

Parashah 3 - Lech L'cha - לך-לך
"Get yourself out"



Torah: B'resheet 12:1-17:27

- Aliyah 1 - 12:1 -13 Avram called to leave his home and follow Adonai
- Aliyah 2 - 12:14 -13:4 Avram goes to Egypt; Sarai and Pharaoh; back to the first altar
- Aliyah 3 - 13:5 -18 Avram and Lot separate, Avram given The Land, walks it, moves to Hevron
- Aliyah 4 - 14:1 -20 4 kings against 5; Lot taken and rescued; the King of Shalem, Malik-Tzedek
- Aliyah 5 - 14:21 -15:6 El Elyon vs King of S'dom; promise of descendants; credited with righteousness
- Aliyah 6 - 15:7 -17:6 Covenant of Land; Sarai and Hagar; Yishma'el born, Avram becomes Avraham
- Aliyah 7 - 17:7 -27 Covenant of People; Sarai becomes Sarah; covenant with Yitz'chak promised

Haftarah: Yesha'yahu 40:27-41:16

B'rit Hadashah: Romans 4:1-25

1. Look closely at the meaning of "Lekh L'kha." After reading this portion, how do these words apply to you and your walk with Adonai?

2. Who was Avram's father? Where was he from? Who was Sarai? Who was Lot? Who were "the people they acquired in Haran?" Who was Hagar?

3. Where did God tell Avram to go? Where was the first place God "appears" to Avram? (12:6-7) What happens there later?

4. B'resheet 15:6 says, "He believed in Adonai, and he credited to him as righteousness." How can this be used as a reference to salvation by faith?

5. During what timeframe does the mitzvah of circumcision apply? (17:13) Does it only apply to the Israelites? (17:10,12,27) Is circumcision of the heart a "new testament" idea? (Deu 10:16, 30:6; Jer 4:4) Why is this important?

6. Who is Melchizedek (Malki-Tzedek)?

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7. What is the difference between a contract and a covenant? What do we learn about covenant from Abraham's "old" (15:10) and "new" (17:2) covenants with God? Does the new replace the old? By definition, "covenants" require a "sign." Why is this important? Why do you think this particular covenant sign was selected by God?

8. Why does God change Avram's name to Avraham? Sarai to Sarah?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (12:1) Sometimes we have to leave something (or someone) behind in order to move on. Is God speaking to you about this? If so, what are you waiting for?
2. (12:14) Sarai was a treasure to Avram, yet he hid their relationship from Pharaoh. What do you treasure? Do you "hide" it? How do others view what you treasure?
3. (13:5) We become like those with whom we associate. Who do you want to be like? Do you spend enough time with Yeshua for it to show?
4. (14:13) The word "hebrew" means "to cross over." Have you "crossed over" from death to life? (John 5:24, Gal 3:7)
5. (14:21) Have you ever been tempted to use tainted or forbidden means to justify what seems like positive results? What are you doing to prevent this?
6. (15:8) Do you ever ask God, "how will I know?" Has he answered with a promise? Are you participating with Him, or just waiting? (Eph 2:8-10)
7. (17:7) It is God who establishes His covenant. Do you trust Him to uphold His covenant? Are you sure?