

# Midrash V'Yera ("And He Appeared")

## Genesis 18:1 – 22:24

### The Three Visitors

**Genesis 18:1-15**

Yehovah appeared to Abraham and he honored & respected the visitors:

He hurried to them v.2

He hurried back to the tent v.6

He ran to the herd v.7

His servant hurried v.7

He bowed low before them v.2

He washed their feet v.4

He served them:

Freshly baked bread v.6

A choice calf } (Before Dietary v.7

Kurds & milk } Restrictions) v.8

He stood (as a servant) while they ate v.8

Compare to Yeshua

John 13:13-16

3 Measures of Meal – compare to Meal Offering

Numbers 28 & 29

Compare to Yeshua's 4<sup>th</sup> Parable

Matthew 13:33

....and to His 4<sup>th</sup> Letter to the 7 Churches

Revelation 2:18-29

Only place where Spirit Beings recorded eating – Compare with Yeshua .....

John 21:9

"Is anything too hard for the LORD?" "hard" = פֶּלֶא palah "wonderful"

Same word as Mi C'Mocha (Ex 15:11) & your Christmas cards (Isa 9:6)

### Abraham Pleads for Sodom

**Genesis 18:16-33**

The LORD (יהוה) reveals Himself

v. 13, 17, 20, 22

God reveals His Plan to Abraham - compare to Amos 3:7

Here Abraham is interceding for the righteous – including Lot

II Peter 2:4-8 & Luke 9:51-56

### The Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah

**Genesis 19:1-29**

3 Visitors - Why only 2 go to S & G? And why at evening?

John 3:19

נִצָּב - n'ziv - "Pillar" actually Means "a large quantity"

First tribulation (wickedness of Sodom), then God's Wrath (fire & brimstone)

Luke 17:26-32

Compare with the Flood & the End Times

& Matt 11:20-24

"the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave" Ezek 16:49-50

God's Wrath starts after the Angels put Lot under their protection

Genesis 19:22

Had all the Family left, there would have been 8:

Lot & Wife

2 Unmarried Daughters

2 Married Daughters & Husbands

} The Ark Also Had 8 People

God delivered Lot - Yeshua's End Time Warning

Luke 21:20-24 & 17:28-33

### The Sin of Lot's Daughters

**Genesis 19:30-38**

First to the city – then to the cave

"Moab" = From My Father

The Moabites are her descendants...including Ruth!

"Ben-Amm" = Son of my People

The Ammonites are her descendants

## **Abraham & Abimelech**

**Genesis 20:1-18**

"Abimelech" = My Father is King

Abraham prays that righteous not destroyed with wicked (V 4-5) – compare to

Genesis 18:23-32

*"restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet"* First time "prophet" is used

Prophet: one who speaks what God says (not necessarily future events)

## **The Birth of Isaac**

**Genesis 21:1-7**

Isaac = "He Laughs"

Sara's laughter of unbelief (18:12) now changed to rejoicing

Circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day – the first recorded circumcision on the 8<sup>th</sup> day

Genesis 17:12

## **Hagar & Ishmael Cast Out**

**Genesis 21:8-21**

Celebration after Isaac was weaned ~ 5 years old (According to Jewish Tradition)

"Ishmael mocked ....." צִחֶק same root as "laugh"

Ishmael of the Flesh; Isaac of the Spirit

Galatians 4:22-24

And the two cannot dwell together

God promised Ishmael will be a great nation (of the flesh)

v. 13 & 18

## **The Covenant with Abimelech**

**Genesis 21:22-34**

A Pagan Prince is blessed by Abraham: manifestation of Gen 12:2

Beer-Sheba = "Well of Oaths" or "Well of Seven" (ewe lambs)

שֶׁבַע = Seven; Completion; Oath

## **God Tests Abraham**

**Genesis 22:1-19**

Is Isaac Abraham's only son?

עֹלָה "Olah" - Burnt Offering - Totally consumed

*"Lifted up his eyes ..."* Introduction to a supernatural event

Abraham would not only see a far distance, but also far into time

John 8:56

Isaac could have been as much as 37 years old

Weaned when he was 2 or 3

Genesis 21:8

Many years passed:

*".. many days.."*

Genesis 21:34

*"...after these things..."*

Genesis 22:1

"young men" and "lad" is the same Hebrew word נָעַר *na'ar*

Genesis 22:5

He carried the wood for his own sacrifice

Genesis 22:6

Sarah died when Isaac was 37 – possibly from this trauma

Genesis 23:1

*Yehovah Y'reh*, literally "Yehovah Who Sees"

One additional covenant item: "Possess the gate of your enemy"

Genesis 22:17

Samson did this exact thing!!

Judges 16:1-3

Does God want human sacrifice??

Romans 12:1

**This is not about sacrificing Isaac – but Abraham's death to self!**

## **The Generations of Nahor**

**Genesis 22:20-24**

Moving from Abraham to Isaac

This genealogy introduces us to Rebekah

## **Haftarah:**

II Kings 4:1-37

Elisha promises the miraculous birth of the *Shunammite's* son

## **Brit Chadashah:**

John 3:14-17

Just as Abraham did, God also offered His Son