

Parashah 03 Tidbit
Genesis 12:1-17:27,
Lek Leka, לֵךְ-לָךְ מֵאֶרֶץְךָ, Get Yourself Out of
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Lek Leka, לֵךְ-לָךְ מֵאֶרֶץְךָ, Lek, לָךְ, is a personal pronoun, which means, to you, to thee, the word Leka, לָךְ, is a personal pronoun, which means, to you, upon you, to thee, to yourself, both these words Lek and Leka, are for the word, Halak, הָלַךְ, which means, to go, walk, come, going, follow, followed, went, walk, walked, travel, go away, disappear, continue, he went away, departed, he walked about, he proceeded, continued, he went reluctantly, was gone, moved to and fro, led, led away, he carried, he brought, traveller, wanderer, wayfarer, mood, frame of mind, road tax, it is related to the word Halakah, הַלְכָה, which means, law, rule, traditional law, something to go by, your personal day to day walk, and then the third word, is the word, MeArtzeka, which is from the word Eretz, which means, your land, your country. And these three words are translated, as **get yourself out of or from your land.**

This is where Yahweh begins to bless Abram. The instructions that Abram received from Yahweh are very specific, leave your Father's house, your land, your country, and **GO** to a land that I, Yahweh, will show you. I Yahweh, promise you, Abram, that I will make you into a great Nation, and I, Yahweh, will kneel down before you as a father does, when He is showering His son, with many gifts and blessings, and I will make your name Abram, great throughout the earth, for eternity, and you shall be a blessing to all nations because of it.

Here we see a picture of the omnipotent Elohim, going on **bended knee** as a Father would, talking to His young son, whom He loves, and telling Abram, in a loving Fatherly manner, on bended knee, that He will bless him, He will be with him, guard him, provide for him and multiply him, and all Abram has to do, is willingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **KEEP** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, **KEEP** and **OBEY** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, as Yahweh, Commanded him to do.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE IT IN YOUR MIND'S EYE, AND BELIEVE IT, BUT our heavenly Father **IS ASKING ALL OF YOU THE VERY SAME QUESTION.** He has also come to **EVERY ONE OF US**, as He would to a little child, on bended knee, and asks **ALL OF US, TO GO** to another Land, that He has chosen just for **US**. You may ask, where and when did He ask me that question? He asked you that question when you first accepted His Living Word, His Living Torah made flesh, as your Master and Saviour, and when He said to you, **SEEK YOU FIRST THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE OTHER THINGS SHALL BE ADDED ONTO YOU.** The land that He wants you to go to, **IS** the kingdom of Elohim, that He says **IS WITHIN ALL OF US**, and He promises us that all the other things that we need will be added unto us, and all these other things, **ARE ALL THE PROMISES AND THE BLESSINGS** that Yahweh has promised us in the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and these

Blessings and Promises are only activated by loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting reaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

3 And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

That is not what exactly what it says in Hebrew, for the Hebrew version reads this way:

: וַאֲבָרַכְהָ מִבְּרַכְיָהוּ וּמִקְלָלָהּ אָאָר וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְךָ כָּל מְשַׁפְּחַת הָאָדָמָה:
and I, Barakah, means, will bless those, UmQallka, is from the word Qalal, and the prefix letters Um, means, and the one who קלל, Qalal, who makes light of your beliefs, My Todah, him who lightly esteems you and your beliefs, My Torah, him who belittles you, because of your beliefs, My Torah, him who thinks that you are of little account, because of your Beliefs, My Torah, him who despises you, because of your beliefs, My Torah, Him who treats you with contempt, because of your beliefs, My Torah, Aor, I will Arar, I will curse him, VeniBreku, and shall be blessed, Beka, in you, Kol, all, Mishpechot, the families, HaAdamah, of the earth

Just think about this for a moment, think of the **SCOPE** and the **CONSEQUENCES** of these statements that our heavenly Father has just made to Abram through Yahweh. This is a promise from our **UNCHANGING, INERRANT AND EVERLASTING ELOHIM, THE OMNIPOTENT CREATOR OF ALL THINGS**, and that means that the promises that He made to Abram, and then later, to Abraham, Yitzchaq, Ya'aqov, Mosheh, David, and Solomon, and many others, **ARE ALSO MADE TO YOU AND I, to all of us who are here today, and to all the children of Abraham. IMAGINE THE CONSEQUENCES, THAT WILL BEFALL US, IF WE COULD JUST LEARN TO BELIEVE THAT THESE PROMISES AND GUARANTEES ARE FOR US ALSO, it will indeed change our lives.**

In these verses, the Elohim of **ALL** Creation, the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Elohim, makes a promise to Abram and says, **IF YOU ABRAM, WILL OBEY ME, I WILL BLESS YOU**, this is where Yahweh kneels down before Abram as a loving Father, and says, as a matter of **FACT**, I will bless **ALL THEM THAT BLESS YOU, AND ALL THOSE THAT DESPISE YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW MY TORAH, I WILL CURSE** (I Yahweh will be at enmity with) **ALL THEM THAT CURSE YOU.**

Not only that, **BUT IF** we willingly choose to believe and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and willingly choose to come into the Land that He will show us, **IF** we choose to willingly enter His kingdom and **SUBJECT OURSELVES** to the constitution of His Kingdom, which happens to be the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN**, Yahweh says, that **ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED OR GRAFTED INTO HIS FAMILY BY OUR ACTIONS, IF** they, the families of the earth, willingly and lovingly choose to **SUBMIT** their wills to our heavenly Father's will, and repent of their sins, their Torah transgressions.

I sincerely hope that you can see, and understand that **IT IS** of **PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE**, **THAT ALL OF US, ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO OBEY our Heavenly Father, FOR IT HAS AN OUTCOME THAT CAN AND WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE WORLD, and it all begins with YOU.**

In verse 4 we are told that Abram was **seventy five** years old when he obeyed Elohim and left his father's land. In the Hebrew it says **five** and **seventy**. The number **five** in Scripture represents the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life and the Grace of Elohim, for they are synonymous terms; the number **seven**, represents Elohim's completeness and rest, and the number **seventy** is the number that is used throughout Scripture to describe **the nations of the world**. Therefore, Abram's age, when he leaves Haran, tells us that **IT IS** by Yahweh's Grace that Abram **IS OFFERED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF YAHWEH'S COMPLETE PLAN OF REDEMPTION ONTO SALVATION FOR ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD**.

Verse 5 Abram took Sarai, his wife, Lot his nephew, and all the souls that had gathered themselves to Abram.

This tells me that when we **OBEY** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, that many souls (nephesh, נַפְשׁ) **WILL ATTACH THEMSELVES TO US**, because, they will be witnesses to the blessings that our heavenly Father pours upon His obedient children, and therefore, they will want to walk with us, so that they too can experience His blessings, which means, that they too, will learn to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to all the words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. This is exactly what our group, the Bondservants of Yeshua, are doing, or attempting to do, we are attempting to walk with one accord, into the Kingdom of our heavenly Father, which means that we have willingly chosen, to first, seek the kingdom of Elohim and His Righteousness, the Words of His Torah of Life, to obey them, and, we are all looking forward to all of our heavenly Father's blessings being poured upon us, and although I cannot speak for you, I do believe, that we are all anxious to do His will.

Verse 6 Abram passed through Shekem (שְׁכֶם, shoulders) unto the plains of Morey, מוֹרְהָ, which means, *teacher*.

The word Shekem means, shoulders, and in this case, they are a picture of support, for that is where man carries a burden. I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of this name, Shekem, that **IF** and **WHEN** we learn to obey Him, **HE WILL CARRY OUR BURDENS FOR US** (Shekem, support) **while He teaches us to walk on His Path of Righteousness, made up of the Words of His Torah of Life, which IS the path that IS absolutely necessary for us to walk on, IF we want to receive His Gift of Eternal Life in His kingdom here on earth.**

Verse 7 is very important, for, **IF**, like Abram, we, all of us here today, and all of you who will be reading these words at a later date, willingly choose to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and earnestly seek out the Kingdom of Elohim, as He has Commanded us to do, **THEN**, this verse, **IS** for us also. It says that Elohim appeared unto Abram, and since we know that Yahweh Elohim does **NOT** change, it means that He will appear unto each and every person that willingly chooses to surrender their wills to His Will, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. We simply have to understand, that when we willingly choose to surrender our hearts to the will of our heavenly Father, He says, **that we become the seed of Abraham**, and Scripture quite clearly points out that our heavenly Father has given the seed of Abraham, the Promised Land. Now **IT IS** up to each and every one of us, to build Him an altar, in the temple that is made without hands, in **our hearts**, so that we can worship Him everyday. Please understand, that **Within you, can lie this altar from where you can sacrifice onto Elohim, BUT**, like Abram, you must build it yourself, and that is done by first, choosing to willingly surrender your

heart in loving obedience to the Father, and then, willingly choosing to obey **ALL** of the Words of His Torah of Life which of course includes all His Commandments.

After Abram has successfully built an altar to our heavenly Father in his heart, as we are all admonished to do, we are told that Abram goes to pitch his tent between Bethel, **בֵּית-אֵל**, and Ai, **עֵי**. The name Bethel, means, House of Elohim, and the name, Ai, means, heap of ruins. This indicates to me that we have a **choice**. Elohim has placed us on this Earth and has given us free will; **and Daily, we are faced with a multitude of choices**. Do we go the way of the world, or do we choose to follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Will we walk on His Righteous Path, or choose the Path that most of the people of the world are walking on, the path of rebellion to the Words of His Torah of Life. I believe that our heavenly Father placed Abram between Bethel and Ai, because, He wanted to show each and every one of us, that we indeed have free will, **BUT**, He is admonishing us, to choose Him and His Ways, He is telling us to choose Life. Yahweh is telling us, that Abram's decision, should be our choice also. There, at that place, between Beth-El and Ai, Abram built an altar to our heavenly Father and called on the Name of Yahweh. This is what the Elohim of the whole universe wants, He wants us to acknowledge Him and choose His Ways, for they are Life to us, and He wants us all to live and **NOT** perish.

Next, we have a shadow picture of the people of Yisrael going into Egypt, and coming under Egyptian bondage, and Elohim bringing plagues upon the Egyptians, and then, the Egyptian Exodus where Yisrael leaves years of bondage or slavery to the Egyptians, behind them, and depart from Egypt with many treasures from the people Egypt, who wanted them gone.

We are told, that there is a famine in the land, as there will be in the future for Ya'aqov and his family. Then we are told that Abram, Sarai and all their family, go to Egypt, as Jacob and his family willingly went to Egypt. There Sarah, who represents the seed of the woman of Yisrael, is taken into captivity and enslaved in a way, for she could not do what she wanted. Then Yahweh **plagued** Pharaoh and his house. Then after these **mini plagues**, Pharaoh realizes his mistake and returns Sarai to Abram, who is a shadow picture of Mosheh, while Sarah is a shadow picture of the people of Yisrael. Pharaoh then gave Abram sheep, oxen, asses, menservants and maidservants and she asses and camels and Abram took all of this with him, when he left Egypt. In other words, he plundered the Egyptians. Therefore when Abram left Egypt, it was a foreshadowing, of Mosheh leading all the people of Yisrael out of Egypt, it was a foreshadowing of the Egyptian Exodus.

So, as you can see for yourself, Yahweh is foretelling of the Egyptian captivity of the people of Yisrael, and their triumphant Exodus, long before it ever happened, so that when it does actually happen, we can learn to **TRUST** and **BELIEVE** His Words, more and more, for what Yahweh prophecies, always comes to pass. These stories are all there for our edification, so that we can know that whatever comes out of Elohim's mouth **IS TRUTH**, and that the Path that we should choose to follow, **IS THE PATH THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS ESTABLISHED IN THE WORDS OF HIS ETERNAL TRUTH**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Amen.

In this Parashah, we also have a shadow picture of the separation of the House of Yisrael into the house of Judah which is the Southern kingdom, and the house of Ephraim, which is the northern kingdom. It is pictured here in these *verses*, by Lot separating himself from Abram and heading to a place of idolatry, exactly as the northern kingdom through the leadership Jeroboam, did. Abram

plays two roles here. First he represents Judah or the southern kingdom and later on in this narrative, he represents our heavenly Father.

Genesis 13 begins by telling us that Abram had much riches and Lot also had much riches.

Then we are told that Abram returns to where he built the altar and first pitched his tent, between Bethel and Ai. It says that Abram called on the Name of Yahweh, and that the land was **NOT ABLE** to supply all the needs of both of their possessions and there was strife between the two camps.

Now, don't forget, they are all between Bethel (which means, the house of Elohim) and Ai (which means, heap of ruins), and Abram says to Lot, we must separate, so you choose where you want to go. **IF you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or IF you depart to the right then I will take the left.**

Next we are told that, **LOT LOOKED AND SAW WITH HIS EYES** that the plain of Jordan had much water, and as you can see, he chose of his own accord, and through his lustful desires, to take that area, for he believed it to be the best area. In his decision to take the plain of Jordan, Lot did **NOT** acknowledge nor consult Yahweh in any way. That alone should give us a warning, that whenever we have any major decisions to make in our lives, **WE SHOULD ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGE ELOHIM;** and the Scriptures tell us in *Proverbs 3:6* that *when we do acknowledge Yahweh, He has guaranteed us, that He would direct our paths.* In other words, according to this story, Abram chose (Bethel) the House of Elohim, by allowing Elohim to decide for him rather than he, Abram deciding for himself, and Lot chose Ai, **THE WAY OF THE WORLD, HARLOTRY, WHICH LEADS TO RUIN**, the same way that the northern kingdom chose priests of their own making, priests who made their own altars to worship and serve the golden calf.

Next we see that once they are separated, Yahweh speaks to Abram and says **lift up your eyes** and look from where you stand, look to the north, south, east and west; for I give all this land to you and to your seed forever.

Yahweh did not say I will give you this land, He says I **HAVE given you this land**, as an everlasting Gift.

Please understand, that from where Abram was standing, he could see the plain of Jordan also, the place where Lot had chosen to move, **AND YET, YAHWEH SAYS TO HIM**, this land belongs to **YOU** Abram and **YOUR** seed forever. The only thing that we can conclude from these words **IS, that man can choose whatever he wants and BELIEVE THAT IT IS HIS, BUT, IT IS YAHWEH who determines what belongs to who.** We also have to understand that even though, Lot chose the land that he wanted, it was **NOT HIS**, in the same manner that Islam of today, is choosing land and conquering it in the name of Allah, **BUT THEY TOO, WILL FIND OUT, TO THEIR DISMAY, IN YAHWEH's TIMING, WHO** that land actually belongs to, and **IT IS NOT THEM NOR THEIR MAN MADE imaginary god ALLAH.**

Now back to the text. Lot and Abram are now separated, and next, comes a picture of the restoration of all things, **BUT** first of all we have to see that **LOT IS CAUGHT UP IN the world system, and that means that he needs a saviour.** The kings, or better yet, the riches of the world, now have taken Lot captive. There is also a message embedded in the names of these kings but that is a long study

and for another time. Next we see that Abram who is a picture of our heavenly Father and His Deliverer, and that, in His timing, he will deliver Lot and restore him back in the land next to himself and his people.

Then we see that Abram is faced with another choice that he has to make, which paints yet another picture. The king of Sodom representing the world and the world system of the day, wants to bestow all kinds of honour and riches onto Abram for what he and his men have done, in returning the people and their possessions back home.

We also see that another king, the king of Salem, named Melchizedek, which is a short form of the words Melech Tzadiq, which means, King of Righteousness, was present, and that he brings forth bread and wine, which is a picture of our heavenly Father bringing forth His Messiah, or the Living Bread, the Living Word of the Father, the Living Torah. Next we are told that Melchizedek blessed Abram and then He blessed Elohim, for giving the battle victory to Abram. Abram agreed with the king of Salem and then willingly tithed one tenth of all the bounty that he had retrieved from the battle, to Melchizedek.

However, when the king of Sodom offered Abram gifts, Abram saw them **AS GIFTS OF THE WORLD**, and Abram did not want any part of it. He chose the Bread and the Wine, he chose Messiah, the Living Word of the Father made flesh, and rejected what the world had to offer. That my friends, represents the restoration of all things, when the Word of Yahweh made flesh, His Living Torah, our Master and Saviour, Messiah, again rules over all the Kingdom's of the Earth!!! Amein.

There is one stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Genesis 13:11*

*Then Lot **Aleph Tav** chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.*

There are also another eight Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are six words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number eight in Scripture speaks of new beginnings and the number six represents man. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that **IF** mankind will learn to willingly and lovingly **obey** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, then, they will experience a **new beginning** in the kingdom of Elohim for eternity, as the Bride of Messiah.

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again, Shalom Alechem. Amein*