ וְאַגְדָּלְהָ שְׁמִי וְהָיָה
בְּרָכָה: (ג) וְאַבְרָכָה מְבָרְכֶיךָ
וּמְקַלְלֶיךָ אָאָר וְנִבְרְכוּ בְּךָ כָּל
מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה:

Covenants – Covenant of the Parts

Genesis 15

(1) Some time later, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Fear not, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”

(2) But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what can You give me, seeing that I shall die childless, and the one in charge of my household is Dammesek Eliezer!” (3) Abram said further, “Since You have granted me no offspring, my steward will be my heir.”

(4) The word of the LORD came to him in reply, “That one shall not be your heir; none but your very own issue shall be your heir.”

(5) He took him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He added, “So shall your offspring be.” (6) And because he put his trust in the LORD, He reckoned it to his merit. (7) Then He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to assign this land to you as a

בראשית ט"ו

(א) אחר | הדברים האלה הנה דבר-יהוה אל-אברם במחזה לאמר אל-תירא אברם אנכי מגן לך שכרך הרבה מאד:

(ב) ויאמר אברם אדני יהוה מה-תתן-לי ואנכי הולך עירי וכו-משק ביתי הוא דמשק אליעזר: (ג) ויאמר אברם הן לי לא נתתה זרע והנה כו-ביתי יורש אתי:

(ד) והנה דבר-יהוה אליו לאמר לא יירשך זה כיי-אם אשר יצא ממעיך הוא יירשך:

(ה) ויוצא אתו החוצה ויאמר הבט-נא השמימה וספר הכוכבים אם-תוכל לספר אתם ויאמר לו כה יהיה זרעך: (ו) והאמן ביהוה ויחשבה לו צדקה: (ז) ויאמר אליו אני יהוה אשר הוצאתיך מאור כשדים לתת לך את-הארץ הנאת לרשתה:

possession.”

(8) And he said, “O Lord GOD, how shall I know that I am to possess it?”

(9) He answered, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young bird.” (10) He brought Him all these and cut them in two, placing each half opposite the other; but he did not cut up the bird. (11) Birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

(12) As the sun was about to set, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a great dark dread descended upon him.

(13) And He said to Abram, “Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years; (14) but I will execute judgment on the nation they shall serve, and in the end they shall go free with great wealth.

(ח) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה בְּמָה אֲדַע כִּי אֵירָשָׁנָה:

(ט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו קַח־לִי עֶגְלָה מִשְׁלֵשָׁת וְעֵז מִשְׁלֵשָׁת וְאַיִל מִשְׁלֵשׁ וְחֵר וְגֹזֶל: (י) וַיִּקַּח־לּוֹ אֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה וַיִּבְתֵּר אֹתָם בַּחֲנוּךְ וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ־בְּתָרוֹ לַקְרָאת רַעְיָהוּ וְאֶת־הַצֶּפֶר לֹא בָתַר: (יא) וַיֵּרֶד הָעַיִט עַל־הַפְּגָרִים וַיֵּשֶׁב אֹתָם אַבְרָם:

(יב) וַיְהִי הַשְּׁמֶשׁ לָבוֹא וַתִּרְדְּמָה נִפְלָה עַל־אַבְרָם וַהֲגֵה אֵימָה חֲשֵׁכָה גְדֹלָה נִפְלֹת עָלָיו:

(יג) וַיֹּאמֶר לְאַבְרָם יְדַע תְּדַע כִּי־גֵר אֶהְיֶה וְרַעַף בְּאַרְצוֹ לֹא לָהֶם וְעַבְדוּם וְעָנּוּ אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה: (יד) וְגַם אֶת־הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּךָ אֲנִכִּי וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן יֵצְאוּ בְרַכְּשׁ גָּדוֹל:

(טו) וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל־אַבְתְּרִי בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקְבְּר בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה: (טז) וְדוֹר רְבִיעִי יֵשׁוּבוּ הֵנָּה כִּי לֹא־שָׁלֵם עָוֹן הָאֲמֵרִי עַד־הֵנָּה:

(15) As for you, You shall go to your fathers in peace; You shall be buried at a ripe old age. (16) And they shall return here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

(יז) וַיְהִי הַשְּׁלֹמֹשׁ בְּאָה וְעֶלְטָה
הָיָה וְהָיָה תַנּוּר עֵשֶׂן וְלֶפֶיד
אֲשֶׁר עָבַר בֵּין הַגְּזָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה:

(17) When the sun set and it was very dark, there appeared a smoking oven, and a flaming torch which passed between those pieces.

(יח) בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כָּרַת יְהוָה
אֶת־אֲבָרָם בְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְזָרְעוֹ
נִתְּתִי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִנְּהַר
מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל
נְהַר־פָּרָת: (יט) אֶת־הַקֵּינִי
וְאֶת־הַקְּנִזִּי וְאֵת הַקַּדְמֹנִי: (כ)
וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־הַפְּרִזִּי
וְאֶת־הַרְפָּאִים: (כא)
וְאֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי וְאֶת־הַכְּנֻעִי
וְאֶת־הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְאֶת־הַיְבוּסִי:
(כב)

(18) On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I assign this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: (19) the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, (20) the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, (21) the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 16

בראשית ט"ז

(1) Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. She had an Egyptian maidservant

(א) וְשָׂרַי אִשְׁתּוֹ אֲבָרָם לֹא
יָלְדָה לּוֹ וְלֵה נִשְׁפָּתָה מִצְרַיִת

whose name was Hagar. (2) And Sarai said to Abram, “Look, the LORD has kept me from bearing. Consort with my maid; perhaps I shall have a son through her.” And Abram heeded Sarai’s request.

(3) So Sarai, Abram’s wife, took her maid, Hagar the Egyptian—after Abram had dwelt in the land of Canaan ten years—and gave her to her husband Abram as concubine.

(4) He cohabited with Hagar and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was lowered in her esteem.

(5) And Sarai said to Abram, “The wrong done me is your fault! I myself put my maid in your bosom; now that she sees that she is pregnant, I am lowered in her esteem. The LORD decide between you and me!”

(6) Abram said to Sarai, “Your maid is in your hands. Deal with her as you think right.” Then Sarai treated her harshly, and she ran away from her. (7) An angel of the

וַיִּשְׁמָה הַגֵּרָה: (ב) וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי
אֶל-אַבְרָם הִנֵּה-נָא עֲצָרָנִי
יְהוָה מִלָּדוֹת בְּאִנְאִי
אֶל-שִׁפְחָתִי אוּלַי אֲבָנָה מִמֶּנָּה
וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם לְקוֹל שָׂרַי:

(ג) וַתִּקַּח שָׂרַי אִשְׁת-אַבְרָם
אֶת-הַגֵּרָה הַמִּצְרַיִת שִׁפְחָתָהּ
מִקֵּץ עֶשְׂרֵת שָׁנִים לְשִׁבְתָּ אַבְרָם
בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַתִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ
לְאַבְרָם אִישָׁה לּוֹ לְאִשָּׁה:

(ד) וַיְכַא אֶל-הַגֵּרָה וַתִּהְיֶה וַתֵּרָא
כִּי הָרְתָה וַתִּקַּל גְּבִרְתָּהּ
בְּעֵינֶיהָ:

(ה) וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי אֶל-אַבְרָם
חֲמָסִי עָלֶיךָ אָנֹכִי נָתַתִּי שִׁפְחָתִי
בְּחִיקְךָ וַתֵּרָא כִּי הָרְתָה וְאִקַּל
בְּעֵינֶיהָ יִשְׁפֹט יְהוָה בֵּינֵינוּ
וּבֵינֶיךָ:

(ו) וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל-שָׂרַי הִנֵּה
שִׁפְחָתְךָ בְּיָדֶיךָ עֲשִׂי-לָהּ הַטּוֹב
בְּעֵינֶיךָ וַתַּעֲנֶה שָׂרַי וַתִּבְרַח
מִפְּנֵיהָ: (ז) וַיִּמְצְאָהּ מְלֶאךָ
יְהוָה עַל-עֵין הַמַּיִם בַּמְדְּבָר
עַל-הָעֵין בְּדֶרֶךְ שׁוּר: (ח)

LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the road to Shur, (8) and said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?” And she said, “I am running away from my mistress Sarai.” (9) And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Go back to your mistress, and submit to her harsh treatment.”

(10) And the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly increase your offspring, And they shall be too many to count.” (11) The angel of the LORD said to her further, “Behold, you are with child And shall bear a son; You shall call him Ishmael, For the LORD has paid heed to your suffering.

(12) He shall be a wild ass of a man; His hand against everyone, And everyone’s hand against him; He shall dwell alongside of all his kinsmen.”

(13) And she called the LORD who spoke to her, “You Are El-roi,” by which she meant, “Have I not gone on seeing after He saw me!” (14)

וַיֹּאמֶר הָגָר שְׁפֹחַת שָׂרָי
אֵי-מַיְנָה בָּאת וְאַנָּה תִּלְכִּי
וַתֹּאמֶר מִפְּנֵי שָׂרָי גְבֵרְתִּי אָנֹכִי
בְרַחַת: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מִלָּאָךְ
יְהִיָּה שׁוֹבִי אֶל-גְּבִרְתְּךָ וְהִתְעַנִּי
תַּחַת יְדֶיךָ:

(י) וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מִלָּאָךְ יְהִיָּה
הַרְבֵּה אַרְבֵּה אֶת-זַרְעֶךָ וְלֹא
יִסְפָּר מִרְבּוֹ: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ
מִלָּאָךְ יְהִיָּה הַנְּנֶה הַרְבֵּה וְיִלְדֶּנָּךְ
בָּנוּ וְקִרְאתָ שְׁמוֹ יִשְׁמָעֵאל
כִּי-שָׁמַע יְהוָה אֶל-עֲנִיָּךְ:

(יב) וְהוּא יְהִיָּה פְּרָא אָדָם יָדוּ
בְּכָל גֵּיד כָּל בֶּן וְעַל-פָּנָי
כָּל-אֲחָיו יִשְׁכָּן:

(יג) וַתִּקְרָא שֵׁם-יְהוָה הַדְּבָר
אֱלֹהֵי אֲתָנָה אֶל רְאִי כִּי אָמְרָה
הִגַּם הַלֵּם רְאִיתִי אֲחֵרֵי רְאִי:
(יד) עַל-כֵּן קִרְא לְבָאָר בְּאֶר
לְחַי רְאִי הַגָּה בֵּין-קַדְנִשׁ וּבֵין
בְּרַד: (טו) וַתִּלְד הָגָר לְאַבְרָם
בֶּן וַיִּקְרָא אַבְרָם שְׁם-בְּנֹו

Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it is between Kadesh and Bered.— (15) Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram gave the son that Hagar bore him the name Ishmael. (16) Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

אֲשֶׁר-יִלְדָה הַגֵּר יִשְׁמָעֵאל:
(טז) וְאֲבָרָם בֶּן-שְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה
וַיֵּשֶׁב שָׁנִים בְּלֶדֶת-הַגֵּר
אֶת-יִשְׁמָעֵאל לְאֲבָרָם: (ס)

Covenant of Circumcision - Specifying Isaac

Genesis 17

(1) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am El Shaddai. Walk in My ways and be blameless.

(2) I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will make you exceedingly numerous.” (3) Abram threw himself on his face; and God spoke to him further,

(4) “As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

(5) And you shall no longer be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I make

בראשית י"ז

(א) וַיְהִי אֲבָרָם בֶּן-תְּשַׁעִים
שָׁנָה וַתֵּשַׁע שָׁנִים וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה
אֶל-אֲבָרָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו
אֲנִי-אֵל שְׁדַי הַתְּהִלָּה לְפָנַי
וַהֲגִיה תָּמִים: (ב) וְאַתְּנָה בְּרִיתִי
בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ וְאַרְבָּה אוֹתָךְ
בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד: (ג) וַיִּפֹּל אֲבָרָם
עַל-פָּנָיו וַיַּדְבֵּר אִתּוֹ אֱלֹהִים
לֵאמֹר: (ד) אֲנִי הִנֵּה בְּרִיתִי
אִתְּךָ וְהָיִיתָ לְאֵב הַמּוֹן גּוֹיִם:
(ה) וְלֹא-יִקְרָא עוֹד אֶת-שְׁמֶךָ
אֲבָרָם וְהָיָה שְׁמֶךָ אֲבָרָהם כִּי
אֲב-הַמּוֹן גּוֹיִם נִתְּתִיךָ: (ו)
וְהִפְרַתִּי אִתְּךָ בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד
וְנִתְּתִיךָ לְגוֹיִם וּמְלָכִים מִמֶּךָ
יֵצְאוּ: (ז) וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי
בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ וּבֵין זַרְעֶךָ אֶתְרִיךָ
לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם לְהָיוֹת

you the father of a multitude of nations.

(6) I will make you exceedingly fertile, and make nations of you; and kings shall come forth from you.

(7) I will maintain My covenant between Me and you, and your offspring to come, as an everlasting covenant throughout the ages, to be God to you and to your offspring to come.

(8) I assign the land you sojourn in to you and your offspring to come, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting holding. I will be their God.”

(9) God further said to Abraham, “As for you, you and your offspring to come throughout the ages shall keep My covenant.

(10) Such shall be the covenant between Me and you and your offspring to follow which you shall keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

(11) You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and that shall be the sign of the

לְךָ לְאֱלֹהִים וְלִזְרַעְךָ אַחֲרַיִךְ:
 (ח) וְנָתַתִּי לְךָ וְלִזְרַעְךָ אַחֲרַיִךְ
 אֶת אֶרֶץ מִגְרִיךָ אֶת כָּל־אֶרֶץ
 כְּנָעַן לְאֶחְזָת עוֹלָם וְהָיִיתִי
 לָהֶם לְאֱלֹהִים: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר
 אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְרָהָם וְאַתָּה
 אֶת־בְּרִיתִי תִשְׁמֹר אַתָּה וְזַרְעֲךָ
 אַחֲרַיִךְ לְדֹרֹתָם: (י) זֹאת
 בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁמְרוּ בֵּינִי
 וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין זַרְעֲךָ אַחֲרַיִךְ
 הַמּוֹל לָכֶם כָּל־זָכָר: (יא)
 וְנִמְלַתֶּם אֶת בְּשָׂר עַרְלַתְכֶם
 וְהָיָה לְאוֹת בְּרִית בֵּינִי
 וּבֵינֵיכֶם: (יב) וּבֶן־שָׁמֹנֶת יָמִים
 יִמּוֹל לָכֶם כָּל־זָכָר לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם
 יֶלֶד בָּיִת וּמִקְנֵת־כֶּסֶף מִכָּל
 בֶּן־נָכָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא מִזְרַעְךָ הוּא:
 (יג) הַמּוֹל אִי יִמּוֹל יֶלֶד בְּיַתְךָ
 וּמִקְנֵת כֶּסֶף וְהָיְתָה בְּרִיתִי
 בְּבִשְׂרְכֶם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם: (יד)
 וְעָרַל אִי זָכָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִמּוֹל
 אֶת־בְּשָׂר עַרְלָתוֹ וְנִכְרַתָּה
 הַגֵּנֶפֶשׁ הַהוּא מֵעַמִּי
 אֶת־בְּרִיתִי הַפֶּר: (טו) (טו)
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְרָהָם
 שְׂרִי אֲשַׁתְּךָ לֹא־תִקְרָא
 אֶת־שְׁמָהּ שְׂרִי כִי שָׂרָה שְׁמָהּ:
 (טז) וּבְרַכְתִּי אֹתָהּ וְגַם נָתַתִּי
 מִמֶּנָּה לְךָ בֵּן וּבְרַכְתִּיהָ וְהָיְתָה
 לְגוֹיִם מִלְכֵי עַמִּים מִמֶּנָּה יִהְיוּ:

covenant between Me and you. (12) And throughout the generations, every male among you shall be circumcised at the age of eight days. As for the homeborn slave and the one bought from an outsider who is not of your offspring, (13) they must be circumcised, homeborn, and purchased alike. Thus shall My covenant be marked in your flesh as an everlasting pact. (14) And if any male who is uncircumcised fails to circumcise the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his kin; he has broken My covenant.”

(15) And God said to Abraham, “As for your wife Sarai, you shall not call her Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah.

(16) I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she shall give rise to nations; rulers of peoples shall issue from her.”

(17) Abraham threw himself on his face and laughed, as he said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man a hundred years old, or can Sarah bear a

(יז) וַיִּפֹּל אַבְרָהָם עַל-פָּנָיו
וַיִּצְחַק וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלִבּוֹ הֲלֵבֶן
מֵאֵה-שָׁנָה יִנָּלֵד וְאִם-שָׂרָה
הִבְתַּת־תְּשׁוּעִים שָׁנָה תֵּלֵד: (יח)
וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל-הָאֱלֹהִים
לֹא יִשְׁמַעְאֵל יְחִיָּה לְפָנֶיךָ: (יט)
וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֲבַל שָׂרָה
אֲשֶׁתְּךָ יִלְדֶת לְךָ בְּנִין וְקָרָאתָ
אֶת-שְׁמוֹ יִצְחָק וְהָקַמְתִּי
אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתּוֹ לְבְרִית עוֹלָם
לְזָרְעוֹ אַחֲרָיו: (כ) וְלִישְׁמַעְאֵל
שָׁמַעְתִּיךָ הִנֵּה אֲבָרְכְתִי אֹתוֹ
וְהַפְרִיתִי אֹתוֹ וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֹתוֹ
בְּמֵאֵד מֵאֵד שְׁנַיִם-עָשָׂר
נְשִׂאִם יוֹלִיד וַנִּתְּתוּ לְגוֹי
גָּדוֹל: (כא) וְאֶת-בְּרִיתִי אֲקִים
אֶת-יִצְחָק אֲשֶׁר תֵּלֵד לְךָ שָׂרָה
לְמוֹעֵד הַזֶּה בַּשָּׁנָה הָאַחֲרִית:
(כב) וַיִּכַּל לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ וַיַּעַל
אֱלֹהִים מֵעַל אַבְרָהָם: (כג)
וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם אֶת-יִשְׁמַעְאֵל
בְּנוֹ וְאֵת כָּל-יְלִידֵי בֵיתוֹ וְאֵת
כָּל-מִקְנֵת פִּסְפּוֹ כָּל-זָכָר
בְּאֲנָשֵׁי בֵּית אַבְרָהָם וַיִּמָּל
אֶת-בְּשָׂר עַרְלָתָם בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם
הַזֶּה כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אִתּוֹ אֱלֹהִים:
(כד) וְאַבְרָהָם בְּן-תְּשׁוּעִים
וַתִּשַׁע שָׁנָה בָּהֵמְלוֹ בְּשָׂר
עַרְלָתוֹ: (כה) וַיִּשְׁמַעְאֵל בְּנוֹ
בְּן-שָׁלֹשׁ עָשָׂר שָׁנָה בָּהֵמְלוֹ

child at ninety?”

(18) And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live by Your favor!” (19) God said, “Nevertheless, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac; and I will maintain My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring to come.

(20) As for Ishmael, I have heeded you. I hereby bless him. I will make him fertile and exceedingly numerous. He shall be the father of twelve chieftains, and I will make of him a great nation.

(21) But My covenant I will maintain with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.”

(22) And when He was done speaking with him, God was gone from Abraham.

(23) Then Abraham took his son Ishmael, and all his homeborn slaves and all those he had bought, every male in Abraham’s household, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins on that very day, as God had spoken to him.

אֵת בְּעֹר עֶרְלָתוֹ: (כו) בְּעֶצְמֹ
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה גִּמּוּל אֲבֹרָהֶם
וַיִּשְׁמַעְאֵל בְּנֹו: (כז) וְכָל־אֲנָשֵׁי
בֵּיתוֹ יִלְיֵד כְּבֵית וּמִקְנֵת־כְּסָף
מֵאֵת בְּו־נֶגְרָר גִּמְלוֹ אִתּוֹ: (פ)

(24) Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he circumcised the flesh of his foreskin, (25) and his son Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

(26) Thus Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised on that very day; (27) and all his household, his homeborn slaves and those that had been bought from outsiders, were circumcised with him.

Akeida – Binding of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-19

(1) Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test. He said to him, “Abraham,” and he answered, “Here I am.” (2) And He said, “PLEASE Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you.”

(3) So early next morning, Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He

בראשית כ"ב:א'-י"ט

(א) וַיְהִי אַחֲרַיִם הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה
וַהֲאֵלֹהִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם
וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר
הֲנִנִי: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר קַח־נָא
אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ
אֲשֶׁר־אַהַבְתָּ אֶת־יִצְחָק
וְלֶךְ־לְךָ אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַמֹּרְיָה
וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל אֶחָד
הַהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר אֵלֶיךָ:

(ג) וַיִּשְׂפֹם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֶּקֶר
וַיַּחַבֵּשׁ אֶת־חֲמֹרוֹ וַיִּקָּח

split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him. (4) On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar.

(5) Then Abraham said to his servants, “You stay here with the ass. The boy and I will go up there; we will worship and we will return to you.” (6) Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Isaac. He himself took the firestone and the knife; and the two walked off together.

(7) Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he answered, “Yes, my son.” And he said, “Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” (8) And Abraham said, “God will see to the sheep for His burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

(9) They arrived at the place of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the

אֶת־שִׁנְיָ נִעְרָיו אֹתוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק
בָּנוּ וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עָלָה וַיִּקַּח
וַיִּלְךְ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר־לּוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים: (ד)
בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיִּשָּׂא אַבְרָהָם
אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיִּרְא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם
מֵרְחֹק:

(ה) וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נִעְרָיו
שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמֹר וְאַנְי
וְהַזֵּעַר גִּלְכָּה עַד־כָּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה
וְנָשׁוּבָה אֵלֵיכֶם: (ו) וַיִּקַּח
אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵצִי הָעֹלָה וַיִּשֶׂם
עַל־יִצְחָק בָּנוּ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ
אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת וַיִּלְכוּ
שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

(ז) וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אַבְרָהָם
אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי
בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים
וְאַיִה הַשֶּׂה לְעֹלָה: (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר
אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהִים יִרְאֶה־לּוֹ הַשֶּׂה
לְעֹלָה בְנִי וַיִּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

(ט) וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר
אָמַר־לּוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּבְנוּ נֶשֶׁם
אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּעֲרֹךְ
אֶת־הָעֵצִים וַיַּעֲקֹל אֶת־יִצְחָק
בָּנוּ וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתוֹ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
מִמַּעַל לְעֵצִים: (י) וַיִּשְׁלַח

wood. (10) And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son.

(11) Then an angel of the LORD called to him from heaven: “Abraham! Abraham!” And he answered, “Here I am.” (12) And he said, “Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me.”

(13) When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son.

(14) And Abraham named that site Adonai-yireh, whence the present saying, “On the mount of the LORD there is vision.”

(15) The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, (16) and said, “By Myself I swear, the LORD declares: Because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your

אֲבָרָהָם אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיִּקַּח
אֶת־הַמַּאֲכָלֶת לְשַׁחֵט אֶת־בְּנוֹ:

(יא) וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהֵי מְלֶאֱךָ יְהוָה
מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָרָהָם |
אֲבָרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגִנִי: (יב)
וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ
אֶל־הַנְּעָר וְאֶל־תַּעַשׂ לוֹ
מְאוּמָה כִּי | עֲתָה יָדְעֵתִי
כִּי־יִרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶתָּה וְלֹא
חָשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנוֹךָ אֶת־יְחִידְךָ
מִמֶּנִּי:

(יג) וַיִּשָּׂא אֲבָרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו
וַיִּרְא וְהִנֵּה־אֵיל אֲחֵר נֹאֲתָז
בְּסֹבֵב בְּקִרְוָנוֹ וַיִּלֶּךְ אֲבָרָהָם
וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָאֵיל וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ לְעֹלָה
תַּחַת בְּנוֹ:

(יד) וַיִּקְרָא אֲבָרָהָם
שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא יְהוָה |
יִרְאָה אֲשֶׁר יֹאמֶר הַיּוֹם בְּקֶרֶךְ
יְהוָה יִרְאָה:

(טו) וַיִּקְרָא מְלֶאֱךָ יְהוָה
אֶל־אֲבָרָהָם שְׁנִית מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם:
(טז) וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי
נְאֻם־יְהוָה כִּי יַעַן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ

favored one, (17) I will bestow
 My blessing upon you and
 make your descendants as
 numerous as the stars of
 heaven and the sands on the
 seashore; and your
 descendants shall seize the
 gates of their foes.

אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה וְלֹא חָשַׁבְתָּ
 אֶת־בְּנֶיךָ אֶת־יְחִידֶיךָ: (יז)
 כִּי־בָרַךְ אֲבָרְכֶךָ וְהִרְבֵּה אַרְבֵּה
 אֶת־זַרְעֶךָ כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם
 וְכַחֹל אֲשֶׁר עַל־שְׁפַת הַיָּם
 וַיִּרְשׁ זַרְעֶךָ אֶת שַׁעַר אֹיְבָיו:

(18) All the nations of the
 earth shall bless themselves
 by your descendants, because
 you have obeyed My
 command.”

(יח) וְהִתְבָּרְכוּ בְּזַרְעֶךָ כָּל גּוֹיֵי
 הָאָרֶץ לְעֵקֶב אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתָּ
 בְּקוֹלִי:

(19) Abraham then returned to
 his servants, and they
 departed together for Beer-
 sheba; and Abraham stayed in
 Beer-sheba.

(יט) וַיָּשָׁב אֲבָרְהָם אֶל־נְעָרָיו
 וַיִּקְמוּ וַיֵּלְכוּ יַחְדָּו אֶל־בְּאֵר
 שָׁבַע וַיָּשָׁב אֲבָרְהָם בְּבֵאֵר
 שָׁבַע: (כ)

