

## Midrash *Lech Lechah* ("Go For Yourself") Genesis 12:1 – 17:27

<b>Changing Gears:</b>	Chapters 1-11: 2,000 years: Creation	Destruction of Man	
	Fall of Man	Human Government	
	Wickedness of Man	1 <sup>st</sup> World Dictator	
	Chapters 12-20: The Man Abraham		
	The Family: Isaac	Chapters 21-27	
	Jacob	Chapters 28-36	
	Joseph	Chapters 37-48	
	Jacob's Prophecy of His 12 Sons	Chapters 49 & 50	
Outline of Genesis in Romans:	"Predestinated"	Abram	Romans 8:28-30
	"Called"	Isaac	
	"Justified"	Jacob	
	"Glorified"	Joseph	

### **The Call of Abram** "Exalted Father" **Genesis 12:1-9**

Name Mentioned 74 Times in New Testament; *Abram* = "Exalted Father"

Venerated by all 3 Monotheistic Religions

Distinctive Title: "Friend of God" James 2:23

*Terah* was an Idolater Joshua 24:2

The 7 "I Wills"	Make You a Great Nation	I Will Bless Those That Bless You
	Bless You	I Will Curse Those That Curse You
	Make Your Name Great	You Will Bless <u>All</u> Families of Earth
	You Shall Be a Blessing	

Abram / Sarai / Nahor / Milchah: Hints of Levirate Marriage Deuteronomy 25:6

### **Abram Travels to Egypt** **Genesis 12:10-20**

Is this a lack of faith? Isaiah 31:1

*Sarai* is *Abram's* sister ... sort of Genesis 20:12

#### **Prophetic Parallels – 2 Exoduses from Egypt**

Famine in the Land	Gen 12:10	Gen 47:13
Sojourn in Egypt	Gen 12:10	Gen 47:27
Kill Males & Save Females	Gen 12:12	Exodus 1:22
Plagues on Egypt	Gen 12:17	Exodus 7:14-11:10
Spoiling of Egypt	Gen 12:16	Exodus 12:35-36
Deliverance	Gen 12:19	Exodus 15
Ascent to the Negev	Gen 13:1	Numbers 13:17 & 22

### **Abram & Lot Part** **Genesis 13:1-18**

"South" = Negev (Desert); actually NE from Egypt

Why could Abram be so generous in allowing Lot to choose?

God spoke to Abram after Lot separated from him

"Lifted up his eyes"	to see the land	Genesis 13:14
	to see the 3 Visitors at Oaks of <i>Mamre</i>	Genesis 18:2
	to see the ram substituted at Mt Moriah	Genesis 22:4

#### **Abram**

Walked by Faith  
Generous  
Looked for God's City  
"Father of All Who Believe"  
"Heir of the World" (Rom 4:13)

#### **Lot**

Walked by Sight  
Greedy & Worldly  
Lived in a City God Destroyed  
Symbol of Perpetual Infamy  
Dwelted in a Cave; Possessions Destroyed

## The War of the Kings

**Genesis 14:1-16**

4 Shemite Kings: *Amraphel* of Shinar  
*Arioch* of Ellasar  
*Chedorlaomer* of Elam  
*Tidal* of the *Goyim*

5 Hamite Kings: *Bera* of Sodom  
*Birsha* of Gomorrah  
*Shinab* of Admah  
*Shemebar* of Zeboiim  
King of Bela (Zoar)

## Melchizedek

**Genesis 14:17-24**

This is a family feud between descendants of Shem (*Elam* & *Abram*)

*Melech* (King) & *Tzadik* (Righteousness)

King of Salem & Most High (*Elyon*) God

Received tithes from *Abram*

*Levi* (in *Abram's* loins) is subservient to *Melchizedek*

Hebrews 7:9-10

Pre-dates Book of the Law Separation of Priests (*Levi*) from Kings (*Judah*)

Offered Bread & Wine

No Record of Birth or Death

Hebrews 7:3

**“Melchizedek” is the title of an office....**

...not to be confused with the humans that held that office throughout history

In the Millennium:

The Order of *Melchizedek* supersedes the Levitical Priesthood

Hebrews 7:11-12

Levitical Priesthood was corrupt

Malachi 1:6 – 2:16

...and it was mortal

Hebrews 7:11

## God's Covenant with Abram

**Genesis 15:1-21**

**“Now that I think about it, how do I know that You will keep Your promises to me?”**

The Ritual of the Hebrew Blood Covenant:

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|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. Take Off Coat              | Represents Person; Pledging Your Life        | I Sam 18:1-4       |
| 2. Take Off Belt              | Weapon Holder; Pledging Your Strength        | I Sam 18:1-4       |
| 3. Cut the Covenant           | Cut Animal in Half; “Do to Me If I Break It” | Genesis 14:1-10    |
| 4. Raise Right Arm, Mix Blood | Intermingle Blood – Intermingle Lives        | Isaiah 62:8        |
| 5. Exchange Names             | I Take Part of Your Name; You Take Mine      | Genesis 17:5 & 15  |
| 6. Make a Scar                | Sign of the Covenant                         | Isaiah 49:16       |
| 7. Terms of the Covenant      | “Mine is Yours”                              | Gen 31:52-3, 21:23 |
| 8. Memorial Meal              | Bread & Wine in Place of Animal Blood        | Gen 26:28-30       |
| 9. Plant a Memorial           | Plant a blood-sprinkled tree                 | Gen 21:27-33       |

Abrahamic Covenant:

Is Still Intact

Nations Will Be Judged

Matt 25:31-46

Foresees the Blessing of:

All Families of the Earth

Galatians 3:8

Before the Throne of God

Rev 5:9

## Hagar & Ishmael

### Ishmael

Son of the Flesh

Son of Unbelief

### Isaac

Son of the Spirit

Son of Promise

**Genesis 16:1-16**

## The “Blood” Covenant

**Genesis 17:1-27**

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Make You a Great Nation                              | Genesis 12:2  |
| 2. Bless You and Your Name                              | Genesis 12:2  |
| 3. Make You a Blessing                                  | Genesis 12:2  |
| 4. Bless Those Who Bless You; Curse Those Who Curse You | Genesis 12:3  |
| 5. Bless All Families of the Earth                      | Genesis 12:3  |
| 6. Give This Land to Your Seed (singular!)              | Genesis 15:18 |
| 7. Boundaries of Land Defined: Nile to Euphrates        | Genesis 15:18 |
| 8. Everlasting Covenant ... for All Generations         | Genesis 17:7  |
| 9. Land of Canaan is an Everlasting Possession          | Genesis 17:8  |

## Haftarah:

Isaiah 40:27-41:16

How God Will “Curse Those Who Curse You”

## Brit Chadashah:

Acts 7:1-8

Stephen's History Lesson to the Sanhedrin