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Genesis 12:1–17:27; Isaiah 40-41 ; Acts 7-8, Rom 3-5, Gal 3-5, Col 2, Heb 7-8

LECH LECHA IS MORE THAN "GO"

The Hebrew words לֶךְ־לְךָ — Lech Lecha are usually translated, "Go forth" or "Get yourself out."

Lech — go, walk, move. Lecha — for yourself, to yourself.

Abram had to leave something before Yahweh could reveal something.

Yahweh did not give Abram the entire map. He simply said: "Go… to the land that I will show you."

Covenant begins when obedience becomes greater than our need for certainty.

We often want Yahweh to show us the destination before we take the first step.

But Yahweh told Abram to take the first step before revealing the destination.

"I do not need to know everything about where I am going when I know the One who is leading me.

THREE THINGS HAD TO RELEASE ABRAM Genesis 12:1 contains three separations:

Your land, Your relatives, Your father's house.

His land represented his environment.

His relatives represented his social identity.

His father's house represented his inherited identity.

Sometimes Yahweh calls us out of: old thinking, traditions, fears, identities, dependencies, and even old inherited patterns.

Lech Lecha is not primarily about leaving a place. It is about leaving an identity that is too small for the promise Yahweh has placed upon you.

YAHWEH DID NOT SHOW ABRAM A MAP — HE GAVE HIM A PROMISE

Genesis 12:2 says: And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing.

Abram's destiny did not depend primarily upon Abram's ability. It depended upon Yahweh's faithfulness.

Religion says: I must become worthy enough for Yahweh to bless me.

Covenant says: Yahweh has spoken; therefore, I walk faithfully with Him.

Abram's responsibility was obedience. Yahweh's responsibility was fulfilment.

ABRAM BUILT ALTARS BEFORE HE BUILT HOUSES

Genesis 12:7: And יהוה appeared to Abram… and there he built an altar to יהוה."

Genesis 12:8 , Abraham was living in tents, but building altars.

We often build our lives first and then try to fit Yahweh somewhere inside them.

Abraham did the opposite. He established worship first and lived around the altar.

The tent said: "I am a pilgrim."

The altar said: "I belong to Yahweh."

Are we building bigger tents or stronger altars?

THE FAMINE CAME AFTER THE CALL

Abram obeyed Yahweh. He reached the promised land. And then there was famine.

We sometimes assume that obedience should immediately produce comfortable, blessed circumstances.

The presence of difficulty does not mean the absence of Yahweh's calling.

Sometimes the famine occurs inside the place of promise. Why?

Because Yahweh does not only want to bring us to the promise. He wants to develop within us the character capable of carrying the promise.

He feared for his life and asked Sarai to say she was his sister.

The journey revealed what was still inside Abram.

The wilderness does not create what is inside us; it reveals it. Pressure reveals where faith still needs to mature.

Yahweh was not finished with Abram. And thankfully, one failure did not cancel the covenant.

LOT CHOSE BY SIGHT — ABRAM RECEIVED BY PROMISE

Jordan Valley It was beautiful, well-watered. Lot lifted his own eyes and chose.

After Lot separated from him, Yahweh said: "Lift up your eyes now and look…"

Abram waited until Yahweh told him to lift his eyes.

Not every beautiful opportunity is a covenant opportunity.

Sodom looked prosperous. The promised land required faith.

Lot chose according to appearance. Abraham received according to revelation.

The question is not: “Does this look good?” The question is: Did Yahweh give it?

MELCHIZEDEK APPEARS — AND YESHUA IS ALREADY BEING REVEALED

His name carries the meaning: King of Righteousness. King of Salem — King of Peace.

He comes bringing bread and wine. And he blesses Abram in the name of: El Elyon — Elohim Most High.

Hebrews 7:17 says of Yeshua : “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

King of Righteousness. King of Peace. Priest of El Elyon. Bread. Wine. Blessing.

Before Sinai, before the Levitical priesthood, Scripture is already pointing toward the eternal priesthood fulfilled in Yeshua our Messiah.

ABRAM REFUSED SODOM'S WEALTH Genesis 14:22–23:

“I have lifted my hand to יהוה, El Elyon… that I do not take a thread or a sandal strap… lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’

Abraham understood: There are blessings you should refuse because accepting them gives the wrong person the right to claim your success.

He would rather depend upon Yahweh than allow Sodom to say: I made Abraham wealthy.

This is covenant integrity. Not every increase is blessing. Not every open door comes from Yahweh.

Sometimes holiness requires saying: No — Yahweh alone will be my source.

“LOOK AT THE STARS” — YAHWEH MOVED ABRAM OUTSIDE

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

“He brought him outside.”

His circumstances were defining his expectations, Abram was looking at his age, Sarai's barrenness, the passing years, and the impossibility.

Yahweh said: look higher. Faith often begins when Yahweh changes where we are looking.

THE COVENANT PASSED THROUGH THE PIECES

Animals were divided, and covenant was established. Abram fell into a deep sleep. Then the smoking furnace and burning torch passed between the pieces.

Yahweh Himself symbolically passed through. Abram did not.

The ultimate security of the covenant rests upon Yahweh's faithfulness.

Abram would fail. Israel would fail. We would fail.

Yet Yahweh would remain faithful to His covenant purposes.

And ultimately Yeshua would bear the covenant consequences in His own body.

The covenant-making Elohim becomes the covenant-keeping Redeemer.

ISHMAEL — WHEN WE TRY TO HELP YAHWEH FULFIL HIS PROMISE

Yahweh had promised a son. Years passed.

Abram and Sarai developed a solution. Hagar: Ishmael was born.

A promise from Yahweh does not require human manipulation to make it happen.

We can receive a genuine word from Yahweh and still attempt to fulfil it by fleshly methods.

There is a difference between waiting for Yahweh and working for Yahweh.

Faith is not inactivity. But faith refuses to manufacture what only Yahweh can birth.

Sometimes the greatest test of faith is not whether we believe Yahweh can do something, it is whether we can wait until He does it His way.

ABRAM BECOMES ABRAHAM, AND SARAI BECOMES SARAH.

Yahweh changes their names before the promised son appears.

Yahweh named Abraham according to his destiny before Abraham could see the fulfilment of that destiny. He was called: “Father of many nations” While still waiting for Isaac.

“What is your name?” “Father of many nations.” “How many children do you have?”

The promise had not yet manifested.

Every time Abraham spoke his new name, he was confessing Yahweh's promise.

Faith learns to answer to the name Yahweh gives us rather than the name circumstances give us.

Circumstances said Barren. Yahweh said Father of nations.

Circumstances said Impossible. Yahweh said: Covenant Promise.

THE LETTER ה — HEY

Abram — AbraHam , Sarai —SaraH

Hey is associated with breath, revelation and beholding/see

The couple who could not produce the promised seed naturally would receive what human strength could not accomplish.

The promise would come because Yahweh breathed life into what appeared impossible.

What flesh cannot produce, Yahweh brings forth according to His promise.

CIRCUMCISION — THE COVENANT MARK IS INTRODUCED

Yahweh was teaching Abraham: “The promised seed will not ultimately come through confidence in human flesh.”

The flesh itself carries the sign that says: My confidence is not in flesh. My confidence is in Yahweh's covenant.

Paul later develops the deeper heart dimension: Circumcision is that of the heart, in Spirit… Rom 2:29

Torah already points beyond the external sign toward the surrender of the inner person to Yahweh.

LECH LECHA ULTIMATELY POINTS TO YESHUA

Galatians 3:16 says: “And the promises were spoken to Abraham, and to his Seed… who is Messiah.”

Yeshua is the ultimate covenant Seed.

Through Abraham Yahweh promised: “And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.

That blessing ultimately reaches the nations through Yeshua Messiah.

So Lech Lecha begins with one man leaving his father's house… but ends with people from every tribe, tongue and nation being invited into covenant relationship through Messiah.

Abraham walked toward a land he could not yet see. Yeshua came to bring scattered people home.

Abraham received covenant. Yeshua is the Mediator of the renewed covenant.

Abraham encountered the King of Righteousness. Yeshua is our eternal High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Abraham believed Yahweh. And through Messiah, the children of Abraham are called to that same covenant faithfulness.

And this is still Yahweh's invitation to us. Lech Lecha.

Come out of everything that prevents you from becoming what Yahweh has called you to be.

Walk even when you cannot see the entire road.

Build altars along the journey.

Do not choose merely by sight.

Do not accept Sodom's substitutes.

Do not manufacture Ishmaels because the promise seems delayed.

And do not allow present circumstances to name you.

Answer to the name Yahweh has spoken over you.

Because the One who calls you out is already waiting for you in the place He promised.

Beloved mishpocha, perhaps Yahweh is saying again:

Lech Lecha. “Walk with Me.”

You may not have the whole map.

But Yahweh's covenant purposes are greater than human weakness.

Keep walking.

LECH LECHA — ARISE, WALK, AND BECOME