

Lesson No. 122 – The Seven Parts of ELOHIM’s Creation, Part Three

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Part 3 – The Abrahamic Blessings

All praise to ELOHIM for continually opening our eyes to the many golden nuggets we are seeing in this book we call the Bible. Last Sabbath, we continued to read how ELOHIM’s WORD is consistent as we followed up on how YAHWEH of ELOHIM, now YESHUA HAMASHIAC, actually created all things through the use of HIS ministering spirits, HIS angels, HIS heavenly hosts. We will continually read how this was YAHWEH of ELOHIM’s protocol throughout ELOHIM’s WORD.

As we have now read about the original creation of the heavens and the earth, and Noah’s commission to replenish the earth, during parts one and two, we are now ready to look at the blessings given to Abraham. And in so doing, the Household of Faith must never forget the protocols ELOHIM is continually teaching us. In particular, as we now are prepared to once again study Abraham, those protocols must form the basis for the faith we also all must develop in order to endure until the end.

In fact, I encourage all who are of the mindset that they have been “called-out” to join YESHUA’s Household of Faith, to personalize the story of Abram. Let’s try and put ourselves in his shoes as we read about him.

- Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Imagine this request being made to any of us. Think back to your own calling. What is the first thought or action in your own lives that made you consider that there was something missing or something else was needed?

What drove each of you to seek something that for each of you could potentially separate you spiritually from family and friends? Abram was told to leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house.

- Gen 12:2 And **I will make of thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed**.

Here, for leaving his country, kindred and his father's house, YAHWEH of ELOHIM tells Abram HE will make of him a great nation, bless them that bless him, curse them that curse him, and in him shall all families of the earth be blessed. Why? Let's understand what we are reading. When we read of Abel, Enoch and Noah, we were told what it was about them that gained YAHWEH of ELOHIM's favor. Here, we are told nothing that informs us how Abram was initially chosen for this great honor. Again, as we relive Abram's life, remind yourselves of why each of us have been chosen for the opportunity we have been provided to be drawn, called and chosen to be "a part of YESHUA". Later we are provided perhaps the simple most factor of why Abram was chosen.

- Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

It would certainly appear that, based on what we have read in the first two parts of this lesson, Abram had previously lived in a manner that separated him from other family members so that, just like Abel, Enoch, and Noah, YAHWEH of ELOHIM had developed a major level of trust in Abram. The Apostle Paul spoke these words, relevant to both Abram and ultimately those of the Household of Faith.

- 1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

ELOHIM obviously had developed a trust in Abram in order for them (the two omnipotent members of the family of ELOHIM) to counsel together and choose Abram for arguably the most important role of ELOHIM's plan of salvation, outside of YESHUA HAMASHIAC. And the lesson for each of us as we are reading about Abraham is this.

- Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We must each accept that ELOHIM IS; just as YESHUA HIMSELF informed us about HIS identity; "I AM"!! The Apostle James (Yacob) gave us the following.

- Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Sadly, too many so-called Christians in modernity do not believe these words about works.

It was Abram's works as he grew up in Ur of the Chaldeans that justified his faith, that it was imputed unto him for righteousness.

Leave and be blessed, is what YAHWEH of ELOHIM proposed to Abram. In that proposal we read right from the beginning the duality of the promises to be made to Abram. There is the promise of a great nation (the physical) and the promise that all families of the earth shall be blessed (the spiritual). The duality of these blessings continues to be debated, even in modernity.

- Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. Gen 12:6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

And as Abram obeyed YAHWEH of ELOHIM without hesitancy, he was led to the land of Canaan. Let's backtrack for a moment for relevancy's sake.

- Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. Gen 9:26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

Now, you may remember that I previously concluded that Canaan would become YAHWEH of ELOHIM's servant. Some will teach that Canaan would become Shem's servant through the Children of Yisrael (COY). Let us be clear on this. None of us are wrong.

It is YAHWEH of ELOHIM that is declaring that Canaan would be HIS servant, by way of servitude to HIS soon to be chosen people, the descendants of both Shem, and eventually Abram.

- Gen 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

This third part is titled the Abrahamic blessings, and here we learn of the first of these blessings, which is also the first of the promises made to Abram. This was all about the land of Canaan. Why? Because we know how that YAHWEH of ELOHIM will develop the following fact throughout ELOHIM's WORD.

- Psa 132:13 For the **LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.** Psa 132:14 **This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.**

And so, Abram being promised the land of Canaan was the plan all along. Zion is in the land of Canaan. We hear a lot about Canaanites and the land of Yisrael today. None of it really matters in the whole scope of things. YAHWEH simply called the end from the beginning and shows us bit by bit how HE will accomplish HIS will. As Abram went forward, we read this.

- Gen 12:9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south. Gen 12:10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

Here we read of another precedent. Remember two things. Abram was promised a land he never was given. And also, we mentioned last week that Ham and Japheth (Yapheth) lived in close proximity to one another. Abram was the first of YAHWEH's servants to be sent into Egypt (which is in the Land of Ham) for refuge.

Now Abram's wife Sarai was obviously such a very good-looking woman that Abram was afraid the Egyptians might kill him for her. So, he made her tell them she was his sister.

Abram showed his humanity in fear of the Egyptians, which we, the men of modernity, just might respond similarly, if confronted with similar circumstances.

- Gen 12:14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair. Gen 12:15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. Gen 12:16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. Gen 12:17 And the LORD 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 *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife? Gen 12:19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way. Gen 12:20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

Because of what Abram did, his wife was taken for Pharaoh. After YAHWEH weighed in by plaguing Pharaoh, Pharaoh said to Abram, you have got to go. But look at what happened as a result.

- Gen 13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. Gen 13:2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

Remember, Pharaoh entreated Abram for his wife with “sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels”. He left Egypt with material wealth. This allows another vital incident of ELOHIM’s plan to occur.

- Gen 13:5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, 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 substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.** Gen 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. Gen 13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren. Gen 13:9 *Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.* Gen 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Gen 13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Gen 13:12 **Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. Gen 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.**

Remember, we also noted in last Sabbath's lesson that both Canaan and Sodom and Gomorrah were of the lineage of Ham, just like Egypt.

- Gen 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: Gen 13:15 **For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.** Gen 13:16 **And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.** Gen 13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Gen 13:18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

And here is where YAHWEH of ELOHIM once again promised Abram the land of Canaan, to be given to his seed, who would be greatly increased in number. This is the first promise. Also note that Abram dwelt in and built an altar unto YAHWEH in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron. Hebron is likely how Abram came to be known as a Hebrew. This will be confirmed shortly.

- Gen 14:8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same *is* Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; Gen 14:9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. Gen 14:10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. Gen 14:11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

As we continue the story, war breaks out between some of the nations, so that the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled. Lot, Abram's nephew was caught up in this and was taken by the victors. All of this sets up a valuable lesson to us in modernity that will play out shortly.

- Gen 14:13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

This confirms why Abram was called a Hebrew, because he dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which was in Hebron.

- Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan. Gen 14:15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus. Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

Lot was Abram's nephew, and yet his brother in spirit. When Abram heard about this, he showed that he was also a warrior as he delivered Lot and the women, and brought back all of the goods which had been taken. This leads us to a very quoted set of scriptures regarding YAHWEH.

- Gen 14:17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's dale. Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

Now, much has been made of Melchizedek because of Biblical statements about him in the Book of Hebrews. All of us have heard much about his potential identity. Who was HE? Well, Melchizedek was the King of Salem, and he was the priest of the MOST HIGH ELOHIM. Was this the first advent of YAHWEH presenting HIMSELF in the form of mankind on the earth? In this initial presentation of Melchizedek by ELOHIM's WORD it does not suggest this. And, as I reviewed the relevant scriptures about him for this lesson, there are some interesting facts to consider. However, there is more to study, and tonight our focus is primarily on Abraham. We will look at Melchizedek in depth at another time to see what ELOHIM's WORD provides us. For now, we will simply read the following about him.

- Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

- Psa 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Psa 110:3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. Psa 110:4 **The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.**

Here, YAHWEH presents a metaphor as if HE is speaking to someone else referred to as “MY Lord”, whom HE admonishes to sit at HIS right hand while HE makes HIS enemies HIS footstools. Whoever this “Lord” is, YAHWEH said he is **a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.** Well, here is who the Apostle Peter identifies this “Lord” to be.

- Act 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Act 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

So, the Apostle who was given the keys to the Kingdom understood that GOD, clearly a reference to the FATHER, made YESHUA “both Lord and CHRIST”. This is why I said that YAHWEH presented a metaphor. Now we have YESHUA, whom we know beyond a shadow of doubt was YAHWEH HIMSELF until HE came in the flesh as YESHUA, as “a priest forever **after the order of Melchizedek**”. Let’s continue.

- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: Gen 14:20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

As this lesson continues to unveil, we will read more on this.

Abram had found favor before ELOHIM and he then gave a tenth of all his spoils unto this priest of the MOST HIGH ELOHIM. In verses 21 through 24, the King of Sodom attempted to sway Abram, and yet Abram would not take anything from him due his faith in ELOHIM, the MOST HIGH.

- Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward. Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? Gen 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. Gen 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Abram was hearing all about this great reward he is to receive, and yet he was human and desired an heir. YAHWEH promised he would have an heir.

- Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. Gen 15:6 And **he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.** Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

So, Abram believed in YAHWEH and it was counted to him as righteousness. We too must develop this belief in what ELOHIM has provided to us, and what HE continues to do in our lives. We see, all that YAHWEH told Abram to do, he obeyed. Why was that righteousness?

Because everything YAHWEH told Abram to do were commandments.

- Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

Abraham obeyed all of YAHWEH's commandments, which is something so many groups fail to recognize. When YAHWEH would come in the flesh as YESHUA, HE was still in the commandments giving business.

However, like his seed to follow him, Abram still sought for a sign.

- Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; Gen 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. Gen 15:15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

We see that ELOHIM had a plan. Abram probably did not understand this dream. Yet, he believed in YAHWEH. Too many in modernity dismiss, fail to read, and/or trust in all that the WORD of ELOHIM provides us, as we see the example all about us, as mankind partakes in this festive holiday season now upon us.

- Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

And now we read of the second of the relevant covenants of ELOHIM's plan of salvation given in HIS WORD. The first covenant was with Noah. We again read of the first promise made to Abram. And this time it is a part of a covenant made between YAHWEH and Abram. And we see that this covenant is all about physical land, the land of Canaan. Soon we will see the essence of this covenant, which so many in modernity totally misunderstand. But first, there was the matter of a child to Abram's wife Sarai, that had to be fulfilled.

- Gen 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. Gen 16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. Gen 16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. Gen 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

We see that the barren Sarai, out of frustration, gave Abram her handmaid Hagar, who conceived Ishmael. And Sarai, in sorrow and jealousy, despised her and treated her harshly. Hagar fled. Yet, YAHWEH was not against her. In the grand scope of things, she too was part of the plan.

- Gen 16:7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. Gen 16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. Gen 16:9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. Gen 16:10 And **the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.**

- Gen 16:11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. Gen 16:12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. Gen 16:16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

YAHWEH gave Hagar's son the name of Ishmael, which means "ELOHIM will hear". We read this prophecy about Ishmael which even in modernity has a major impact on the world around us. Ishmael was prophesied to be "a wild man" "against every man, and every man's hand against him", and "he shall dwell in the presence of his brethren". Ishmael was the progenitor of the Arab nations that have developed in modernity.

Yet, consider the irony of this. This prophecy is the basis of the conflict in modernity's Middle East. Consider also that Ishmael, the first born of Abram, is also of Hebrew heritage. His descendants believe that the promises made to Abram about the land applies to them. They are wild and against every man and visa versa even until this day. They fight for this land even until this day. Another point will be made on this a little later.

- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, **the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.** Gen 17:2 And **I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.** Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. Gen 17:6 And **I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.**

- Gen 17:7 And **I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. Gen 17:8 **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession**; and I will be their God. Gen 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Again, we are reading of the very first covenant between YAHWEH and Abram. After Abram (which means “high father) is commanded to walk before YAHWEH and be perfect, his name is changed to Abraham (father of a multitude) because he is to be a father of many nations. Many nations and kings will come forth from him and this covenant shall apply to his seed after him in their generations. And here is where serious controversy enters into the plan of salvation equation, which the Household of Faith must understand is both physical and spiritual.

- Gen 17:10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

We have read of the covenant between YAHWEH, Abram, and Abram’s seed about the land of Canaan. Is this now a different covenant; the circumcision of all male children? In verses 1 through 9, a covenant is described in which Abram and his seed are to walk before YAHWEH and be perfect, for which they will be given the land of Canaan. This is the first covenant given to Abram. We need to recognize what is happening here.

The word “perfect” is the Hebrew word “tamiym”, which means without blemish, upright and complete. Remember, YAHWEH told us Noah was perfect, the same Hebrew word “tamiym”. So i.e., Abram is commanded by YAHWEH to be like Noah, in return for land. We will see how this commandment is further detailed for Abram’s seed after him.

Now to answer the question about whether or not circumcision is a separate covenant, we must cover the entire scope. There is another scripture that makes the case for circumcision being a covenant.

- Act 7:8 And he gave him **the covenant of circumcision**: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

Here it clearly establishes that circumcision is indeed a covenant. So, we now have two covenants given to Abraham.

- Gen 17:11 And **ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.** Gen 17:12 And **he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.** Gen 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and **my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.** Gen 17:14 And **the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.**

Now, YAHWEH states that the covenant to circumcise all males is be a token (sign), of the first covenant between Abraham and YAHWEH. And, the fact that this token begins with all males of eight years and older, will be shown to be metaphorical of the eighth day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles.

What we are reading is that Abraham and his seed were given a covenant to be perfect, with a promise of the land of Canaan. And yet, we are also reading where the circumcision is also a covenant within itself, which allowed a soul to remain amongst the COY. We will soon see this covenant take on a more prominent role for the COY.

We are also reading where this covenant of circumcision is a token of the first covenant. As such, these two covenants are forever linked together.

And now, YAHWEH fulfills HIS promise to Abraham regarding his heir.

- Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*. Gen 17:16 And **I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.** Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? Gen 17:18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! Gen 17:19 And **God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.** Gen 17:20 And **as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.** Gen 17:21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Notice the prophecy about Ishmael's seed; twelve princes. Islam stresses this prophecy by teaching that the blessings given to Abraham flow through Ishmael and his seed, and not through Isaac and Yacob. I remember once saying to a group of younger men on my job that this is why there is no basis to believe that YAHWEH and Allah are one and the same. Islam rejects the covenants expressed in ELOHIM's WORD. This blessing cannot be to both sons.

Abraham then obeys YAHWEH's commandment by circumcising Ishmael and all that were born in his house.

- Gen 18:1 And **the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre**: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; Gen 18:2 And **he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him**: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, Gen 18:3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

This plainly states that YAHWEH appeared unto Abraham, as the three men stood by him.

- Gen 18:9 And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. Gen 18:10 And **he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son**. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him. Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Gen 18:12 **Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also**? Gen 18:13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Gen 18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Obviously, there is a lesson here for all of us. Do we know for certain that ELOHIM knows our thoughts? Sarah's testimony warns us to measure our words, and of course our thoughts, particularly when it comes to ELOHIM.

- Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. Gen 18:17 And **the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do**;

- Gen 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 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. Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; Gen 18:21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Three men showed up to Abraham. When there was discussion, there is but one voice, which we are told was YAHWEH HIMSELF.

- Gen 18:22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. Gen 18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Gen 18:24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein? Gen 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? Gen 18:26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. Gen 18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am but* dust and ashes:
- Gen 18:32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake. Gen 18:33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

This has always been a great wow moment to me. This dialogue between Abraham and YAHWEH sort of reminds of the bold one we will read of later in this lesson, the Apostle Peter. It appears that YAHWEH of ELOHIM respects boldness that also walks in righteousness, but not arrogance, which is self-righteousness. YAHWEH promised Abraham that HE wouldn't destroy Sodom if HE found ten righteous there.

- Gen 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

We remember that three showed up to Abraham. Only two showed up to Lot and Sodom. This has led many to assert that the third person was YAHWEH HIMSELF. We are given nothing I have read thus far to refute that train of thought.

We won't read all of this. The men of Sodom showed their evil and homosexual intentions when they saw these two angels and desired to have them. Lot attempted to intercede by offering them his two daughters, unsuccessfully. This appears to have sealed Sodom's fate.

- Gen 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place: Gen 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. Gen 19:14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. Gen 19:15 And when the morning arose, then **the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.**

- Gen 19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. Gen 19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, **Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.** Gen 19:18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: Gen 19:19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: Gen 19:20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is it not a little one?*) and my soul shall live. Gen 19:21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Gen 19:22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou become thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
- Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; Gen 19:25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. Gen 19:26 **But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.**

Now, here is where we learn something about how YAHWEH works for those whom HE trusts. Sodom and Gomorrah were corrupt, as was mankind in the days between Adam and Noah. Only six persons were delivered.

- 2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 2Pe 2:6 And **turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;**

- 2Pe 2:7 **And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:** 2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) 2Pe 2:9 **The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

These scriptures confirm what we have learned in other lessons. Enoch was taken because of the corruption that was all about him, so that he would not fall to the corruption. However, not with his family. Lot and his family were delivered from the corruption all about him. Noah and his family were saved from it.

- 2Pe 2:21 For **it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.** 2Pe 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

What are we learning here? The men of both Noah's day, and Sodom and Gomorrah, knew ELOHIM's commandments and chose to disobey. There are times when the Household of Faith must separate itself from influences that obviously are corrupt and evil. We must pray for discernment and guidance and when we receive an answer, **we must act.** There may be another lesson for us here as well. If the men of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the men of Noah's day, indeed knew YAHWEH's commandments, as 2 Peter 2:5-8 teaches us, there are two other scriptures that seem worthy of our consideration.

- Jud 1:7 Even as **Sodom and Gomorrhah,** and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, **are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was an example of the suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. And yet, there is YESHUA's own words.

- Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: Mat 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Mat 10:7 And **as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.** Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Mat 10:9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Mat 10:10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
- Mat 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Mat 10:15 Verily I say unto you, **It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.**

This is YESHUA speaking to HIS disciples as HE sent them out on a testimonial mission. According to HIM, the land of Sodom and Gomorrah will have some level of tolerance in what we know to be the second resurrection, also called the resurrection of judgement. This is because their fate was provided to us as an example to consider. This may also be the case for the men of Noah's day, as they are described to walk in a similar level of corruption. This is simply food for thought as our studies continue.

Now sadly, Lot's wife didn't trust in what she was told and was turned into a pillar of salt. And tonight, we are discussing what can be proven to be the more serious and impactful aspects of the blessings promised to Abraham. We have read of the physical blessing.

It is now time to read of the second blessing.

- Gen 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, **that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.** Gen 22:2 **And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering** upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
- Gen 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

Again, personalize this story. Imagine if you were young Isaac. Imagine if you were Abraham.

- Gen 22:8 And **Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:** so they went both of them together.

Here we see Abraham's faith. We must remember that it was clear that YAHWEH had told Abraham that Isaac was to be his son of the covenant. When told something by ELOHIM, we too must increase our faith.

- Gen 22:9 And **they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there,** and laid the wood in order, **and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.** Gen 22:10 And **Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.** Gen 22:11 **And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham:** and he said, Here *am* I. Gen 22:12 And he said, **Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.**

Abraham was tested and proven. He is called our spiritual father because of his faith. And now, he receives a these promises of blessings.

- Gen 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, Gen 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, **saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;**

This is a restatement of the first promise, based on physical blessings. The first promise was strictly for his seed to inherit the land of Canaan. It was Abraham's first covenant. A second covenant, circumcision, was attached to these promises as a token. And now we read of something so profoundly misunderstood by many.

- Gen 22:18 And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

This is another promise, with a different blessing. Abraham is now promised a seed, through which all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. The Apostle Paul was led to clarify this blessing to us.

- Gal 3:16 Now **to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

This seed was the MESSIAH, YESHUA HAMASHIAC. The promise of blessings to all nations through CHRIST was also called a covenant by the Apostle. But there were some vital consequences to this covenant that the Household of Faith must clearly understand.

- Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* **the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.** Gal 3:18 **For if the inheritance *be* of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

Let's digest what the Apostle is teaching us about this covenant and the law. This law, which came after the covenant, cannot erase the promise of that covenant, because if it was based on the law, it would not have been a promise. Remember what we just read. It was ONLY because Abraham offered what YAHWEH considered to be "his only son" that this promise/covenant was given. This promise/covenant had nothing to do with any other actions by anyone one else but Abraham. Had it been based upon a law to be given 430 years later, it would not have been a promise.

To truly understand what we are reading here, we must also understand what law the Apostle is referring to, which is also the subject of dispute, depending on which organization you speak to. Here is the context of the Apostle's words.

- Gal 3:1 **O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth,** before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** Gal 3:3 **Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?**

Obviously, there were some who were admonishing these "called-out" Galatians to obey something other than what the Apostle had taught them about the truth of CHRIST. This is the context of not only this chapter, but actually the entire Book of Galatians. Once we understand this context, we will understand the law that are now to read about.

- Gal 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

The Household of Faith should be in total oneness of the fact that the seed who was to come was CHRIST. What is this law. Some believe it to be the ten commandments. However, many others are taught that it is the sacrificial law. These tend to be those that are taught that the circumcision remains in effect under the New Covenant. Notice, this law was added because of transgressions, until the seed would come to whom the promise was made.

Now, we know that circumcision was given to Abraham before the promise of the seed, CHRIST. However, it was also later to be given to the physical seed, the COY, in the form of a law. The promise in verse 19 refers to the seed to come, CHRIST, i.e., the third covenant made with YAHWEH and Abraham. This is the promise made to Abraham that would bless all of the nations on the earth through CHRIST. This promise was unconditional because Abraham had already fulfilled the condition upon which the promise was given. As such, the law was of no impact on its fulfillment.

- Gal 3:22 **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.** Gal 3:23 **But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.** Gal 3:24 **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

This law was our schoolmaster until CHRIST, so that our justification was by faith. Understand this important point here. Whatever this law was, the Apostle is teaching that it was being used to “betwix” the “called-out” Galatians. Was there anyone attempting to lure these followers of CHRIST to follow the law of animal sacrifices? ELOHIM’s WORD never suggests this to be the truth.

Later in this Book, the Apostle would write this.

- Gal 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.** Gal 5:2 Behold, **I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.** Gal 5:3 For **I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.** Gal 5:4 **Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**

The Apostle is clearly speaking in context about the law of circumcision, which when the Old Covenant would be given to Abraham's physical seed, would become a required protocol for what we believe to be the most important of YAHWEH's appointed times, the Passover.

We know that the Passover would take on a totally different meaning with upgraded protocols, which are mostly commandments as well, once YAHWEH HIMSELF would come in the form of CHRIST, to become, the Passover. So, this law the Apostle is speaking of being used to betwixt these "called-out" Galatians was the law of circumcision. It is with this background that the Apostle now provides these words.

- Gal 3:25 But **after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.** Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Everything about YESHUA HAMASHIAC is established on the basis of faith, for which the scripture teaches us that Abraham is our spiritual father. It is our faith in YESHUA by which we become the children of ELOHIM.

- Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

This is so important to the Household of Faith, because later YESHUA HIMSELF would link two New Covenant protocols to our faith in YESHUA. Look at what the Apostle is saying. It is through our baptism into CHRIST that we have put on CHRIST. Now look at what CHRIST HIMSELF said about this.

- Joh 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Joh 13:9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

So YESHUA taught those who would become HIS Apostles that if HE was not allowed to wash their feet, they would not be a part of HIM. I.e., they would not have put on CHRIST. YESHUA then links this washing of feet to another New Covenant protocol.

- Joh 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

A study of ELOHIM's WORD teaches us that this phrase "he that is washed", is a reference to the commanded New Covenant baptism, a new protocol and commandment. And then HE expands HIS actions.

- Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

YESHUA gave us the example of how to be a part of HIM; how to put HIM on! There are some whom I have spoken to who do not accept these instructions given to HIS disciples as being commandments. I wonder if these have ever considered what would have been the fate of any of these disciples, if they had chosen to accept YESHUA's words as simple suggestions, rather than commandments.

It is these words by YESHUA to HIS disciples that form the foundation of the Apostle's words we just read about putting on CHRIST through baptism unto CHRIST. The Apostle is teaching us that it was the promise to Abraham of his seed to come, CHRIST, and not the law of circumcision, which was a schoolmaster, that makes us what the Apostle now tells us.

- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

If we are CHRIST's, we are Abraham's spiritual seed of the New Covenant, not the physical seed of the first covenant, to which the circumcision was a token of. To all who read this, simply remember that the Apostle's context in Galatians, the issue by which some were compelling the "called-out" Galatians to now obey, was not the law of animal sacrifice. It was the physical circumcision, which came to a climax in the 15th chapter of the Book of Acts. The physical circumcision, remember, is forever linked to the first covenant YAHWEH made with Abraham, the land of Canaan.

Now, as we close our part three of this lesson regarding Abraham, we read that Sarah died at 127 years of age. As ELOHIM's WORD transitions to Abraham's son of the covenant, Isaac meets his father's requirement to not take a wife of the daughters of the Canaanites (Genesis 23:4). Isaac married Rebekah, "who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother". However, Sarah never met Rebekah, her son Isaac's wife.

- Gen 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

Meeting and marrying Rebekah comforted Isaac, who was in mourning when he met his wife.

Abraham eventually would marry Ketura through whom he would beget six other sons.

- Gen 25:7 And these *are* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Gen 25:8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full *of years*; and was gathered to his people.

This is interesting because it reads Abraham died “in a good old age, etc., at 175 years of age. We remember that most of his relatives that lived before him lived some twice as long, some thrice as long, and some four times as long. ELOHIM’s promise of mankind’s age limit of 120 years was now in effect.

It is after his death that we are now prepared to see YAHWEH of ELOHIM fulfill the promise of the very first covenant made to Abraham.

- Gen 26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. Gen 26:2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Gen 26:3 **Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;** Gen 26:4 **And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Now, YAHWEH turns HIS attention to Abraham’s son of the covenant, Isaac. And we read in verses 4 and 5 both promises and covenants made to Abraham, being passed down through Isaac.

We know that Isaac had two twin sons, Esau and Yacob, who both vied for the blessings of inheritance. We will pick it up there next week.

We have read of the corruption of mankind. We have now read of how ELOHIM's plan of salvation for mankind was being established. We have now been given examples to consider in our own walks. Do we follow the physical lessons, or, do we have the faith of what ELOHIM's WORD is continually providing to us? These are the two choices for the Household of Faith to consider. We see where ELOHIM is teaching us from the beginning that if our choice is based on faith in HIM, the physical necessities of life will be provided to HIS servants, in abundance. The choices are ours.

Shalom!