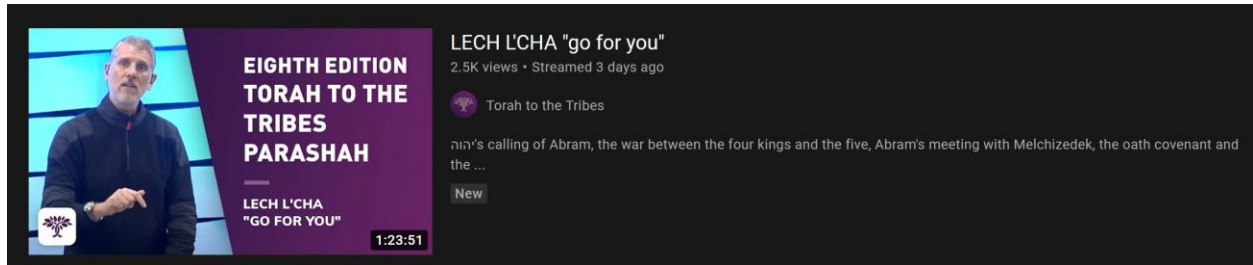
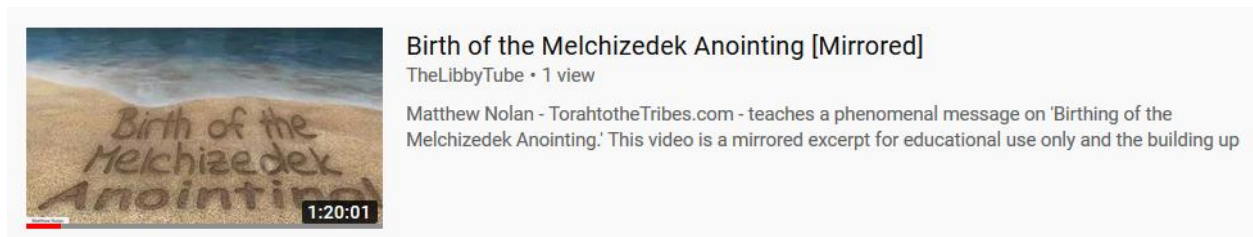


## Week 3: Lech Lecha 'Go forth' Genesis 12:1-17:27 ~ Isaiah 5 & 6 & 7 ~ John 8:51-58



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## Lech Lecha 'Go Forth'

### Genesis 12

#### The Call of Abram

**Gen 12:1** And יהוה said to אַבְרָם, “**Go yourself out of your land**, from your relatives and from your father’s house, to a land which I show you.

**Gen 12:2** “And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

**Gen 12:3** “And I shall bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you. And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Gen 12:4** So אַבְרָם left, as יהוה had commanded him, and Lot went with him. And אַבְרָם was **seventy-five years** old when he set out from חֲרָן.

The promise given to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 affects all of mankind. Everyone should automatically know where the promise is recorded in the Bible, because it is YHWH's promise to believers as well. YHWH was going to make His people into a holy nation, a treasured possession above all peoples for all the earth is His. This nation is the 'one new man' born from above, Israel. This is not speaking of the earthly nation given the name of 'Israel' by man.

The only way to enter YHWH's set-apart nation born from above is by faith [Heb. 11]. The Old Testament believers by faith looked forward to the promised Messiah; and believers today by faith in Yahusha HaMashiach enter the New Covenant which connects us back to the promise of Abraham. Yahusha's invitation is open to every tribe, tongue, people, and nation who says 'yes' to Him with a sincere repentant heart and by faith receive Yahusha as their Savior.

Eph 2:13 But now in Messiah יהושע you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.

Eph 2:14 For He is our peace, who has made both one, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,

Eph 2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity<sup>d</sup> – the torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself one renewed man from the two, thus making peace, Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Also see Col 2:14, Col 2:20, Act 11:1-3.

ESV: Eph 2:15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

Eph 2:16 and to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.

Eph 2:17 And having come, He **brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.** Isa 57:19.

Eph 2:18 Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,<sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup>See Rom 11:17-24, Isa 14:1.

Eph 2:20 having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone,

Eph 2:21 in whom all the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,

Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.

In Genesis 12:1-3 we read YHWH make an unconditional promise to Abram. This is the same promise we can now connect to through Yahusha's blood ratified new covenant. This promise is pivotal for all mankind that repents and receives Yahusha as Savior. Like Abraham, we receive Him by faith.

Heb 11:7 By belief, Noah, having been warned of what was yet unseen, having feared, prepared an ark to save his house, through which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to belief.

Heb 11:8 By belief, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he was about to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

**Heb 11:9** By belief, he sojourned in the land of promise as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Yitshaq and Ya'aqob, the heirs with him of the same promise,

Heb 11:10 for he was looking for the city having foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim.

Heb 11:11 By belief also, Sarah herself was enabled to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the normal age, because she deemed Him trustworthy who had promised.

Heb 11:12 And so from one, and him as good as dead, were born **as numerous as the stars of the heaven, as countless as the sand which is by the seashore.** Gen 15:5, Gen 22:17.

**Gen 12:5** And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the beings whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Kena'an. And they came to the land of Kena'an.

**Gen 12:6** And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shekem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. At that time the Kena'anites were in the land.

The location of Shekem is significant. When Joshua leads the people into the promised land, they have a meeting between Mount Ebal and Gerizim. The place between the two mountains was Shekem. The area between the two mounts served as a natural amphitheater. [Joshua 8:30-35].

We also read about Jacob arriving in the city of Shekem in Gen. 13:17-20.

Gen 33:17 And Ya'aqob set out to Sukkoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. That is why the name of the place is called Sukkoth.

Gen 33:18 And Ya'aqob came safely to the city of Shekem, which is in the land of Kena'an, when he came from Paddan Aram. And he pitched his tent before the city.

Gen 33:19 And he bought the portion of the field where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shekem's father, for one hundred qesitah.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>A monetary unit of uncertain value, perhaps in the form of a lamb.

Gen 33:20 And he set **up a slaughter-place** there and called it **Él Elohé Yisra'él**.

**H415** אֵל אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל 'èl 'èlôhêy yisrá'èl *ale el-o-hay' yis-raw-ale'*

From H410 and H430 and H3478; the *mighty God of Jisrael; El Elohi Jisrael*, the title given to a consecrated spot by Jacob: - El-elohe-israel.

Gen 12:7 And יהוה appeared to Abram and said, “To your seed I give this land.” And he **built there a slaughter-place to יהוה**, who had appeared to him.

Gen 12:8 And **from there he moved to the mountain east of Běyth Ĕl, and he pitched his tent, with Běyth Ĕl on the west and Ai on the east. And he built there a slaughter-place to יהוה, and called on the Name of יהוה.**

Gen 28:18 And Ya'aqob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a standing column, and poured oil on top of it.

Gen 28:19 And he called the name of that place Běyth Ĕl, however, the name of that city had been Luz previously.

**H1008** בֵּית־אֵל bēyth'èl

**BDB Definition:**

Bethel = “house of God”

- 1) ancient place and seat of worship in Ephraim on border of Benjamin, identified with Luz (former name)
- 2) a place in south country of Judah, not far from Beersheba and Ziklag

Gen 12:9 And Abram set out, continuing toward the South.

### Abram and Sarai in Egypt

Gen 12:10 And a scarcity of food came to be in the land, and Abram went down to Mitsrayim to dwell there, for the scarcity of food was severe in the land.

Gen 12:11 And it came to be, when he was close to entering Mitsrayim, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look at.

Gen 12:12 “And it shall be, when the Mitsrites see you, that they shall say, ‘This is his wife.’ And they shall kill me, but let you live.

Gen 12:13 “Please say you are my sister, so that it shall be well with me for your sake, and my life be spared because of you.”

Sarai was Abraham’s wife, but she was also his sister. Abraham explains in Gen. 20:11-12.

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 12:14** And it came to be, when Abram came into Mitsrayim, that the Mitsrites saw the woman, that she was very beautiful.

Based on Scripture, Sarai was of extraordinary beauty. This apparently played into Abraham's decision to have her identify herself as his sister. More than likely, this would not have been the first time Sarai had been acknowledged for her beauty among new encounters.

**Gen 12:15** And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her before Pharaoh, and the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house.

**Gen 12:16** And he treated Abram well for her sake, and he had sheep, and cattle, and male donkeys, and male and female servants, and female donkeys, and camels.

**Gen 12:17** But יהוה plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

**Gen 12:18** And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not inform me that she was your wife?"

**Gen 12:19** "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? And so I was going to take her for my wife. Look, here is your wife, take her and go."

**Gen 12:20** And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Sometimes YHWH will use famine and adversity to position His people where He wants them to be. At the same time, He often blesses them with abundant provisions. We see this pattern repeated throughout Scriptures and we will see this pattern repeated in the end of days.

## Genesis 13

### Abram and Lot Separate

**Gen 13:1** And Abram went up from Mitsrayim into the South, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him.

**Gen 13:2** And Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

**Gen 13:3** And he went on his journey from the South as far as Běyth Ęl, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Běyth Ęl and Ai,

**Gen 13:4** to the place of the slaughter-place which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the Name of יהוה.

The opening verses of Genesis 13 record Abram, Sarai, along with all Abram’s belongings, and Lot departing from Egypt back to where he had initially pitched his tent between Beyth El and Ai. Abram calls upon the Name of YHWH. YHWH is our compass. He is the one that directs our steps in the correct direction.

Gen 13:5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

Gen 13:6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together, for **their possessions were great, so that they could not dwell together.**

Gen 13:7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. And at that time the Kena’anites and the Perizzites dwelt in the land.

Gen 13:8 Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

Gen 13:9 “Is not all the land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I go to the left.”

Gen 13:10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of the Yardēn, that it was well watered everywhere – before יהוה destroyed Seđom and Amorah – like the garden of יהוה, like the land of Mitsrayim as you go toward Tso’ar.

Gen 13:11 **So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Yardēn, and Lot moved east. Thus they separated from each other,**

Gen 13:12 **Abram dwelling in the land of Kena’an, and Lot dwelling in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent as far as Seđom.**

Gen 13:13 **But the men of Seđom were evil and sinned before יהוה, exceedingly so.**

Gen 13:14 And after Lot had separated from him, יהוה said to Abram, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward,

Gen 13:15 for all the land which you see I shall give to you and your seed forever.

Gen 13:16 “And I shall make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that, if a man could count the dust of the earth, then your seed also could be counted.

Gen 13:17 “Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

Gen 13:18 **So Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamrē, which are in Hebron, and built a slaughter-place there to יהוה.**

The possessions of both Abram and Lot were great. So great, that it made it impossible to dwell together in one location. Abram gives Lot first choice in the land to dwell. Lot chooses the land east, the plain of the Jordan, that was fertile and well-watered. Lot chose by sight and he pitched his tent as far as Sodom. Even at that time it is recorded that Sodom was evil and exceedingly sinned before YHWH.

Shortly after Abram separated from Lot, YHWH shows Abram the land North-South-East-West that He would give to Abram and his seed forever. Throughout YHWH's Word, we see the pattern of N-S-E-W directions with Abram; with Moses; with the wilderness encampments; with the gathering of His people; and with the New Jerusalem in Revelation. There are probably more instances recorded but these show us a pattern; and patterns within His Word have meaning.

Moses was instructed to view N-S-E-W:

Deu 3:27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes **westward**, and **northward**, and **southward**, and **eastward**, and look with your eyes, for you do not pass over this Yardēn.

Wilderness encampments were N-S-E-W as well as the encampments of the priests around the Dwelling Place.

Num 2:3 And on the **east side**, towards sunrise: those of **the banner of the camp of Yehuda** camp according to their divisions. And the leader of the children of Yehuda: Naḥshon, son of Amminadab.

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 Num 2:10 On the **south side**: **the banner of the camp of Re'ubēn** according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Re'ubēn: Elitsur, son of Shedey'ur.

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 Num 2:18 **On the west side**: **the banner of the camp of Ephrayim** according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammihud.

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 Num 2:25 On the **north side**: **the banner of the camp of Dan**, according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

Gathering of His people:

Luk 13:29 "And they shall come from the **east** and the **west**, and from the **north** and the **south**, and sit down in the reign of Elohim.



The New Jerusalem described by N-S-E-W.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim,

Rev 21:11 having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

Rev 21:12 and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'el:<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See [Eze 47:22-23](#), [Eze 48:31-34](#).

Rev 21:13 three gates on the **east**, three gates on the **north**, three gates on the **south**, and three gates on the **west**.

## Genesis 14

The Battle of the Kings

### Abram Rescues Lot

**Gen 14:1** And it came to be in the days of

- ❖ Amraphel sovereign of Shin'ar,
- ❖ Aryok sovereign of Ellasar,
- ❖ Keḏorla'omer sovereign of Ĕylam, and
- ❖ Tid'al sovereign of Goyim,

**Gen 14:2** that they fought against

- ❖ Bera sovereign of Seḏom,
- ❖ Birsha sovereign of Amorah,
- ❖ Shinaḅ sovereign of Aḏmah,
- ❖ Shem'ēḅer sovereign of Tseḅoyim, and
- ❖ the sovereign of Bela, that is Tso'ar.

**Gen 14:3** All these joined together in the **Valley of Siddim, that is the Salt Sea.**

**Gen 14:4** **Twelve years they served Keḏorla'omer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.**

**Gen 14:5** And **in the fourteenth year** Keḏorla'omer and the sovereigns that were with him came and struck the Repha'im in Ashteroth Qarnayim, and the Zuzim in Ḥam, and the Ĕmites in Shawēh Qiryathayim,

**Gen 14:6** and the Ḥorites in their mountain of Sē'ir, as far as Ĕl Paran, which is by the wilderness.

**BDB Definition:** rāphâ' / rāphâh 1) giants, Rephaim 1a) old tribe of giants



Gen 14:7 And they turned back and came to Ĕn Mishpat, that is Qaḏěš, and struck all the country of the Amalěqites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Ḥatsetson Tamar.

**BDB Definition:** Amalekite = see Amalek “people of lapping” 1) descendants of Amalek, the grandson of Esau

Gen 14:8 And the sovereign of

- ❖ Seḏom, and the sovereign of
- ❖ Amarah, and the sovereign of
- ❖ Admah, and the sovereign of
- ❖ Tseḃoyim, and the sovereign of
- ❖ Bela, that is Tso'ar, went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim,

Gen 14:9 against

- ❖ Keḏorla'omer sovereign of Ĕylam, and
- ❖ Tid'al sovereign of Goyim, and
- ❖ Amraphel sovereign of Shin'ar, and
- ❖ Aryoḳ sovereign of Ellasar – four sovereigns against five.

The four kings defeat the five kings.

Gen 14:10 And the Valley of Siddim had many tar pits. And the sovereigns of Seḏom and Amarah fled and fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains.

Gen 14:11 **And they took**

- ❖ all the goods of Seḏom and Amarah, and all their food, and went away.
- ❖ Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Aḃram's brother's son who dwelt in Seḏom, and his goods, and left.

Gen 14:13 And one who had escaped came and informed Aḃram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamrě the Amorite, brother of Eshkol and brother of Anēr, and they had a covenant with Aḃram.

Gen 14:14 **And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.**

Gen 14:15 And he and his servants divided against them by night, and struck them and pursued them as far as Ḥoḃah, which is on the left of Dammeseq.

Gen 14:16 **So he brought back**

- ❖ all the goods, and also brought back

- ❖ his brother Lot and his goods, as well as
- ❖ the women and the people.

### **Abram Blessed by Melchizedek**

Upon Abraham’s return from striking Kedorlaomer and the other 3 kings; the king of Sodom comes out to meet him; **and** Melchizedek king of Salem and priest of the Most High El brought-out bread and wine. Therefore, those gathered were Abraham; along with the king of Sodom; and the king of Salem gathered in Shaveh, the King’s Valley.

**Gen 14:17** And after his return from the striking of Kedorla’omer and the sovereigns who were with him,

- ✚ the sovereign of Segom came out to meet him at the Valley of Shawēh, that is, the Sovereign’s Valley.

- ✚ **Gen 14:18** And Malkitsedeq sovereign of Shalēm brought out bread and wine. Now he was the priest of the Most High Ěl. [Note this is the first mention of bread AND wine.]

- **Gen 14:19** And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of the Most High Ěl, Possessor of the heavens and earth.
- **Gen 14:20** “And blessed be the Most High Ěl who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tenth of all.

This Melchizedek was a king of Salem and a priest of the Most High El. Melchizedek means ‘My king is righteous.’ The preachers of righteousness and the Melchizedek Order predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The Melchizedek order is a combination of kingly and priestly duties. This was a foreshadow of Yahusha our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Yahusha was Prophet; Priest; and King. He was from the tribe of Judah, being that his step-father was Joseph, and not from the tribe of Levi. He has made His people a kingdom of priest of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. Believers make up His set-apart holy nation regardless of mother / father lineage. Mother / father lineage was required under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and no females allowed. We must remember that Yahusha’s flesh and bone was from heaven, not earth. Miriam served as his surrogate mother and Joseph was his stepfather. Yahusha came in the ‘likeness’ of man. He was 100% YHWH and 0% man despite the inaccurate but highly used cliché that he was 100% God and 100% man which isn’t even mathematically correct.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

After the blessing bestowed on Abraham by Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest to the Most High El; Abraham tithes a tenth of all. The scene then switches to the King of Sodom speaking to Abraham. [See Heb. 7:1-28]

Gen 14:21 And the sovereign of Sedom said to Abram,

- “Give me the people,
- and take the goods for yourself.”

Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the sovereign of Sedom,

- ✚ “I have lifted my hand to יהוה, the Most High Ėl, the Possessor of the heavens and earth,
- ✚ Gen 14:23 not to take a thread or a sandal strap
- ✚ or whatever is yours, **lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich,’**
- ✚ Gen 14:24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Anër, Eshkol, and Mamrè. Let them take their portion.”

Abram wanted no connection to the king of Sodom; not even to take a thread or a sandal strap from him which is indicative of submitting to another's authority and power. Abram served the Sovereign of sovereigns and all glory and esteem belonged to YHWH.

## Genesis 15

### YHWH's Covenant with Abram

**Gen 15:1** After these events the word of יהוה came to Abram **in a vision**, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield, your reward is exceedingly great.**”

**Gen 15:2** And Abram said, “Master יהוה, what would You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eli'ezer of Dammeseq?”

**Gen 15:3** And Abram said, “See, You have given me no seed, and see, one born in my house is my heir!”

**Gen 15:4** And see, the word of יהוה came to him, saying,

- + **“This one is not your heir,**
- + **but he who comes from your own body is your heir.”**

**Gen 15:5** And He brought him outside and said, **“Look now toward the heavens, and count the stars if you are able to count them.”** And He said to him, **“So are your seed.”**

**Gen 15:6** And **he believed in יהוה**, and **He reckoned it to him for righteousness.**

**Gen 15:7** And He said to him, **“I am יהוה**, who brought you out of Ur-kasdim, to give you this land to inherit it.”

YHWH answers Abraham ‘I am YHWH...’

Heb 6:13 For Elohim, having promised Abraham, since **He could swear by no one greater, swore by Himself,**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> Gen\_22:16.

Heb 6:14 saying, **“Truly, blessing I shall bless you, and increasing I shall increase you.”** Gen\_22:18.

Heb 6:15 And so, after being patient, he obtained the promise.

Heb 6:16 For men do indeed swear by the one greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

Heb 6:17 **In this way Elohim, resolving to show even more clearly to the heirs of promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, confirmed it by an oath,**

Heb 6:18 **so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, we might have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us,**

Heb 6:19 which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil,

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeg. Psa\_110:4.

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Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeg."

Gen 15:8 And he said, "Master יהוה', whereby do I know that I possess it?"

Here, the 'conditional' arm of YHWH's 'unconditional' promise of Gen. 12:1-3 enters the picture when Abram asks for a guarantee.

Gen 15:9 And He said to him,

- + "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer,
- + and a three-year-old female goat,
- + and a three-year-old ram,
- + and a turtledove,
- + and a young pigeon."

Gen 15:10 And he took all these to Him and cut them in the middle, and placed each half opposite the other, **but he did not cut the birds.**

Gen 15:11 And the birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And it came to be, when the sun was going down, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, that see, a frightening great darkness fell upon him.

Brenton Septuagint Gen 15:12 : (Brenton) And about sunset a trance fell upon Abram, and lo! a great gloomy terror falls upon him.

The flaying of the animals was YHWH's 'signature guarantee' if you will, affirming what He had promised would come to fruition. This was done to assure Abram, at Abram's request. Now, with this blood ratified guarantee; a death penalty arm was added to the promise. If broken, someone would have to die.

This agreement was binding, and Abram was cognizant to understand the terms. Though in a trance, we see in the following verse that YHWH is still speaking to Abram, so we know Abram was able to hear and comprehend.

**Gen 15:13** And He said to Abram,

- ✚ “Know for certain that your seed are to be sojourners in a land that is not theirs,
- ✚ and shall serve them,
- ✚ and they shall afflict **them four hundred years**.
- ✚ **Gen 15:14** “But the nation whom they serve I am going to judge,
- ✚ and afterward let them come out with great possessions.

**Gen 15:15** “Now as for you,

- ✚ you are to go to your fathers in peace,
- ✚ you are to be buried at a good old age.
- ✚ **Gen 15:16** “Then, in the fourth generation they shall return here,
- ✚ for the crookedness of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

**Gen 15:17** And it came to be, when the sun went down and it was dark, that see,

- ✚ a smoking oven and
- ✚ a burning torch passing between those pieces.

**Gen 15:18** **On the same day יהוה' made a covenant with Abram, saying,**

- ✚ “I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Mitsrayim to the great river, the River Euphrates,
  - **Gen 15:19** with the Qěynite, and the Qenizzite, and the Qađmonite,
  - **Gen 15:20** and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Repha'im,
  - **Gen 15:21** and the Amorite, and the Kena'anite, and the Girgashite, and the Yebusite.”

## Genesis 16

### Sarai and Hagar

**Gen 16:1** And Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no child. **And she had a Mitsrian female servant whose name was Hađar.**

**Gen 16:2** And Sarai said to Abram, “See, יהוה' has kept me from bearing children. Please, go in to my female servant. It might be that I am built up by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Approximately ten years had passed since Abram and Sarai dwelt in Canaan. Sarai's hopes of conceiving a child grew cold and her faith dwindled. In her mind, the only possibility was to have a child by her female servant. What seemed impossible to her in the flesh; would not be impossible with YHWH. Sarai grew weary and devises her own plan to have a child by her female servant.

The lesson to remember here, is that we can totally trust in the promises of YHWH.

- If YHWH has promised to gather us from all the places we have been scattered, He will.
- If YHWH has told us He would never leave us or forsake us; we can believe Him.
- If YHWH has told us we will rule and reign with Him, we will.
- If YHWH told Sarai she would bear her own child; she would.

YHWH will do as He has promised despite what seems to be insurmountable impossibilities in the natural.

**Gen 16:3** And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Haḡar her female servant, the Mitsrian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Kena'an.

**Gen 16:4** And he went in to Haḡar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

**Gen 16:5** And Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my female servant into your bosom. And when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. Let יהוה judge between you and me."

**Gen 16:6** And Abram said to Sarai, "See, your female servant is in your hand, do to her what is good in your eyes." **And Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.**

**Gen 16:7** And the **Messenger of יהוה** found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur,

**Gen 16:8** and He said, **"Haḡar, Sarai's female servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?"** And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of Sarai, my mistress."

**Gen 16:9** And the **Messenger of יהוה** said to her, "Return to your mistress, and humble yourself under her hand."



YHWH shows compassion to Hagar and gives her a promise. He speaks to her through the Angel of YHWH. This is a very significant contact. He reveals to Hagar, a female servant, that He would increase her seed greatly and that she was to give her son a specific name, Ishmael. He would be a wild and rebellious one with many conflicts among the people.

**H3458** ישמעאל yishmâ'êl **BDB Definition:** Ishmael = “God will hear”

Gen 16:10 And the Messenger of יהוה said to her, “I am going to increase your seed greatly, too numerous to be counted.”

Gen 16:11 And the Messenger of יהוה said to her, “See, you are conceiving and bearing a son, and shall call his name Yishma'ël, because יהוה has heard your affliction.

Gen 16:12 “And he is to be a wild man, his hand against every one and every one's hand against him, and dwell over against all his brothers.”

Gen 16:13 And she called the Name of יהוה who spoke to her, “You are the Ĕl who sees,” for she said, “Even here have I seen after Him who sees me?”

Gen 16:14 That is why the well was called Be'ěr Lahai Ro'i, see, it is between Qaḏēsh and Bered.

**H883** באר לחי ראי be'ēr lāchay rō'iy **BDB Definition:** Beer-lahai-roi = “well of the Living One seeing me”

The well was called “YHWH sees me” and Hagar’s son name Ishmael means “YHWH will hear.” YHWH saw Hagar and He heard Hagar in her affliction.

**H1904** הגר hāgâr **BDB Definition:** Hagar = “flight”

YHWH turned Hagar from fleeing and back into community. She would be forever changed. She had once only been known as a female slave or concubine; but now she had had an encounter with the most High Elohim. YHWH saw her; He heard her; He spoke to her; and he blessed her.

Gen 16:15 And Haḡar bore Aḅram a son, and Aḅram called the name of his son, whom Haḡar bore, Yishma'ël.

Gen 16:16 And Aḅram was eighty-six years old when Haḡar bore Yishma'ël to Aḅram.

Hagar and Sarah -Galatians... [See [TorahToTheTribes.com](http://TorahToTheTribes.com) – Beyn Betwixt Series]

## Genesis 17

### Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision

**Gen 17:1** And it came to be when Abram was **ninety-nine years old, that יהוה** **appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Ēl Shaddai – walk before Me and be perfect.**

**Gen 17:2** “And I give My covenant between Me and you, and shall greatly increase you.”

**Gen 17:3** And Abram fell on his face, and **Elohim spoke with him, saying,**

✚ **Gen 17:4** “As for Me, look, My covenant is with you, and you shall become a father of many nations.

✚ **Gen 17:5** “And no longer is your name called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, because I shall make you a father of many nations.

✚ **Gen 17:6** “And I shall make you exceedingly fruitful, and make nations of you, and sovereigns shall come from you.

✚ **Gen 17:7** “And I shall establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and your seed after you.

✚ **Gen 17:8** “And I shall give to you and your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Kena’an, as an everlasting possession. And I shall be their Elohim.”

**Gen 17:9** **And Elohim said to Abraham,**

✚ “As for you, guard My covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.

✚ **Gen 17:10** “This is My covenant which you guard between Me and you, and your seed after you: **Every male child among you is to be circumcised.**

✚ **Gen 17:11** **“And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall become a sign of the covenant between Me and you.**

○ **Gen 17:12** “And a son of eight days is circumcised by you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with silver from any foreigner who is not of your seed.

○ **Gen 17:13** “He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your silver, has to be circumcised. **So shall My covenant be in your flesh, for an everlasting covenant.**

✚ **Gen 17:14** “And an uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his life shall be cut off from his people – he has broken My covenant.”

### Isaac's Birth Promised

Sarai's name changed to Sarah.

**Gen 17:15** And Elohim said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, do not call her name Sarai, for Sarah is her name.

**Gen 17:16** “And I shall bless her and also give you a son by her. And I shall bless her, and she shall become nations – sovereigns of peoples are to be from her.”

**Gen 17:17** And Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Is a child born to a man who is a hundred years old? Or is Sarah, who is ninety years old, to bear a child?”

Even Abraham, approaching 100 years of age, could not see himself and Sarah 99 years of age conceiving a child. What seems impossible for man; is never impossible for YHWH.

**Gen 17:18** And Abraham said to Elohim, “Oh, let Yishma'el live before You!”

**Gen 17:19** And Elohim said, “No, Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you, and you shall call his name Yitshaq. And I shall establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.”

YHWH clearly affirms that the covenant would be established through Isaac, the son that Abraham and Sarah would bear. YHWH would also bless Ishmael, but the covenant would be established through Isaac.

**Gen 17:20** “And as for Yishma'el, I have heard you. See, I shall bless him, and shall make him fruitful, and greatly increase him. He is to bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.

**Gen 17:21** “But My covenant I establish with Yitshaq, whom Sarah is to bear to you at this appointed time next year.”

**Gen 17:22** And when He had ended speaking with him, Elohim went up from Abraham.

**Gen 17:23** And Abraham took Yishma'el his son, and all those born in his house and all those bought with his silver, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that same day, as Elohim told him.

**Gen 17:24** And Abraham was **ninety-nine years** old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

**Gen 17:25** And Yishma'el his son was **thirteen years old** when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

**Gen 17:26** **Abraham and his son Yishma'el were circumcised that same day.**

**Gen 17:27** And all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

The covenant seed would pass through Abraham’s circumcised flesh and would be conceived in Sarah. This would establish the covenant to be through Isaac, born of Abraham and Sarah.

## Isaiah 5

YHWH addresses and cares greatly for His beloved; and His set-apart ones; His bride still desires to sing to Him. However, something goes terribly wrong! Our Beloved, after doing everything possible for His vineyard to produce a wonderful harvest; after clearing stones and planting it with the choicest vine; after waiting in great anticipation for His beloved to produce abundant fruit; it yields ROTTEN fruit.

Now, Isaiah, is going to inform us of the outcome of the vineyard. We first need to understand the players in this allegory; the **Vinedresser** is YHWH; the **vineyard** is the **House of Israel**; and His **pleasant plant** is the **man of Yehudah (Judah) [Isaiah 5:7]**. We will see the outcome of vines that run wild; that become dirty in the low muddy mire; rather than submitting to being lifted up so that they can cling to the support of the Trellis.

**Jeremiah 12** gives us cross-references as to who played a major role in damaging His vineyard. Jeremiah 12 identifies those as shepherds, who should have been caring for His vineyard but allowed weeds and insects to invade.

### The Vineyard of the Lord Destroyed

**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.

**Isa 5:3** “And now, O inhabitant of Yerushalayim and man of Yehudah, please judge between Me and My vineyard.

**Isa 5:4** “What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? **Why, when I waited for the yielding of grapes,** did it yield rotten ones?

**Isa 5:5** “And now, please let Me inform you what I am doing to My vineyard: To take away its hedge and it shall be burned; to break down its wall and it shall be trampled down;

**Isa 5:6** and I lay it waste; it is not pruned or dug and thornbushes and weeds shall come up; and I command the clouds not to rain on it.”

**Isa 5:7** For the vineyard of יהוה of hosts is the house of Yisra'el, and the man of Yehudah is His pleasant plant. He looked for right-ruling, but see, oppression; for righteousness, but see, weeping.

Jer 12:10 “**Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard**, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion become a deserted wilderness.<sup>b</sup>

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote Jer 10:21.

Jer 12:11 “**They have laid it waste** – a waste, **it mourns to Me**. All the land is laid waste, because no one takes it to heart.

Jer 12:12 “**The ravagers have come** on all the bare heights in the wilderness, for the sword of יהוה is devouring from one end of the land to the other end of the land. There is no peace to any flesh.

Jer 12:13 “They have sown wheat but reaped thorns, they have exhausted themselves – **they do not profit**. **And they shall be ashamed of your harvest because of the burning displeasure of יהוה.**”

Jer 12:14 **Thus said יהוה**: “As for **all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Yisra'el to inherit**; see, I am plucking them out of their land, and I shall pluck out the **house of Yehudah** from their midst.

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**Zec 7:14** “**And I scattered them with a storm wind among all the nations which they had not known**. **And the land was laid waste behind them, no one passing through or returning, for they made the pleasant land a waste.**”

As I read these scriptures with you, I really want us to be led by His Spirit in understanding how this applies to us today. I want us to share insights and possibilities while knowing we all see dimly in the mirror; but we are noticing that our vision is becoming more and more in focus. Knowing this, I offer my insights, not to say that they are exact; but to say I know each day that we feed on His Word; the more ‘in focus’ our sight will become. So please receive these insights in this context.

We live in the days of unholy alliances and the following verses could most certainly reflect this reality. There have been exorbitant, costly, ‘churches’; mosques; temples; and cathedrals built; they have networked themselves from field to field; from continent to continent; yet, all the while, true believers in Yahusha HaMashiach are Israel, the assembly born from above by grace through faith.



This makes much sense if we connect the seven letters written to the seven types of congregations that have existed throughout all the ages. We know there were **only two lampstands**, Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7) and Smyrna (Rev. 2:8) that did NOT receive remarks of condemnation. Thinking outside the box, we have previously pondered if these two lampstands could be the two end time witnesses or at least a component of the witnesses.

### Woe to the Wicked

Isa 5:8 **Woe** to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

Isa 5:9 In my hearing יהוה of hosts said, “Truly, many houses shall be a waste – big and fine ones, without inhabitant.

Isa 5:10 “For ten acres of vineyard yield one bath, and a homer of seed yields one éphah.”

Wow! What a lousy harvest! Please see **measurement chart by Gill Broussard** to put into perspective the measurements of then and now.

By: Gill Broussard

## Hebrew Trade and Commerce

**The Adam (Man)**  
Units of Measure 6,000 Years Ago  
Adam Meseiah

**Liquid Measures**  
Cor (= 10 baths or 60 hins)  
68.620 US Gallons

**Dry Measures**  
Homer (= 1 cor or 10 ephahs)  
230 US qt dry

**Weights and Currencies**  
(Original units before 600 B.C.)  
Talent - Royal  
25,885.90 Grams, 852.258 Troy Oz,  
57.0687 lbs  
1 talent = Royal = 60 mina  
Mina  
431.451 Grams, 13.870 Troy Oz  
1 mina = 50 shekel, 60 bekah  
Shekel  
14.381 Grams, 0.4624 Troy Oz  
1 shekel = 2 bekah, 20 garah  
Pim  
9.577 Grams, 0.3082 Troy Oz  
1 pim = 2/3 shekel  
Bekah  
7.190 Grams, 0.2312 Troy Oz  
1 bekah = 1/2 shekel  
Garah  
0.7190 Grams, 0.02312 Troy Oz  
1 garah = 1/20 shekel, 4 mite  
Mite  
0.1797 Grams, 0.005779 Troy Oz  
1 mite = 1/80 shekel, 1/4 garah

**1st Century Currencies in the Hebrew, Greek & Roman World**  
As the Roman economy progressed in its struggle, their silver coins had less weight and purity of silver than Greek, Tyre or Hebrew coins.

**Volume of 600 eggs = 1 Bath 1 Ephah**

**One Cubic Hebrew Foot**  
Volume: 1585.242 cubic inches  
Weights: 57.0687 lbs  
6.862 US Gallons  
23 US qt dry

**Bath Volume:**  
1585.242 inches<sup>3</sup>  
6.862 US Gallons  
23 US qt dry  
27.448 US Quarts

**Ephah Volume:**  
1585.242 inches<sup>3</sup>  
23 US qt dry  
46 US pt dry

**Talent - Royal = wt of water (1 cubic foot)**  
57.0687 lbs  
852.258 Troy Oz  
25,885.907 Grams

**Talent - Common**  
Gold 1/30 = 1,902 lbs  
Silver 27.747 Troy Oz  
Copper  
Zinc

**Seah (= 1/3 ephah)**  
7.666 US qt dry,  
35.7 Cups

**Omer (= 1/10 ephah)**  
2.30 US qt dry, 10.71 Cups

**Quart Hebrew (= 1/18 ephah)**  
1.277 US qt dry, 5.94 Cups

**Cab (= 1/20 ephah)**  
1.150 US qt dry, 5.35 Cups

**Oldest Coin Known**  
Lydian electrum stater  
650-600 B.C.  
The coin type, made of a gold and silver alloy, was in all likelihood the world's first, minted by King Alyattes in Sardis, Lydia, Asia Minor (present-day Turkey), 600-600 B.C.

Then several verses share how the people had gone into full fledged debauchery. They had not followed His commands; they partook in drunkenness; they partook in music and drinking feasts, but none reflected anything related to YHWH! The people lacked knowledge and they esteemed man and not YHWH; and the path they are on leads to destruction.

We ourselves have come out of the exile! We heard and heeded the warning from YHWH, ‘Come out of her My people’; lest you share in her sins and plagues. (Paraphrased Rev. 18:4)

Six woes of warning continue:

Isa 5:11 **Woe** to those who rise early in the morning pursuing strong drink, who stay up late at night – wine inflames them!

Isa 5:12 And the lyre and the harp, the tambourine and flute, and wine are in their feasts; but they do not regard the deeds of יהוה, nor see the work of His hands.

Isa 5:13 Therefore my people have gone into exile, because they have no knowledge. And their esteemed men are starved, and their crowd dried up with thirst.

Isa 5:14 Therefore She’ol has made itself wide and opened its mouth without law. Their splendor and their crowd and their uproar, and he who is exulting within her, shall go down into it.

Isa 5:15 And man is bowed down, and mortal man humbled, and the eyes of the proud are humbled.

Isa 5:16 **But יהוה' of hosts is exalted in judgment, and the set-apart Ėl is set-apart in righteousness.**

Isa 5:17 **And the lambs shall feed in their pasture, and strangers shall eat in the waste places of the fat ones.**

Isa 5:18 **Woe** to those who draw crookedness with cords of falsehood, and sin as with wagon ropes,

Isa 5:19 who are saying, “Let Him hurry! Let Him hasten His work, so that we see it! And let the counsel of the Set-apart One of Yisra’el draw near and come, so that we know.”

Isa 5:20 **Woe** to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isa 5:21 **Woe** to those who are wise in their own eyes,<sup>a</sup> and clever in their own sight!

Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Pro 3:7](#).

Isa 5:22 **Woe** to the mighty to drink wine, and brave men to mix strong drink,

Isa 5:23 who declare right the wrong for a bribe, and the righteousness of the righteous



they turn aside from him!

**Isa 5:24** Therefore, as a tongue of fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, their root is as rottenness, and their blossom goes up like dust – because they have rejected the Torah of יהוה of hosts, and despised the Word of the Set-apart One of Yisra'ël.

**Isa 5:25** Therefore the displeasure of יהוה has burned against His people, and He stretches out His hand against them and strikes them, and the mountains tremble. And their carcass is as filth in the middle of the streets. With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out!

**Isa 5:26** And He shall lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and shall whistle to them from the end of the earth. And see, they come with speed, swiftly!

**Isa 5:27** Not one of them is weary or stumbling, not one slumbers or sleeps. Not a belt shall be loosened on their loins, nor the thong of their sandals be broken.

**Isa 5:28** Their arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hooves shall seem like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind.

**Isa 5:29** Their roar is like that of a lion, they roar like young lions. And they growl and seize prey, and slip away, with no one to rescue.

**Isa 5:30** And in that day they shall growl over it as with the growling of the sea. And one shall look at the earth, and see, darkness and distress! And light shall be darkened by the clouds.

The last verses, [Isaiah 5:26-30](#), still have prophetic implications for us today. There are at least two different camps or thoughts; of who makes up this army. Both camps may also connect this scene to the [Joel 2](#) army.

One camp, sees these as satanic enemy combatants while...

The other camp sees these as those in [Revelation 19](#).

[Rev 19:14](#) And the armies in the heaven, dressed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

[Rev 19:15](#) And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations.

**And He shall shepherd them with a rod of iron.** [Psa\\_2:9](#) And **He treads the winepress of the fierceness** and wrath of Ėl Shaddai.

We also know Satan, the dragon, makes war with the remnant. If Satan, makes war with them, then they hardly could be considered ones easily conquered.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and **he went to fight with the remnant of her seed**, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of יהושע Messiah.

We also need to understand, that YHWH's witnesses; whether you believe the two witnesses are individuals; or the two lampstands are the witnesses of Smyrna and Philadelphia; **or both**; these **will be given supernatural powers**. They will possess the force of YHWH behind them. With that in mind, ponder this scene in **Revelation 11**.

Rev 11:3 "And I shall give **unto my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy **one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.**"

Rev 11:4 These are the **two olive trees** <sup>Eze\_4:3</sup> and **the two lampstands** that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if anyone wishes to harm them, **fire comes out from their mouth and consumes their enemies**. And if anyone wishes to harm them, he has to be killed in that way.

Rev 11:6 These **possess authority** to shut the heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy. And they **possess authority** over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they wish.

Rev 11:7 And **when they have ended their witness**, the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep shall fight against them, and overcome them, and kill them,

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies *lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Mitsrayim, where also our Master was impaled,

Rev 11:9 and some of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their dead bodies for three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be placed into tombs,

Rev 11:10 and those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them and exult. And they shall send gifts to each other, because these two prophets tortured those dwelling on the earth.

Rev 11:11 **And after the three and a half days a spirit of life from Elohim entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.**

Rev 11:12 **And they heard a loud voice from the heaven saying to them, "Come up here."** And they went up into the heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Rev 11:13 And in that hour there came to be a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. And in the earthquake seven thousand men were killed, and the rest became afraid and gave esteem to the Elohim of the heaven.

Rev 11:14 The second woe is past, and see, the third woe is coming speedily.

Joe 2:11 And **יהוה shall give forth His voice before His army**, for His camp is very great, for mighty is the doer of His word. For the day of יהוה is great and very awesome, and who does bear it?

## Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6 is amazing. He has a vision of being in the very presence of YHWH, who is holy, holy, holy. Isaiah describes the scene.

### Isaiah's Vision of YHWH

**Isa 6:1** In the year that Sovereign Uzziyahu died, I saw יהוה sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the Hēkal.

**Isa 6:2** Above it stood seraphim. Each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

**Isa 6:3** And one cried to another and said, “Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart is יהוה of hosts; all the earth is filled with His esteem!”

**Isa 6:4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

**Isa 6:5** And I said, “Woe to me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips – for my eyes have seen the Sovereign, יהוה of hosts.”

**Isa 6:6** And one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the slaughter-place.

**Isa 6:7** And he touched my mouth with it, and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your crookedness is taken away, and your sin is covered.”

**Isaiah says, ‘Woe is me!’** Isaiah knew he was but a man of unclean lips and lived amid unclean people. His eyes had seen the Sovereign which would normally require death. A seraph intervenes by covering or taking away Isaiah’s sin; by using tongs to pick up a live coal from the slaughter-place and touches his mouth.

**Note there is a slaughter-place in this scene.** Remember Moses had been instructed to make an exact replica on earth of the heavenly furnishings he had been shown. The heavenly ones also had to be cleansed; but they would be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb! Remember Yahusha was slain before the foundations of the world. **Rev 13:8** And all those dwelling on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of **the slain Lamb, from the foundation of the world shall worship him.**

**Heb 9:23** It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter offerings than these.

**Heb 9:24** For Messiah has not entered into a Set-apart Place made by hand – figures of the true – but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf,

**Heb 9:25** not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Set-apart Place year by year with blood not his own.

Heb 9:26 For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself.

**Isaiah is given a prophetic commission** that will again occur in the end of days. Prophecies usually are repeated 2-3 times.

### Isaiah's Commission from YHWH

**Isa 6:8** And I heard the voice of יהוה, saying, “Whom do I send, and who would go for Us?” And I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**Isa 6:9** And He said, “Go, and you shall say to this people, ‘Hearing, you hear, but do not understand; and seeing, you see, but do not know.’”

**Isa 6:10** “Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and shall turn and be healed.”

**Isa 6:11** Then I said, “יהוה, until when?” **And He answered,**

- ✚ “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,
- ✚ and the houses are without a man,
- ✚ and the land is laid waste, a ruin,
- ✚ **Isa 6:12** and יהוה has removed men far away, and the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land.

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**Isa 6:13** “**But still, there is a tenth part in it**, and it shall again be for a burning, like a terebinth tree and like an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. The set-apart seed is its stump!”

Mar 13:20 “And if the Master had not shortened those days, no flesh would have been saved; but because of the chosen ones, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Rom 11:5 So therefore also, at this present time a remnant according to the choice of favour has come to be.

Rom 11:6 And if by favour, it is no longer of works, otherwise favour is no longer favour. And if it is of works, it is no longer favour, otherwise work is no longer work.

## Isaiah 7

### Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz

**Isa 7:1** And it came to be in the days of Ahaz son of Yotham, son of Uzziyahu, sovereign of Yehudah, that Retsin sovereign of Aram and Peqah son of Remalyahu, sovereign of Yisra'el, went up to Yerushalayim to fight against it, but could not prevail against it.

Isaiah 7:1 Lists all those involved in an attack concerning Jerusalem:

**Ahaz: King of Judah** (son of Yotham, son of Uzziyahu) – he was a wicked king; if not the worst king of Judah.

Attacking forces that were coming against Judah were:

**Retsin: King of Aram** (Syria);

**Peqah: King of Israel** (the northern 10 tribes). Peqah was son of Remalyahu.

After Solomon’s reign the kingdom had split into the southern House of Judah (2 tribes) and the northern House of Israel made up of (ten tribes). AFTER this split, there were never any ‘good’ kings over the northern House of Israel.

**Isa 7:2** And it was reported to the house of Dawid, saying, “Aram has set up camp in Ephrayim.” And his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

Word is sent to the House of David, [Judah, the southern kingdom], of what was about to take place. Their brethren in the northern House of Israel known as Ephraim, had made **an unholy alliance** with Syria, to attack the southern House of Judah. Syria forces were in the northern territory of Israel, coordinating their efforts for the attack. We are told the House of Judah prevails in this attack before it takes place. Details are given in **2Kings 16** and **2Chron. 28:6**.

YHWH sends Isaiah with his son, She’ar-Yashub, [meaning ‘a remnant will return’], to a very specific location to meet Ahaz and Isaiah gives him the prophesy of YHWH. Apparently, the meeting location was well known for being a highway near a place where people gathered to wash or launder items; sometimes it was referred to as the fuller’s field. We read:

**Isa 7:3** And יהוה said to Yeshayahu, “Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and She’ar-Yashub your son, at the end of the channel of the upper pool, on the highway of the Launderer’s Field,

**Isa 7:4** and say to him, ‘Take heed, and be calm; do not fear or be faint-hearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce displeasure of Retsin and Aram, and the son of Remalyahu.

Though the situation seemed dire to Ahaz, the prophetic message was one of comfort; though we will see it was not received by Ahaz. YHWH viewed Syria and the House of Israel as two stubs; while, Ahaz, on the other hand, viewed them as two great forces. The enemy was wanting to make the House of Judah a vassal state and place their own king over them, the son of Taḇe'ěl.

Ahaz refuses to trust YHWH by faith and see all things go well; instead he acts in his own flesh. We read he makes an unholy alliance with Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria; and pays not only a great financial price; but also, a great price of war casualties and damage. (2 Kings 16:7-9) Though the House of Judah does prevail, there were still 120,000 brave men in Judah killed; 200,000 women, sons, and daughters taken captive; and spoils taken. (2Chron. 28:6-8) This was the result of Ahaz acting in his own flesh.

Isaiah 7:10 speaks of an interesting request that YHWH makes to Ahaz. YHWH asks Ahaz to test Him. When YHWH gives someone permission to test Him, it is perfectly correct to do so. Instead, Ahaz makes it sound 'more spiritual' by saying, "I do not ask nor try YHWH!"

Since Ahaz refuses to accept the invitation to test YHWH; YHWH therefore tells Him that He will give Ahaz a sign.

**Isa 7:5** Because Aram, Ephrayim, and the son of Remalyahu have plotted evil against you, saying,

**Isa 7:6** "Let us go up against Yehudāh and tear it apart, and break it open for ourselves, and set a sovereign over them, the son of Taḇe'ěl."

**Isa 7:7** Thus said the Master יהוה, "It is not going to stand, nor shall it take place.

**Isa 7:8** "For the head of Aram is Dammeseq, and the head of Dammeseq is Retsin. And within sixty-five years Ephrayim is to be broken as a people.

**Isa 7:9** "And the head of Ephrayim is Shomeron, and the head of Shomeron is the son of Remalyahu. If you do not believe, you are not steadfast." ' "

### **The Sign of Immanuel**

**Isa 7:10** And יהוה spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

**Isa 7:11** "Ask a sign for yourself from יהוה your Elohim; make deep the request or make it high."

**Isa 7:12** But Ahaz said, "I do not ask nor try יהוה!"

**Isa 7:13** And he said, "Hear now, O house of Dawid! Is it not enough that you weary men, that you weary my Elohim also?"

**Isa 7:14** “Therefore יהוה Himself gives you a sign: Look, the ‘almah<sup>a</sup> conceives and gives birth to a son, and shall call His Name Immanu’el.<sup>b</sup> Footnotes: <sup>a</sup>Virgin/young woman. See also Explanatory Note: “Maiden”. <sup>b</sup>El with us.

**Isa 7:15** “He eats curds and honey when He knows to refuse evil and choose the good.

**Isa 7:16** “For before the child knows to refuse evil and choose the good, the land that you dread is to be forsaken by both her sovereigns.

### The Prophecies Behind this Sign:

**The Near Prophecy:** The ‘near’ fulfillment of this sign for Ahaz was to inform him that he would see both the kings of Syria and Israel defeated. Also, YHWH was with them, whether Ahaz believed or not.

And lastly, the prophesy shows that Assyria, the one Ahaz had made an unholy alliance with, would later rise and defeat Judah as well; and leave it desolate.

2Ch 33:11 Therefore יהוה brought upon them the commanders of the army of the sovereign of Ashshur, who captured Menashsheh with hooks, bound him with bronze shackles, and made him go to Babel.

**Future Prophecy:** The future fulfillment of this prophetic sign, speaks of Yahusha being born of a virgin, and given the Name Immanuel, ‘Eloah with us’ or ‘GOD with us.’ Yahusha was ‘YHWH in Son’ and came in the likeness of flesh to redeem man-kind, creation, and the land.

**End-time Prophecy:** The end-time fulfillment of this prophesy is that Yahusha HaMashiach will return as a conquering King. He will return for His bride and once again He will dwelt or tabernacle with His people. Until then, He has given us the Comforter, the Ruach HaKodesh.

**Isa 7:17** “יהוה brings on you and your people and your father’s house days that have not come since the day that Ephrayim turned away from Yehudah – the sovereign of Ashshur.”

**Isa 7:18** And it shall be in that day that יהוה whistles for the fly that is in the farthest part of the rivers of Mitsrayim, and for the bee that is in the land of Ashshur.

**Isa 7:19** And they shall come, and all of them shall rest in the steep ravines and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all weeds and in all pastures.

**Isa 7:20** In that day יהוה shall shave with a razor hired beyond the River – with the



sovereign of Ashshur – the head and the hair of the legs, and also remove the beard.

**Isa 7:21** And it shall be in that day that a man keeps alive a young cow and two sheep.

**Isa 7:22** And it shall be, that he shall eat curds because of the plenty milk he gets, for everyone left in the land shall eat curds.

**Isa 7:23** And it shall be in that day, every place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand sheqels of silver, let it be for thornbushes and weeds.

**Isa 7:24** With arrows and bows one shall go there, because all the land shall be thornbushes and weeds.

**Isa 7:25** And to all the hills which were tilled with the hoe, you do not go for fear of thornbushes and weeds; but it shall be for sending oxen to, and a place for sheep to roam.

## John 8: 51-58

Yahusha witnesses to the Yehudim for the rest of John 8. The Yehudim do not have spiritual eyes to see nor ears to hear. They flip the conversation to accuse Yahusha of having a demon. The enemy is always ready to call good evil and evil good. Then Yahusha closes with:

### Before Abraham Was, I Am

**Joh 8:48** The Yehudim answered and said to Him, “Do we not say well that You are a Shomeroni and have a demon?”

**Joh 8:49** יהושע answered, “I do not have a demon, but I value My Father, and you do not value Me.

**Joh 8:50** “And I do not seek My own esteem, there is One who is seeking and is judging.

**Joh 8:51** “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone guards My Word he shall never see death at all.”

**Joh 8:52** The Yehudim said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, and the prophets. And You say, ‘If anyone guards My Word he shall never taste death at all.’

**Joh 8:53** “Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died. Whom do You make Yourself?”

**Joh 8:54** יהושע answered, “If I esteem Myself, My esteem is none at all. It is My Father who esteems Me, of whom you say that He is your Elohim.

**Joh 8:55** “And you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be like you, a liar. But I do know Him and I guard His Word.<sup>d</sup> **Footnote:**

<sup>d</sup>See also [Joh 15:10](#).

**Joh 8:56** “Your father Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice.”

Gen 15:12 And it came to be, when the sun was going down, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, that see, a frightening great darkness fell upon him.

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

Joh 8:57 The Yehudim, therefore, said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Joh 8:58 יהושע said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am.”<sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup>See also [Joh 1:1](#), [Joh 6:62](#), [Joh 17:5](#), [Heb 11:26](#)

Joh 8:59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but יהושע was hidden and went out of the Set-apart Place, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

*Shabbat Shalom, Libby*