

Week 4: Vayera ‘He Appeared’: Gen. 18:1-22:24 ~ 2Kings 4:1-37 ~ Luke 17:28-37 ~ Isaiah Bonus Reviews



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- When is Yah going to appear? Shabbats and moedim – times of preparation
- We need to know He is going to appear!
- This Torah portion shows how to escape the destruction of an imploding society.
- Gen. 18:19: Abraham’s true children [see below definitions as you listen along with video teaching]: Yada - We intimately know; Tsavah - we keep the commandments; Shamar - we guard the things of YHWH; Tzedakah Dabar – His just and righteous words are in the spoken order of the Melchizedek.

yāda'

BDB Definition:
1) to know

tsāvâh

BDB Definition:
1) to command

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment, that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

tsedâqâh

BDB Definition:
1) justice, righteousness

shâmar

BDB Definition:
1) to keep, guard,

dâbar

BDB Definition:
1) to speak, declare,

Deut. 32:31 – He makes provisions for us for our Rock is not like their rock. Their vine is like the vine of Sodom and the fields of Gomorrah.

Deu 32:31 “For their rock is not like our Rock – Even our enemies are judges.

Deu 32:32 “Their vine is of the vine of Seđom And of the fields of Amorah; Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter.

Deu 32:33 “Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the fierce venom of cobras.

Deu 32:34 Is it not stored up with Me, Sealed up among My treasures?

Deu 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and repayment, At the time their foot slips; For near is the day of their calamity, And the *matters* prepared are hastening to them.’

- What vine do we have ‘faith’ in? Who or what do we place our faith?
- Our fruit reveals what is planted in us and what vine is ‘feeding us.’
- It is **‘Time to get your house in order.’** This is the theme of this Torah portion.
- Where, what, and when are we to make our move, is revealed in this Torah portion.

Israel is a degenerate vine.

Jer. 2:21 Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How then have you turned degenerate and become a wild vine?

Isa 5:1 Please let me sing to the One I love, a song for my loved One regarding His vineyard: my loved One has a vineyard on a fertile hill.

Isa 5:2 And He dug it up and cleared it of stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a watchtower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it. And He waited for the yielding of grapes, but it yielded rotten ones.

 Eze 16:49 “See, this was the crookedness of your sister Seđom: She and her daughter had pride, sufficiency of bread, and unconcerned ease. And she did not help the poor and needy.

Eze 16:50 “And they were haughty and did abomination before Me, and I took them away when I saw it.

 Isa 13:19 “And Babel, the splendor of reigns, the comeliness of the pride of the Kasdim, shall be as when Elohim overthrew Seđom and Amorah.

‘The Feast of Fleeing’ and the ‘Night of Watches’ - approaches

There are many answers in this one verse:

Exo 12:42 It is a **night of watches** unto יהוה **for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim**. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, **for all the children of Yisra’el**

throughout their generations.

A night with Yahusha during the ‘night of watches’ occurs in Matthew 26:

Yahusha Prays in Gethsemane

Mat 26:36 Then יהושע came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the taught ones, “**Sit here while I go over there and pray.**”

Mat 26:37 And He took with Him Kěpha and the two sons of Zaḅdai, and He began to be grieved and deeply distressed.

Mat 26:38 Then He said to them, “My being is exceedingly grieved, even to death. **Stay here and watch with Me.**”

Mat 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I desire, but as You *desire.*”

Mat 26:40 And **He came to the taught ones and found them asleep, and said to Kěpha,** “So, were you not able to watch with Me one hour?”

Mat 26:41 **“Watch and pray, lest you enter into trial.** The spirit indeed is eager, but the flesh is weak.”

Mat 26:42 Again He went away, a second time, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is impossible for this to pass unless I drink it, let Your desire be done.”

Mat 26:43 And **He came and found them asleep again,** for their eyes were heavy.

Mat 26:44 And He left them, went away again, and prayed **the third time,** saying the same words.

Mat 26:45 Then He came to His taught ones and said to them, **“Still sleeping and taking rest? See, the hour has come near, and the Son of Aḁam is delivered up into the hands of sinners.**

Mat 26:46 “Rise, let us go. See, he who delivers Me up has come near.”

Genesis 18 – Vayera ‘He appeared’

Gen 18:1 **And יהוה appeared** to him by the terebinth trees of Mamrě, while he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

Gen 18:2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and **saw three men standing opposite him.** And when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

In Mark 9:2-6, we see **Him appear** transfigured with Elijah and Moses. This time in the moedim of Tabernacles.

Mar 9:2 And after six days יהושע took Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoḥanan, and led them up on a high mountain alone by themselves. And He was transformed before them.

Mar 9:3 And His garments became glittering, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten.

Mar 9:4 And there appeared to them Ėliyahu with Mosheh,^a and they were talking with יהושע.

Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 17:2-9](#), [Luk 9:28-35](#), [Luk 16:31](#), [Joh 5:47](#), [Mal 4:4-5](#).

Mar 9:5 And Kēpha responding, said to יהושע, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. And let us make **three booths**, one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Ėliyahu,”

Mar 9:6 because he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.

Gen 18:3 and said, “יהוה, if I have now found favor in Your eyes, please do not pass Your servant by.

There are appearing’s when we do not want to be ‘passed over’ by YHWH or ‘passed by.’ During the Egyptian exodus, it was good when the ‘death angel’ saw the blood of the lamb over the door of the dwelling, for then he would ‘passover’ that dwelling sparing the first-born lives within.

Exo 12:23 “And יהוה shall pass on to smite the Mitsrites, and shall see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and יהוה shall pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.

Now, in Gen. 18:3, Abraham is imploring YHWH not to ‘pass by.’ When YHWH appears for His appointed times, we want to be one of the five wise virgins with our lamps full of oil and have an extra supply of oil. We want to be ready when His bridal attendants come to alert us that our Groom is coming.

Gen 18:4 “Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Joh 13:12 So when He had washed their feet and taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”

Joh 13:13 “You call me Teacher and Master, and you say well, for I am.

Joh 13:14 “Then if I, Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another’s feet.**

Joh 13:15 “For I gave you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Joh 13:16 “Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than he who sent him.

Joh 13:17 “If you know these *teachings*, blessed are you if you do them.

Washing each other's feet at the moedim of Passover, is a priestly acknowledgement of one another as having entered the New Covenant. This involves touching each other's sandal straps and removing one's sandals in the Presence of the Master. Removal of one's sandals acknowledges that through the blood of the Lamb, we now stand on holy ground.

Gen 18:5 “And let me bring a piece of bread and refresh your hearts, and then go on, for this is why you have come to your servant.” And they said, “Do as you have said.”

Gen 18:6 So Abraham ran into the tent to Sarah and said, “**Hurry, make ready three measures of fine flour, knead it and make cakes.**”

Gen 18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hurried to prepare it.

Gen 18:8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

The three men remained at the tree. What tree? The terebinth tree(s) of Mamre where Abraham's tent was located. This location has always intrigued me by its description of 'the terebinth tree(s)' and is mentioned several times in the Bible. Hopefully, one day I will fully understand the greater significance about this grouping of trees in Mamre.

Gen 18:9 And they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “See, in the tent.”

Gen 18:10 And He said, “I shall certainly return to you according to the time of life, and see, Sarah your wife is to have a son!” And Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.

Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age, and Sarah was past the way of women.

Gen 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my master being old too?”

Gen 18:13 And יהוה said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I truly have a child, since I am old?’

Gen 18:14 “Is any matter too hard for יהוה? **At the appointed time** I am going to return to you, according to the time of life, and **Sarah is to have a son.**”

Gen 18:15 But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them away.

Gen 18:17 And יהוה said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

Gen 18:18 since Abraham is certainly going to become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”

Gen 18:19 “For I have known him, so that he commands his children and his household after him, to guard the way of יהוה, to do righteousness and right-ruling, so that יהוה brings to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

YHWH does not hide what He is doing from His people. With others that reject Him, He will give them a strong delusion or turn them over to their lustful desires and let them reap what they sow.

Gen 18:20 And יהוה said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Amorah is great, and because their sin is very heavy,

Gen 18:21 **“I am going down now to see** whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me, and if not, I know.”

It is a fearful thing when YHWH Himself goes down to a city or a nation to see the level of iniquity full and running over in their cup. This is the tipping point when He says, ‘vengeance is Mine.’

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

Gen 18:22 So the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but יהוה still stood before Abraham.

Gen 18:23 And Abraham drew near and said, **“Would You also destroy the righteous with the wrong?”**

YHWH appears to His Melchizedek kingdom of priests. Abraham was in the Melchizedek order being a preacher of righteousness.

Gen 18:24 “Suppose there are **fifty righteous** within the city, would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?”

Gen 18:25 “Far be it from You to act in this way, to slay the righteous with the wrong, so that the righteous should be as the wrong. Far be it from You! Does the Judge of all the earth not do right?”

Gen 18:26 And יהוה said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I shall spare all the place for their sakes.”

Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, “Look, please, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to יהוה,

Gen 18:28 “Suppose there are **five less than the fifty righteous**, would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” And He said, “If I find there forty-five, I do not destroy it.”

Gen 18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there are **found forty?**” And He said, “I would not do it for the sake of forty.”

Gen 18:30 And he said, “Let not יהוה be displeased, and let me speak: Suppose there **are found thirty?**” And He said, “I would not do it if I find thirty there.”

Gen 18:31 And he said, “Look, please, I have taken it upon myself to speak to יהוה: Suppose there are **found twenty?**” And He said, “I would not destroy it for the sake of twenty.”

Gen 18:32 And he said, “Let not יהוה be displeased, and let me speak only this time: **Suppose there are found ten?**” And He said, “I would not destroy it for the sake of ten.”

We now know that there were not even ‘ten’ righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah. With the ones that were there, He makes a way for them to FLEE or escape.

Gen 18:33 Then יהוה went away as soon as He had ended speaking to Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19

YHWH Rescues Lot

Gen 19:1 And the **two messengers came to Sedom in the evening**, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sedom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground,

Gen 19:2 and he said, “Look, please my masters, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet, and rise early and go your way.” And they said, **“No, but let us spend the night in the open square.”**

Lot was aware of the deprived state of Sodom and Gomorrah, yet he remained dwelling there and was even associated with the decision-making authorities that stood at the gate. Lot was trying to hide the ugly truth about where he dwelt and the ‘vine’ he lived among. He knew the evils that occurred in the night in the city; therefore, Lot strongly urges the messengers to come into his house to have a feast of unleavened bread.

Gen 19:3 But he urged them strongly, and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he **made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread**, and they ate.

Gen 19:4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sedom, both old and young, all the people from every part, surrounded the house.

Gen 19:5 And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, and let us ‘know’ them.”

Gen 19:6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

Gen 19:7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not do evil!

Please, my brothers? There are times that we need to ask ourselves, ‘Where am I?’ Am I where YHWH wants me to be? Am I doing what YHWH wants me to do? Am I listening and reading what YHWH wants me to? Or am I getting too entangled in the matters of the WORLD and not the matters of the WORD.

Gen 19:8 “Look, please, I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please, let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you wish, only do no deed to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

Gen 19:9 But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This one came in to sojourn, and should he always judge? Now we are going to treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.

After this occurrence, Lot is receiving a very loud message that he was NOT where YHWH wanted him to be. Not only that, but Lot also had his family in a dire situation because the people surrounding him and his family; were NOT ‘his brothers.’ Lot had drifted into syncretism to ‘get along’ where he dwelt; therefore, he was in a state of daily compromise or delusion, and his family in a state of jeopardy.

Gen 19:10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

Gen 19:11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they wearied themselves to find the door.

Gen 19:12 And the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city – bring them out of this place!

Gen 19:13 “For we are going to destroy this place, because the cry against them has grown great before the face of יהוה, and יהוה has sent us to destroy it.”

Gen 19:14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place, for יהוה is going to destroy this city!” **But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one joking.**

Gen 19:15 And when morning dawned, **the messengers** urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.”

Mat 2:13 And when they had left, see, a messenger of יהוה appeared to Yosëph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Mitsrayim, and remain there until I bring you word, for Herodes is about to seek the Child to destroy Him.”

Gen 19:16 And **while he loitered, the men took hold of his hand, and his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, יהוה having compassion** on him, and they

brought him out and set him outside the city.

They were instructed to FLEE for their lives. The ‘feast of fleeing’, also known as the ‘night of watches’; is Passover.

Exo 12:42 It is a **night of watches** unto יהוה for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra’el throughout their generations.

Gen 19:17 And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life!

✚ **Do not look behind you**

✚ nor **stay anywhere in the plain.**

✚ Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed.”

Gen 19:18 And Lot said to them, “Oh no, יהוה!

Gen 19:19 “Look, please, your servant has found favor in your eyes, and **you have increased your loving-commitment which you have shown me by saving my life,** but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die.

Gen 19:20 “Look, please, **this city is near enough to flee to,** and it is small. Please let me escape there – is it not a small matter – and let my life be saved?”

Gen 19:21 **And He said to him,** “Look, I have favored you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken.

Gen 19:22 “Hurry, escape there. For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there.” So the name of **the city was called Tso’ar.**

YHWH Destroys Sodom

Gen 19:23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso’ar.

Gen 19:24 **And יהוה rained sulfur and fire on Sedom and Amarah, from יהוה out of the heavens.**

Gen 19:25 So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Gen 19:26 But his **wife looked back** from behind him, and she became a post of salt.

Gen 19:27 **And Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before יהוה,**

Gen 19:28 **and he looked toward Sedom and Amarah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he looked and saw the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.**

Gen 19:29 **Thus it came to be, when Elohim destroyed the cities of the plain, that Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,** when He

overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

Lot and His Daughters

Gen 19:30 And Lot went up out of Tso'ar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Tso'ar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

Gen 19:31 And the first-born said to the younger, “Our father is old, and **there is no man on the earth to come in to us**, as is the way of all the earth.”

Lot's daughters had been raised around those that were of the world that practiced abominations. In 'their mind', their father was the only one 'righteous' that had not gone the 'way of the earth.' They were having the same 'self-reasoning' in their minds as Elijah experienced in the wilderness thinking he was the only prophet left.

1Ki 18:22 And Ēliyahu said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of יהוה, but the prophets of Ba'al are four hundred and fifty men.”

Gen 19:32 “Come, let us make our father drink wine and lie with him, so that we **preserve the seed of our father.**”

Gen 19:33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:34 And it came to be on the next day that the first-born said to the younger, “See, I lay with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine tonight as well, and you go in and lie with him, **so that we keep the seed of our father.**”

Gen 19:35 So they made their father drink wine that night as well. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:36 **Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.**

Gen 19:37 And the **first-born bore a son and called his name Mo'ab, he is the father of the Mo'abites to this day.**

Gen 19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi, he is the father of the children of **Ammon to this day.**

Genesis 20

Abraham and Abimelech

Gen 20:1 And Abraham set out from there to the land of the South, and dwelt between Qadēsh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.

Gen 20:2 And Abraham said concerning Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech sovereign of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

Abraham and Sarah have another encounter in which Abraham declares Sarah as his sister. This time they encounter Abimeleḵ king of Gerar.

Gen 20:3 But Elohim came to Abimeleḵ in a dream by night, and said to him, “See, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”

Gen 20:4 However, Abimeleḵ had not come near her, and he said, “יְהוָה, would You kill a righteous nation also?”

Gen 20:5 “Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she, even she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and in the innocence of my hands I have done this.”

Gen 20:6 And Elohim said to him in a dream, “Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart, and so I kept you from sinning against Me. For this reason I did not let you touch her.”

YHWH showed Abimeleḵ mercy for he truly did not know she was married. YHWH divinely protected Sarah. Abimeleḵ then confronts Abraham due to this near catastrophe.

Gen 20:7 “And now, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and let him pray for you and you live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall certainly die, you and all that are yours.”

Gen 20:8 So Abimeleḵ rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and spoke all these words in their hearing. And the men were greatly frightened.

Gen 20:9 And Abimeleḵ called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? In what have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my reign a great sin? You have done matters to me that should not be done.”

Gen 20:10 And Abimeleḵ said to Abraham, “What did you have in view, that you have done this matter?”

Gen 20:11 And Abraham said, **“Only because I said to myself, the fear of Elohim is not in this place, and they shall kill me for the sake of my wife.”**

Gen 20:12 **“And yet, she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.”**

Gen 20:13 **“And it came to be, when Elohim caused me to wander from my father’s house, that I said to her, ‘This is your loving-commitment that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, ‘He is my brother.’”** ’ ’

Sarah apparently was an incredibly beautiful and desirable woman. Even before any encounters in foreign territories, Abraham foresaw possible trouble due to her great beauty. For this reason, Abraham had asked Sarah to declare him only as her brother.

Gen 20:14 Then Aḅimeleḅ took sheep, and cattle, and male and female servants, and gave them to Aḅraham. And he returned Sarah his wife to him.

Gen 20:15 And Aḅimeleḅ said, “See, my land is before you, dwell wherever it is good in your eyes.”

Gen 20:16 And to Sarah he said, “See, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. See, it is to you a covering of eyes before all who are with you and before all others, and you are cleared before everyone.”

To prevent others from coveting Sarah, Aḅimeleḅ suggests a covering to veil her beauty especially since she was a married woman. This was a particularly good suggestion that is applicable today. All men, women, and children should be dressed modestly as to not invoke the lust of the eyes; the lust of the flesh; and the pride of life. This is a constant battle as the world promotes lust by seductive clothing and swimwear.

Adam Clarke Excerpt: Behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes - It - the one thousand shekels, (not he - Abraham), is to thee for a covering - to procure thee a veil to conceal thy beauty (unto all that are with thee, and with all other) from all thy own kindred and acquaintance, and from all strangers, that none, seeing thou art another mans wife; may covet thee on account of thy comeliness.

Gen 20:17 And Aḅraham prayed to Elohim, and Elohim healed Aḅimeleḅ, and his wife, and his female servants, so they bore children,

Gen 20:18 for יהוה had closed up all the wombs of the house of Aḅimeleḅ because of Sarah, Aḅraham’s wife.

Abraham took part in praying for Aḅimeleḅ, his wife, and female servants so they would be able to bear children. Abraham saw how his action of telling partial truth had affected innocent lives.

Genesis 21

The Birth of Isaac

Gen 21:1 And יהוה visited Sarah as He had said, and יהוה did for Sarah as He had spoken.

Gen 21:2 So Sarah conceived and bore Aḅraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which Elohim had spoken to him.

Gen 21:3 And Aḅraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom **Sarah** bore to him, **Yitshaq.**

Gen 21:4 And Aḅraham circumcised his son Yitshaq when he was eight days old, as Elohim had commanded him.

Gen 21:5 And Abraham was **one hundred years old** when his son Yitshaq was born to him.

Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, “Elohim has made me laugh, and everyone who hears of it laughs with me.”

Sarah enjoyed a ‘rejoicing laughter’ along with all those that heard that Abraham bore a son through Sarah in their old age! This was truly a miracle given and blessed by YHWH. Nothing is too difficult for YHWH to accomplish according to His will and in His time.

Gen 21:7 And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age.”

YHWH Protects Hagar and Ishmael

Gen 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Yitshaq was weaned.

Gen 21:9 And Sarah saw the son of Haḡar the Mitsrian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

Ishmael mocks. How he mocked is not clear. It could have been directed toward the celebration, or Isaac, or Sarah etc. This could have been because he considered himself the first born. There is limited information shared in these verses other than Sarah feeling her son’s inheritance was threatened by Ishmael.

Gen 21:10 So she said to Abraham, **“Drive out this female servant and her son, for the son of this female servant shall not inherit with my son, with Yitshaq.”**

Women and mothers pick up on subtle clues of danger encroaching their immediate environment more quickly than husbands. Sarah acts as necessary from her observations to protect Isaac. Abraham viewed her request as evil probably due to Abraham’s love for Ishmael and being heartbroken. Family disunity and separations are never YHWH’s desire and most times they develop from prior decisions made outside of the will of YHWH. What Sarah had once desired had now become a threat.

Gen 21:11 And the matter was very evil in the eyes of Abraham because of his son.

Gen 21:12 But Elohim said to Abraham,

✚ “Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy and because of your female servant. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice, for in Yitshaq your seed is called.

✚ **Gen 21:13** **“And of the son of the female servant I also make a nation, because he is your seed.”**

YHWH allays Abraham's concerns and tells Abraham that Ishmael also will be made into a nation for he came from Abraham's seed.

Gen 21:14 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, which he gave to Haḡar, putting it on her shoulder, also the boy, and sent her away. And she left and **wandered in the Wilderness of Be'ėrsheba.**

Gen 21:15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.

Gen 21:16 And she went and sat down about a bowshot away, for she said, "Let me not see the death of the boy." And she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

Gen 21:17 And Elohim heard the voice of the boy, and the messenger of Elohim called to Haḡar from the heavens, and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Haḡar? Do not fear, for Elohim has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

Gen 21:18 "Arise, lift up the boy and hold him with your hand, for I make a great nation of him."

Gen 21:19 **And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.**

Gen 21:20 And Elohim was with the boy, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

Gen 21:21 And he dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Mitsrayim.

The lives of Sarah and Hagar are analogies between dwelling under the free woman or the bond woman. Hagar, the bond woman, represented the days served under the Book of the Law implemented by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Sarah, the free woman, represented the covenant seed of righteousness under the Melchizedek Priesthood and Covenant Torah. These analogies are covered in Gal. 4:21-31. Only by being born from above does Yahusha set the captives free. Believers are the New Jerusalem; Israel, born from above is YHWH's firstborn.

A Treaty with Abimelech

Gen 21:22 And it came to be at that time that Abimelech and Piḡol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "Elohim is with you in all that you do.

Gen 21:23 "And now, swear to me by Elohim, not to be untrue to me, to my offspring, or to my descendants. Do to me according to the loving-commitment that I have done to you and to the land in which you have dwelt."

In Gen. 20, we read the account of Aḅimeleḅ returning Sarah to Abraham. Aḅimeleḅ had been shown grace since he had not known that Sara was a married woman. The issue was addressed by YHWH and was resolved by Abraham praying to YHWH to restore fertility to Aḅimeleḅ’s household. In return, Aḅimeleḅ gave Abraham sheep, cattle, and female servants; and told Abraham to dwell anywhere in his land.

In Gen. 21, Abraham and Aḅimeleḅ come to a covenant agreement over a well that Abraham had dug. It is affirmed that the well belonged to Abraham by Aḅimeleḅ accepting Abraham’s seven set-apart ewe lambs. The well of the oath is named Beersheba and Abraham plants a tamarisk tree there as he calls on the Name of YHWH, the Everlasting El.

BDB Definition: Beer-sheba = “well of the sevenfold oath”

Gen 21:24 And Abraham said, “I swear.”

Gen 21:25 And Abraham reprov'd Aḅimeleḅ because of a well of water which Aḅimeleḅ’s servants had seized.

Gen 21:26 And Aḅimeleḅ said, “I do not know who has done this deed. Neither did you inform me, nor did I hear until today.”

Gen 21:27 **So Abraham took sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelek, and the two of them made a covenant.**

Gen 21:28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

Gen 21:29 And Aḅimeleḅ asked Abraham, “What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?”

Gen 21:30 And he said, “Take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, to be my witness that I have dug this well.”

Gen 21:31 So he called that place Be’ērsheḅa, because the two of them swore an oath there.

Gen 21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Be’ērsheḅa. And Aḅimeleḅ rose with Piḳol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

Gen 21:33 And **he planted a tamarisk tree in Be’ērsheba, and there called on the Name of יהוה, the Everlasting Ēl.**

Gen 21:34 And Abraham sojourn'd in the land of the Philistines many days.

Genesis 22

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Gen 22:1 And it came to be after these events that Elohim tried Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Gen 22:2 And He said, “Take your son, now, your only son Yitshaḳ, whom you love,

and go to the land of Moriyah, and offer him there as an ascending offering on one of the mountains which I command you.”

Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey,

- and took two of his young men with him,
- and Yitshaq his son.
- And he split the wood for the ascending offering, and arose and went to the place which Elohim had commanded him.

Gen 22:4 And **on the third day** Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

Gen 22:5 So Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go over there and worship, and come back to you.”

Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the ascending offering and laid it on Yitshaq his son. And he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

Gen 22:7 And Yitshaq spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, **“See, the fire and the wood! But where is the lamb for an ascending offering?”**

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, “My son, Elohim does provide for Himself the lamb for an ascending offering.” And the two of them went together.

Gen 22:9 And they came to the place which Elohim had commanded him, and Abraham built a slaughter-place there and placed the wood in order. And he bound Yitshaq his son and laid him on the slaughter-place, upon the wood.

Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son,

Gen 22:11 but **the Messenger of יהוה** called to him from the heavens and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Gen 22:12 And He said, **“Do not lay your hand on the boy, nor touch him. For now I know that you fear Elohim, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”**

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted his eyes and looked and **saw behind him a ram caught in a bush by its horns,** and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for an ascending offering instead of his son.

Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of the place, ‘יהוה Yireh,’ as it is said to this day, **“On the mountain יהוה provides.”**

Gen 22:15 And the **Messenger of יהוה** called to Abraham a second time from the heavens,

Gen 22:16 and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares יהוה, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

- ✚ **Gen 22:17** that I shall certainly bless you,
- ✚ and I shall certainly increase your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore,
- ✚ and let your seed possess the gate of their enemies.

✚ **Gen 22:18** “And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Gen 22:19 Then Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Be’ērsheba. And Abraham dwelt at Be’ērsheba.

By faith, Abraham was willing to obey YHWH knowing that YHWH would provide. Abraham knew nothing was too difficult for YHWH. YHWH had miraculously given Abraham and Sarah Isaac in their old age. Abraham had foreseen the day of Yahusha’s crucifixion, the only begotten Son of YHWH, in Genesis 15 by the flaying of the animals. Abraham knew the Seed, not seeds, would come through the covenant righteous lineage. Abraham experienced the broken heart of YHWH when asked to offer his son Isaac. Notice YHWH refers to Isaac as Abraham’s ‘only’ son in Gen. 22:12.

Gal 3:15 Brothers, as a man I say it: a covenant, even though it is man’s, yet if it is confirmed, no one sets it aside, or adds to it.

Gal 3:16 But **the promises were spoken to Abraham, and to his Seed**. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, **“And to your Seed,”**^b Gen. 12:7 who is Messiah. Footnote:
^bAlso see Gen. 17:7, Gen. 22:18, Gen. 24:7.

Gal 3:17 Now this I say, Torah, that came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously confirmed by Elohim in Messiah, so as to do away with the promise.

Gen. 22:19 states that Abraham returned to his young men, and they went together and dwelt at Beersheba; but it does not mention Isaac. However, we will see Isaac mentioned later in Scripture.

Gen 22:20 And it came to be after these events that it was reported to Abraham, saying, “See, Milkah too has borne children to your brother Naḥor:

Gen 22:21 “Uts his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Qemu’ēl the father of Aram,

Gen 22:22 and Kesed, and Ḥazo, and Pildash, and Yidlaph, and Bethu’ēl.”

Gen 22:23 And Bethu’ēl brought forth Ribqah. These eight Milkah bore to Naḥor, Abraham’s brother.

Gen 22:24 And his concubine, whose name was Re’uwmah, also bore Teḇaḥ, and Gaḥam, and Taḥash, and Ma’aḳah.

2Kings 4:1-37 Mighty miracles done by Elisha through the power of YHWH!

Elisha and the Widow's Oil

2Ki 4:1 And a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, **“Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared יהוה.”** And the lender has come to take my two sons to be his slaves.”

2Ki 4:2 And Elisha said to her, “**What should I do for you?** Inform me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “**Your female servant has none at all in the house except a pot of oil.**”

2Ki 4:3 And he said, “**Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors, empty vessels, do not get a few.**”

2Ki 4:4 “**And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons. Then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the filled ones.**”

2Ki 4:5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured it out.

2Ki 4:6 And it came to be, when the vessels were filled, that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” But he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” **And the oil ceased.**

2Ki 4:7 So she went and informed the man of Elohim, and he said, “**Go, sell the oil and pay your debt. And you and your sons live on the rest.**”

It is important to get and stay out of debt for we never know what tomorrow will bring.

Pro 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Elisha and the Shunammite Woman

2Ki 4:8 And it came to be on a day that Elisha went to Shunēm, where there was a prominent woman, and she took hold of him to eat some food. And it came to be, as often as he passed by, that he turned in there to eat some food.

2Ki 4:9 And she said to her husband, “Look, I know that this is a set-apart man of Elohim, who passes by us continually.

2Ki 4:10 “**Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall, and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand. And it shall be, whenever he comes to us, let him turn in there.**”

2Ki 4:11 **And it came to be on a day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there.**

2Ki 4:12 And he said to Gēḥazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite woman.” So he called her, and she stood before him.

2Ki 4:13 And he said to her, “Please say to her, ‘**Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us. What is there to be done for you? Should I speak on your behalf to the sovereign or to the commander of the army?**’” And she answered, “I am dwelling among my own people.”

2Ki 4:14 And he said, “What then is to be done for her?” And Gēḥazi answered, “**Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.**”

2Ki 4:15 And he said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway.

2Ki 4:16 And he said, **“About this appointed time next year you shall embrace a son.”** And she said, **“No, my master, man of Elohim, do not lie to your female servant!”**

2Ki 4:17 And the woman conceived, and bore a son **when the appointed time** had come, of which Elisha had spoken to her.

Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

2Ki 4:18 And the child grew. And it came to be on a day that he went out to his father, to the reapers,

2Ki 4:19 and he said to his father, **“My head, my head!”** And he said to a servant, “Take him to his mother.”

2Ki 4:20 **So he took him and brought him to his mother, and he sat on her knees till noon, and died.**

2Ki 4:21 And **she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of Elohim**, and shut *the door* on him, and went out.

2Ki 4:22 And she called to her husband, and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, so that I hurry to the man of Elohim and return.”

2Ki 4:23 And he said, “Why are you going to him today? It is neither the new *moon* nor the sabbath.” And she said, **“It is well!”**

2Ki 4:24 And she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, **“Drive and go, do not slow down, except I speak to you.”**

2Ki 4:25 And she went, and came to the man of Elohim at Mount Karmel. And it came to be, when the man of Elohim saw her at a distance, that he said to his servant Gēhazi, **“See, the Shunammite woman.**

2Ki 4:26 “Please run now to meet her, and say to her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?’ ” And she answered, **“It is well.”**

2Ki 4:27 And she came to the man of Elohim at the hill, and she took hold of him by the feet, but Gēhazi came near to push her away. But the man of Elohim said, **“Leave her alone, for her being is bitter in her, and יהוה has hidden it from me, and has not revealed it to me.”**

2Ki 4:28 And she said, **“Did I ask a son of my master? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me?’”**

2Ki 4:29 And he said to Gēhazi, **“Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. When you meet anyone, do not greet him, and when anyone greets you, do not answer him. And you shall lay my staff on the face of the child.”**

2Ki 4:30 And the mother of the child said, **“As יהוה lives, and as your being lives, I do not leave you.”** And he rose and followed her.

2Ki 4:31 And Gēhazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child. But there was no voice and there was no hearing, so he went back to meet him, and reported to him, saying, “The child has not awakened.”

2Ki 4:32 **And Elisha came into the house and saw the child was dead, lying on his**

bed,

2Ki 4:33 and he went in, and shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to יהוה.

2Ki 4:34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

2Ki 4:35 And he returned and walked back and forth in the house, then went up and stretched himself out on him. And **the child sneezed seven times**, and the child opened his eyes.

2Ki 4:36 And he called Gēḥazi and said, “Call this Shunammite.” So he called her. **And she came in to him, and he said, “Pick up your son.”**

2Ki 4:37 Then she went in and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and picked up her son and went out.

Luke 17:28-37

Luk 17:28 **“And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot:**

- They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were buying,
- they were selling,
- they were planting,
- they were building,
- Luk 17:29 but on the day Lot went out of Sedom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.

Luk 17:30 **“It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed.**

- Luk 17:31 “In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away.
- And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.
- Luk 17:32 “Remember the wife of Lot.

Lot and his family fled during the ‘Feast of Fleeing’ – Passover. He will appear again once more during the ‘night of watches.’ This doesn’t mean Yahusha comes back on Passover, it means that He will make an appearance on Passover in the near future.

The following verse reminds us that we are not our own. We are to confess Him and be faithful to Him no matter the cost. We are to heed His warnings; and we should not look back or go back.

- **Luk 17:33** “Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

Then, there is a series of people being taken and left behind. Matthew 13:30 tells us that the tares will be gathered first.

Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds** and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.” (emphasis mine)

Luk 17:34 **“I say to you,**

- ✚ in that night there shall be two in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ **Luk 17:35** “Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ **Luk 17:36** “Two^b shall be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.” Footnote: ^b [Mat 24:40](#). **Some manuscripts do not contain this verse, 17:36.**

Luk 17:37 **And they answering, said to Him, “Where, Master?”** And He said to them, “Where the body is, there also the vultures^c shall be gathered together.” Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 24:28](#). [Some manuscripts have ‘eagle’ instead of vultures.]

Zec 13:8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares יהוה, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein.

Zec 13:9 “And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. **They shall call on My Name,**^b and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘יהוה is my Elohim.’ ” Footnote: ^b [Zep 3:9](#).

Isaiah 8 The opening four verses of Isaiah 8 is not only a spoken prophesy; but a written one placed on a large tablet for all to see; and identifies two additional witnesses of what was about to happen. **Assyria was about to invade and take over Syria and Israel (the 10 northern tribes).** Judah (the 2 southern tribes) would also suffer damage and loss but would not be taken into captivity by Assyria. The capital of the Assyrian empire was Ninevah.

Isa 7:1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, **that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it,** but could not prevail against it.

Isa 7:2 And it was told the house of David, saying, **Syria is confederate with Ephraim.** And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

The timeframe for this is related through the maturing of a child that would be born to Isaiah and his prophetic wife. The child's name would be Mahĕr-Shalal-Ĥash-Baz meaning:

H4122 מהר שלל חש בז **mahĕr shālâl châsh baz** **BDB Definition:** = Maher-shalal-hash-baz
“swift is booty, speedy is prey”

- 1) **symbolic name given by Isaiah by the Lord's direction to Isaiah's son; prophetic indication that Damascus and Samaria were soon to be plundered by the king of Assyria**

Before this child, named Mahĕr-Shalal-Ĥash-Baz, would learn how to cry words of 'My father' and 'My mother'; the Assyrian invasion would have been completed with the spoils taken from Syria and the House of Israel.

We learned previously what the name of Isaiah's other son's name meant in Isaiah 7: She'ar-Yashub - meaning 'a remnant will return'. Both of the son's names foretold the future.

The Coming Assyrian Invasion

Isa 8:1 And יהוה said to me, “Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen concerning Mahĕr-Shalal-Ĥash-Baz.

Isa 8:2 “And let Me take reliable witnesses to record, Uriyah the priest and Zeḱaryahu son of Yeḃereḱyahu.”

Isa 8:3 And I went to the prophetic wife, and she conceived and bore a son. And יהוה said to me, “Call his name Mahĕr-Shalal-Ĥash-Baz;

Isa 8:4 for before the child knows to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Dammeseq and the spoil of Shomeron is taken away before the sovereign of Ashshur.”

Isa 8:5 And יהוה spoke to me again, saying,

Isa 8:6 “Inasmuch as these people refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and rejoice in Retsin and in Remalyahu's son;

Isa 8:7 now therefore, see, יהוה brings up over them the waters of the River, strong and mighty – the sovereign of Ashshur and all his esteem. And he shall come up over all his channels and go over all his banks.

Isa 8:8 “And he shall pass through Yehudah, he shall overflow and pass over, reaching up to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanu'el.

Isa 8:9 “Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from the far places of the earth. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces.

Isa 8:10 “Take counsel, and it comes to naught; speak a word, and it does not stand, for Ēl is with us.”

Isaiah 8:5-10: Isaiah speaks again and in essence tells them, to ‘get ready’; the stage is set; time is short. The Assyrian Empire sprawled over the territories of the great Euphrates river and the Tigris river, powerful flowing rivers. The House of Israel chose to make an unholy alliance with a people of raging rivers; instead of the still gentle flowing waters of Shiloah provided by YHWH that fed the pool of Siloam.

Sheep and raging rivers are never a good combination; so, the powerful flooding of the Assyrian army overwhelmed the sheep! If the House of Israel wanted unholy alliances, they got what they asked for; and YHWH removed His hand of protection. He honored the fact that they did not want ‘GOD with us’ though later they moaned for Him. They would go into a season of discipline.

The waters came up to the neck of Judah and they barely survived the Assyrian invasion.

2 Kings 18:13 describes the extent of the Assyrian invasion against Judah: *And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. Hezekiah did whatever was necessary to prevent Judah from being overtaken by Assyria. He paid the king of Assyria three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the House of יהוה and in the treasuries of the sovereign's house. Hezekiah even cut off the doors of the Hēḵal of יהוה, and the doorposts which Hezekiah sovereign of Yehudah had overlaid and gave it to the sovereign of Assyria.*

Excerpt references on waters of Shiloah: <https://biblewalks.com/sites/ShiloahPool.html>

The Bible also implies that **Shiloah as the "lower" pool, while Gihon is the "upper" pool**. Here are several verses: *Gihon: (2 Kings 18:17): "And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field". ...*

Here's more on the feats Hezekiah: <https://biblewalks.com/sites/ShiloahPool.html>

After the death of the Assyrian king Sargon II (705 B.C.), king **Hezekiah**, son of King Ahaz, mutinied against the Assyrians, joining other cities in the area who attempted to free themselves from the Assyrian conquest. Anticipating the coming Assyrian intrusion, he fortified Jerusalem and the major cities.

Hezekiah (King 716-687 B.C.) prepared Judea on the eve of the Assyrian intrusion. Among other works, he constructed a tunnel from the Gihon spring to the **Shiloah (Siloam) pool**, blocking the old Canaanite watercourse in order to prevent the waters of the Gihon to be used by the enemy.

The Bible recorded the historical events leading to the construction of the tunnel, which gave it the common name "Hezekiah tunnel". (*2 Chronicles 32 2-4*):

"And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. So, there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?"

Archaeological find of the 19th Century:

An inscription was found on a wall of the tunnel, 6m from the end of the tunnel at the Shiloah pool. This inscription, 6 lines of ancient Hebrew script carved on the limestone rock, was one of the important findings of Biblical archaeology in the 19th Century. **It was found in 1880** and brought to Istanbul, where it is on display today. The Shiloah (Siloam) inscription tells the story of the tunnel, and how the two teams of diggers met after cutting the tunnel on both ends...

Fear Elohim, Wait for YHWH

Isa 8:11 For יהוה spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

Isa 8:12 “Do not say, ‘A conspiracy,’ concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

Isa 8:13 “יהוה of hosts, Him you shall set apart. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

Isa 8:14 “And He shall be for a set-apart place, but a stone of stumbling and a rock that makes for falling to both the houses of Yisra’el, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

Isa 8:15 “And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken and snared and taken.”

Isa 8:16 Bind up the witness, seal the Torah among my taught ones.

Isa 8:17 And I shall wait on יהוה, who hides His face from the house of Ya’aqob. And I shall look for Him.

Isa 8:18 Look, I and the children whom יהוה has given me – for signs and wonders in Yisra’el from יהוה of hosts, who dwells in Mount Tsiyon.

Isa 8:19 And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their Elohim? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

Isa 8:20 To the Torah and to the witness! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because they have no [daybreak](#).^a Footnote: ^aOr *light*.

Isa 8:21 And they shall pass through it hard pressed and hungry. And it shall be, when they are hungry, that they shall be wroth and curse their sovereign and their Elohim, looking upward.

Isa 8:22 And they shall look to the earth and see distress and darkness, gloom of hard times, and be driven into thick darkness.

This is a key message for us today also. We should not walk in the ways of this world but walk on His path that **leads to righteousness**. The ways of the world are satanic. Satan is a counterfeit. His counterfeit “miracles” are achieved through wizardry and witchcraft. The house of Israel continued to indulge in idol worship of golden calves on the high places; make sacrifices to Moloch; and make unholy alliances with the nations. The house of Judah would ultimately make these same mistakes although they would hold out approximately 140 years longer before being exiled to Babylon.

Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah 9:1-7 speaks of the Hope and restoration to come through Yahusha HaMashiach. The northern territory of the House of Israel took the hardest blow from the Assyrian invasion. The northern kingdom of Israel was made up of people that walked in darkness, in the very shadow of the land of death. As in most cases, there were always a remnant that did not.

These fallen people in darkness, Israel; would also one day [see a great light](#).

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth.**

1Jn 1:7 **But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of יהושע Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

We are all exiled in a land that is not our own. Our home is with Him. He came to set us free; and He did. His sheep know His voice and they follow Him. One day soon, Israel will be reunited into **the one new man of Yahusha HaMashiach**. Yahusha wears the multi-colored coat of every tongue, tribe, people and nation! Praise Him for His great love for us! **YHWH's Son's name is Yahusha**: meaning YHWH saves!

For to Us a Child Is Born

Isa 9:1 But there is no gloom upon her who is distressed, as when at first He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Yardēn, in Galil of the nations.

Isa 9:2 The people who were walking in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death a light has shone.

Isa 9:3 You shall increase the nation; You shall make its joy great. They shall rejoice before You, as in the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Isa 9:4 For You shall break the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod

of his oppressor, as in the day of Midyan.

Isa 9:5 For every boot of one trampling in tumult, and coat rolled in blood, shall be used for burning and fuel of fire.

Isa 9:6 For a Child is born unto us, a Son is given unto us, and the rule is on His shoulder. And His Name is called Wonder, Counsellor, Strong Ėl, Father of Continuity, Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of His rule and peace there is no end, [upon the throne of Dawid and over His reign,^a](#) to establish it and sustain it with right-ruling and with righteousness from now on, even forever. The ardour of יהוה¹ of hosts does this. **Footnote: ^aSee [Isa 16:5](#), [Psa 2:1-12](#), [Psa 45:6](#), [Mic 5:2](#), [Luk 1:32-33](#).**

Isaiah 10

Isa 10:1 “Woe to those making unrighteous inscriptions, and writers who have prescribed toil,

Isa 10:2 **to keep the needy back from right-ruling, and to take what is right from the poor of My people, that widows become their prey, and orphans their plunder.**

Isa 10:3 “What shall you do in the day of visitation, and in the ruin which comes from afar? To whom would you run for help? And where would you leave your wealth?

Isa 10:4 “Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, and fall among the killed.” **With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.**

YHWH used Assyria as a stick in His hand to punish and correct Syria, Israel, and Judah. That does not mean YHWH favored Assyria at all! [Assyria was very arrogant](#) as we read:

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Isa 10:5 “Woe to Ashshur, the rod of My displeasure and the staff in whose hand is My displeasure.

Isa 10:6 “Against a defiled nation I send him, and against the people of My wrath I command him to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mud of the streets.

Isa 10:7 “But he does not intend so, nor does his heart think so, for it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations.

Isa 10:8 “For he says, ‘Are not my princes sovereigns?

Isa 10:9 Is not Kalno like Karkemish? Is not Ĥamath like Arpad? Is not Shomeron like Dammeseq?

Isa 10:10 As my hand has found the reigns of the idols, whose carved images excelled those of Yerushalayim and Shomeron,

Isa 10:11 as I have done to Shomeron and her idols, do I not do also to Yerushalayim

and her idols?’

One day YHWH would set Assyria (Ashshur) straight. It was YHWH that allowed Assyria to conquer Syria and Israel and punish Judah; upon which Assyria takes full credit. Keep in mind this prophesy came to fulfillment then; and it will come to fulfillment in the end times. Just read the following verses to see if they sound familiar for our day. As Solomon once said, there is nothing new under the sun.

Isa 10:12 “And it shall be, when יהוה has performed all His work on Mount Tsiyon and on Yerushalayim, that I shall punish the fruit of the greatness of the heart of the sovereign of Ashshur, and the boasting of his haughty looks.

Isa 10:13 “For he has said, ‘By the power of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have been clever. And I remove the boundaries of the people, and have robbed their treasuries. And I put down the inhabitants like a strong one.

Isa 10:14 And my hand finds the riches of the people like a nest. And I have gathered all the earth like forsaken eggs are gathered. And there was no one who moved his wing, nor opened his mouth with even a peep.’ ”

This boasting sounds remarkably similar to the prideful boasting of Lucifer in Isaiah 14:13-14! One thing we know for sure: **Pro 16:18** Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Isa 10:15 Would the axe boast itself over him who chops with it, or the saw exalt itself over him who saws with it? As a rod waving those who lift it up! As a staff lifting up that which is not wood!

Isa 10:16 Therefore the Master, יהוה of hosts, sends leanness among his fat ones. And under his esteem he kindles a burning like the burning of a fire.

Isa 10:17 And the Light of Yisra’el shall be for a fire, and his Set-apart One for a flame. And it shall burn and devour his weeds and his thornbushes in one day,

Isa 10:18 and consume the esteem of his forest and of his fertile field, both life and flesh. And they shall be as when a sick man wastes away,

Isa 10:19 and the remaining trees of his forest shall be so few in number that a child records them.

Oba 1:17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Oba 1:18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

The Remnant of Israel Will Return

Isa 10:20 And in that day it shall be that the remnant of Yisra'ël, and those who have escaped of the house of Ya'aqob, never again lean upon him who struck them, but shall lean upon יהוה, the Set-apart One of Yisra'ël, in truth.

Isa 10:21 A remnant shall return, the remnant of Ya'aqob, to the Mighty Ėl.

Isa 10:22 For though your people, O Yisra'ël, be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return – a decisive end, overflowing with righteousness.

Isa 10:23 For the Master יהוה of hosts is making a complete end, as decided, in the midst of all the earth.

Isa 10:24 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה of hosts, “My people, who dwell in Tsiyon, be not afraid of Ashshur, who struck you with a rod and lifts up his staff against you, in the way of Mitsrayim.

We are that remnant!

Rom 9:25 As He says in Hoshĕa too, **“I shall call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved.”** [Hos 2:23](#).

Rom 9:26 **“And it shall be in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there they shall be called sons of the living Elohim.”** [Hos 1:10](#).

Rom 9:27 And Yeshayahu cries out on behalf of Yisra'ël, **“Though the number of the children of Yisra'ël be as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved.”** [Isa 10:22](#), [Gen 22:17](#), [Hos 1:10](#).

Rom 9:28 For **He is bringing a matter to an end, and is cutting it short in righteousness, because יהוה shall cut short a matter on the earth.”** [Isa 10:23](#).

Rom 9:29 And as Yeshayahu said before, **“If יהוה of hosts had not left us a seed, we would have become like Sedom, and we would have been made like Amorah.”**^b [Isa 1:9](#), [Deu 29:23](#).

Isa 10:25 “For yet a little while and the displeasure shall be completed, and My displeasure be to their destruction.”

Isa 10:26 And יהוה of hosts stirs up a lash for him as the smiting of Migdan at the rock of Orĕb. And as His rod was on the sea, so shall He lift it up in the way of Mitsrayim.

Isa 10:27 And in that day it shall be that his burden is removed from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

Isa 10:28 He has come upon Ayath, he has passed Miġron. At Miġmash he stored his supplies.

Isa 10:29 They have gone through the pass, they have taken up lodging at Geḅa. Ramah is afraid, Giḅ'ah of Sha'ul has fled.

Isa 10:30 Lift up your voice, O daughter of Galliym! Listen, Layishah – O poor Anathoth!

Isa 10:31 Maḡmĕnah has fled, the inhabitants of Gĕḅim sought refuge.

Dan 11:36 “And the sovereign shall do as he pleases, and **exalt himself and show himself to be great above every mighty one, and speak incredible matters against the Ēl of mighty ones, and shall prosper until the wrath has been accomplished** – for what has been decreed shall be done –

Heb 10:37 “**For yet a little while – He who is coming shall come and shall not delay.**”

Heb 10:38 “**But the righteous shall live by belief, but if anyone draws back, my being has no pleasure in him.**” [Hab_2:3-4](#).

Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who draw back to destruction, but of belief to the preservation of life.

Assyria gets as far as Nob and YHWH stops them:

Isa 10:32 Yet he remains at Nob that day; he shakes his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Tsiyon, the hill of Yerushalayim.

2Ki 19:32 “Therefore thus said יהוה concerning the sovereign of Ashshur, ‘**He does not come into this city**, nor does he shoot an arrow there, nor does he come before it with shield, nor does he build a siege mound against it.

2Ki 19:33 By the way that he came, by the same he turns back. And he does not come into this city,’ declares יהוה.

2Ki 19:34 And I shall defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for the sake of Dawid My servant.’”

2Ki 19:35 **And it came to be in that night that the messenger of יהוה went out, and struck in the camp of Ashshur one hundred and eighty-five thousand.** And they rose up early in the morning and saw all of them dead bodies.

Isa 10:33 Look, the Master, יהוה of hosts, is lopping off a branch with an awesome crash, and the tall ones are cut down, and the lofty ones are laid low.

Isa 10:34 And He shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall as a mighty one!

Assyrian army is equated to Lebanon for having many trees. Great tall mighty men would be chopped down by YHWH. The branch that YHWH lops off in Isaiah 10:33 is not exactly identified but it is described: the tall ones and the lofty ones. Apparently, those that defy the one true living Eloah.

Eze 31:3 See, **Ashshur [Assyria] was a cedar in Lebanon, beautiful branches and forest shade, and of high stature. And its top was among the thick foliage.**

Shabbat Shalom, Libby