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2 I will make of you a great nation And I will bless

3 I will bless those who bless you And curse the one

4 Abram went forth as **לְכָל** had commanded him, a

5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son

6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site

7 מַלְאָכִי appeared to Abram and said, “I will assign

8 From there he moved on to the hill country east

9 Then Abram journeyed by stages toward the Negel

10. There was a famine in the land, and Abram went

11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his

12 If the Egyptians see you, and think ‘She is his

19. Please explain that you understand that it is your

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24. Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he

25 and his son Ishmael was thirteen years old w

26. Thus Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised: בְּלִילֵי הַיּוֹם הַהוּא וּמִלּוּ אֶת אֶבְרָהָם וְאֶת יִשְׁמָעֵאל בְּנֵהוּ.

27 and all [men of] his household, his homeborn

12 He shall be a wild ass of a person; (person Or perhaps "sire" (cf. Josh. 14.15, Gen. 2.22b–4.1, and Phoenician usage). Trad. "man." See the Dictionary under 'adam.) His hand against everyone, And everyone's hand against him; He shall dwell alongside of all his kin."

13 And she called הוהי (הוהי) The messenger who spoke is labeled with the principal's name, to underscore that the message was delivered on the principal's behalf. (A narrative convention in the Hebrew Bible.) who spoke to her, "You Are El-roi." (El-roi Apparently "God of Seeing.") by which she meant, "Have I not gone on seeing after my being seen!" (Have I not gone on seeing after my being seen Meaning of Heb. uncertain.)

14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; (Beer-lahai-roi Apparently "the Well of the Living One who sees me.") it is between Kadesh and Bered.—

15 Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram gave the son that Hagar bore him the name Ishmael.

16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, הוהי appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. (El Shaddai Traditionally rendered "God Almighty.") Walk in My ways and be blameless.

2 I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will make you exceedingly numerous."

3 Abram threw himself on his face; and God spoke to him further,

4 "As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

5 And you shall no longer be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, (Abraham Understood as "father of a multitude.") for I make you the father of a multitude of nations.

6 I will make you exceedingly fertile, and make nations of you; and kings shall come forth from you.

והוא יהיה פקד אדם ידו בכל ויד כל בו ועל־פני כל־אחיו ישכן:

ותקרא שם־הנה הדבר אליה אתה אל ראי כי אמלה הגם הלים ראיתי את־ך ראי:

עליכן קרא לבאר באר לחי ראי הנה ביד־קדש ובין ברה:

ותלד הגר לאברהם בן ויקרא אברהם שם־בנו אשר־ילדה הגר ישמעאל:

ואבלם בן־שמונים שנה ושש שנים בלדת־הגר את־ישמעאל לאברהם:

1 ויהי אב־לם ברתשעים שנה ותשע שנים וילא יהנה אל־אבלם ויאמר אליו אנניאל שלי התהלך לפני יהנה תמים:

2 ואֶתְנָה בְרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינָךְ וּאֲרַבָּה אוֹתָךְ בְּמֵאֵד מֵאֵד:

3 וַיִּפֹּל אֲבֹרָם עַל־פָּנָיו וַיְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר:

4 אֲנִי הִנֵּה בְרִיתִי אִתְּךָ וְהָיִיתָ לְאֵב הַמִּזֵּן גּוֹיִם:

5 וְלֹא־יִקְרָא עוֹד אֶת־שִׁמְךָ אֲבֹרָם וְהָיָה שִׁמְךָ אֲבֹרָהם כִּי אֲבִיהֶמוֹן גּוֹיִם תִּהְיֶה:

והפֶרְתִּי אִתְּךָ בְּמֵאֵד מֵאֵד וַתִּתְּחַדֵּךְ לְגוֹיִם וּמַלְכִּים מִמֶּךָ יֵצְאוּ:

8 Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, between my herders and yours, for we are kin.

9 Is not the whole land before you? Let us separate: (Let us separate Lit. "Please separate from me.") if you go north, I will go south; and if you go south, I will go north."

10 Lot looked about him and saw how well watered was the whole plain of the Jordan, all of it—this was before הוהי had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—all the way to Zoar, like the garden of הוהי, like the land of Egypt.

11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they parted from each other;

12 Abram remained in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the Plain, pitching his tents near Sodom.

13 Now the inhabitants of Sodom were very wicked sinners against Mamre.

14 And הוהי said to Abram, after Lot had parted from him, "Raise your eyes and look out from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west,

15 for I give all the land that you see to you and your offspring forever.

16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, then your offspring too can be counted.

17 Up, walk about the land, through its length and its breadth, for I give it to you."

18 And Abram moved his tent, and came to dwell at the terebinths of Mamre, which are in Hebron; and he built an altar there to הוהי.

14

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבֹרָם אֶל־לוֹט אֵלֶיְכוֹת מְרִיבָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ וּבִין רַעִי וּבִין רַעִיךָ כִּי־אֲנִשִּׁים אֶחָדִים אֲנָחְנוּ:

הֲלֹא כָל־הָאָרֶץ לִפְנֶיךָ הִפְרָדָנוּ נָא מֵעַלִי אִם־הִשְׁמָאל וְאִם־הַמִּזֵּן וְאֲשַׁמְאִילָהּ:

וַיִּשְׁאַלֹּט אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־כָּל־כֶּכֶר הַיָּרְדֵּן כִּי כָלָה מִשְׁקָהּ לִפְנֵי ׀ שׁוֹתָת יְהוֹנָה אֶת־סֹדֶם וְאֶת־עַמְלוֹהַ כְּגִוְיָהוֹנָה כְּאָרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶבֶה צָעַר:

וַיִּבְחַר־לוֹ לוֹט אֶת כָּל־כֶּכֶר הַיָּרְדֵּן וַיֵּסַע לוֹט מִקְדָּם וַיִּפְרָדוּ אִישׁ מֵעַל אָחִיו:

אֲבֹרָם יָשָׁב בְּאֶרֶץ־כְּנָעַן וְלוֹט יָשָׁב בְּעָרֵי הַכֶּלָּךְ וַיֹּאחֶל עַד־סוֹדֶם:

וְאֲנָשֵׁי סוֹדֶם רָעִים וְחַטָּאִים לַיהוָה מֵאֵד:

וַיְהִינָה אִמֶּר אֶל־אֲבֹרָם אֶתְרִי הִפְרַד־לוֹט מֵעַמְלוֹ שָׂא נָא עֵינֶיךָ וְרֹאה מִן־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אֵתָה שָׁם צָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְקוֹדְמָה וַיֵּמָּה:

כִּי אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־אֵתָה רֹאה לָךְ אֶתְנָנָה וְלִזְרַעַךְ עַד־עוֹלָם:

וַיִּשְׁמָתִי אֶת־זִרְעֶךָ כְּעָפָר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר ׀ אִם־יִוָּכַל אִישׁ לִמְנוֹחַ אֶת־עַפְרֵי הָאָרֶץ גַּם־זִרְעֶךָ יִמָּנָה:

קוֹם הַתְּהַלֵּךְ בָּאָרֶץ לְאָרְכָּהּ וּלְרַחְבָּהּ כִּי לָךְ אֶתְנָנָה:

וַיֹּאחֶל אֲבֹרָם וַיָּבֵא וַיָּשֶׁב בְּאֵלְנֵי מִמְרָא אֲשֶׁר בְּתִבְרֵינוֹ וַיִּבְרָשֶׁם מִזִּבְחַת לַיהוָה:

1 וַיְהִי בִימֵי אִמְרָפֶל מֶלֶךְ־שִׁנְעָר אֲרִיֹחַ מֶלֶךְ אֶלְסַר כְּהִדְלַעְמֵר מֶלֶךְ עֵילָם וְתוֹדַעַל מֶלֶךְ גּוֹיִם:

2 עָשׂוּ מִלְחָמָה אֶת־בְּרַעַל מֶלֶךְ סוֹדֶם וְאֶת־בְּרַשַׁע מֶלֶךְ עַמְרָה שְׂנָאָב ׀ מֶלֶךְ אֶדְמָה וְשַׁמְאֵבֶר מֶלֶךְ (צִבְיִים) [צִבְיֹלָם] וּמֶלֶךְ בִּלְע הַיִּזְעָר:

3 כָּל־אֵלֶּה תִּבְדּוּ אֶל־עֵמֶק הַשְּׂדֵיִם הַזֶּה אִם הַמֶּלֶח:

12 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the
13 thirteenth year they rebelled.
14 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings
15 who were with him came and defeated the Rephalim at
16 Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim at Ham, the Emlim at
17 Shaveh-kirithaim,
18 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as
19 far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.
20 On their way back they came to En-mishpat, which
21 is Kadesh, and subdued all the territory of the
22 Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwell in
23 Hazazon-tamar.
24 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the
25 king of Admah, the king of Zebolim, and the king
26 of Bela, which is Zoar, went forth and engaged
27 them in battle in the Valley of Siddim:
28 King Chedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Gollim,
29 King Amraphel of Shinar, and King Arioch of
30 Ellasar—four kings against those five.
31 Now the Valley of Siddim was dotted with bitumen
32 pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, in
33 their flight, threw themselves into them, while
34 the rest escaped to the hill country.
35 [The invaders] seized all the wealth of Sodom and
36 Gomorrah and all their provisions, and went their
37 way.
38 The also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother,
39 and his possessions, and departed; for he had
40 settled in Sodom.
41 A fugitive brought the news to Abram the Hebrew,
42 who was dwelling at the terebinths of Mamre the
43 Amorite, kinsman of Eshkol and Aner, these being
44 Abram's allies.
45 When Abram heard that his kinsman's [household]
46 had been taken captive, he mustered his retainers,
47 (retainers Meaning of Heb. anikh uncertain.) born
48 into his household, numbering three hundred and
49 eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
50 At night, he and his servants deployed against
51 them and defeated them; and he pursued them as far
52 as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.
53 He brought back his kinsman Lot and his possessions,
54 and the women and the rest of the people.

1 Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children.
2 She had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was
3 Hagar.
4 And Sarai said to Abram, "Look, I have kept me
5 from bearing. Consort with my maid, perhaps I
6 shall have a child for me." "Be pull
7 up," play on ben "child" and banah "build up." See
8 the Dictionary under ben, through her." And Abram
9 heeded Sarai's request.
10 Egyptian—after Abram had dwelt in the land of
11 Canaan ten years—and gave her to her husband Abram
12 as concubine.
13 He cohabited with Hagar and she conceived; and
14 when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress
15 was lowered in her esteem.
16 And Sarai said to Abram, "The wrong done me is
17 your fault! I myself put my maid in your bosom;
18 now that she sees that she is pregnant, I am
19 lowered in her esteem. I will decide between you and
20 me!"
21 Abram said to Sarai, "Your maid is in your hands.
22 Deal with her as you think right." Then Sarai
23 treated her harshly, and she ran away from her.
24 A messenger of the Lord found her by a spring of water
25 in the wilderness, the spring on the road to Shur,
26 and said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you
27 come from, and where are you going?" And she said,
28 "I am running away from my mistress Sarai."
29 And the messenger of the Lord said to her, "Go back to
30 your mistress, and submit to her harsh treatment."
31 And the messenger of the Lord said to her, "I will
32 greatly increase your offspring, and they shall be
33 too many to count."
34 The messenger of the Lord said to her further, "Behold,
35 you are pregnant and shall bear a son; you shall
36 call him Ishmael, (Ishmael I.e., "God heeds.") For
37 the Lord has paid heed to your suffering.

5 [Then in the vision, God] took him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them”—continuing, “So shall your offspring be.”

6 And he put his trust in יהוהי, who reckoned it to his merit.

7 Then [God] said to him, “I am יהוהי who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to assign this land to you as a possession.”

8 And he said, “O lord יהוהי, how shall I know that I am to possess it?”

9 Came the reply, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young bird.”

10 He brought all these and cut them in two, placing each half opposite the other; but he did not cut up the bird.

11 Birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was about to set, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a great dark dread descended upon him.

13 And [God] said to Abram, “Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years;

14 but I will execute judgment on the nation they shall serve, and in the end they shall go free with great wealth.

15 As for you, You shall go to your ancestors in peace; You shall be buried at a ripe old age.

16 And they shall return here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

17 When the sun set and it was very dark, there appeared a smoking oven, and a flaming torch which passed between those pieces.

18 On that day יהוהי made a covenant with Abram: “To your offspring I assign this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates—

19 the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

וַיֵּצֵא אוֹתוֹ הַחֹזֶה וַיֹּאמֶר הִבֶּט־נָא הַשָּׁמַיִם וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אֲמִתּוּכֵל לִסְפֹּר אֹתָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זִרְעֶךָ:

וְהָאֵמֶן בִּיהִגָּה וַיַּחֲשֹׁבָהּ לוֹ צְדָקָה:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים לָתֵת לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה בְּמָה אֶדְעָה כִּי אֵירֶשֶׁנָּה:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו קַח־לִי עֵגֶלָה מִשְׁלֶשֶׁת וְעֵז מִשְׁלֶשֶׁת וְאַיִל מִשְׁלֶשׁ וְתֹר וְגִדְלָה:

וַיָּקַח־לוֹ אֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה וַיִּבְתֶּר אֹתָם בְּתוֹךְ וַיָּתֵן אִישׁ־בִּתְרוֹ לִקְרַאת רֵעֵהוּ וְאֶת־הַצֶּפֶר לֹא בָתַר:

וַיֵּרֶד הָעֵיט עַל־הַפְּגָרִים וַיֵּשֶׁב אֹתָם אֲבָרָם:

וַיְהִי הַשָּׁמֶשׁ לָבוֹא וְהַדְּמָה נִפְלָה עַל־אֲבָרָם וַהֲנֵה אִמָּה חֲשָׁכָה גְדֹלָה נִפְלֵת עָלָיו:

וַיֹּאמֶר לֵאבֹלָם יָדַע תֵּדַע כִּי־נִרְאִי יְהוָה זֶרְעֶךָ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם וַעֲבָדוּם וַעֲנִי אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה:

וְגַם אֶת־הִגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּ הֵן אֲנֹכִי וְאֶחָד־יָבִין יֵצְאוּ בְּרַקֵּשׁ גְּדוֹלָה:

וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל־אֲבֹתֶיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקְבֹּר בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה:

וְדֹר רְבִיעִי יָשׁוּבוּ הֵנָּה כִּי לֹא־שָׁלֹם עִנְיֹן הָאֲמֹרִי עַד־הֵנָּה:

וַיְהִי הַשָּׁמֶשׁ בָּאָה וְעֹלָמָה הָיָה וַהֲנֵה תִנּוּר עֵשֶׂן וְלֶפֶיד אֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר עָבַר בֵּין הַגִּזְרִים הָאֵלֶּה:

בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כָּתַת יְהוָה אֶת־אֲבָרָם בְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְזֶרְעֶךָ נָתַתִּי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִנְּהַר מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל נְהַר־פָּרָת:

אֶת־הַכְּנִיזִי וְאֶת־הַכְּנִזִּיזִי וְאֶת־הַקַּדְמוֹנִי:

וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת־הַרְפָּאִים:

וְאֶת־הָאֲמֹרִי וְאֶת־הַקְּנַעֲנִי וְאֶת־הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְאֶת־הַיְּבוּסִי:

17 When he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh, which is the Valley of the King.

18 And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. (God Most High Heb. El ‘Elyon.)

19 He blessed him, saying, “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your foes into your hand.” And [Abram] gave him a tenth of everything.

21 Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the possessions for yourself.”

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I swear (swear Lit. “lift up my hand.”) to יהוהי, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth:

23 I will not take so much as a thread or a sandal strap of what is yours; you shall not say, ‘It is I who made Abram rich.’

24 For me, nothing but what my servants have used up; as for the share of the parties who went with me—Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre—let them take their share.”

15

1 Some time later, the word of יהוהי came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”

2 But Abram said, “O lord יהוהי (lord Heb. ‘adonai y-h-w-h, traditionally read aloud as ‘adonai ‘elohim (rather than ‘adonai twice). NJPS “Lord God.” See also the Dictionary under “male metaphors for God.”) what can You give me, seeing that I shall die childless, and the one in charge of my household is Dammesek Eliezer!” (and the one in charge of my household is Dammesek Eliezer Meaning of Heb. uncertain.)

3 Abram said further, “Since You have granted me no offspring, my steward will be my heir.”

4 The word of יהוהי came to him in reply, “That one shall not be your heir; none but your very own issue shall be your heir.”

וַיָּצֵא מֶלֶךְ־סוּדִם לִקְרַאתוֹ אַחֲרָי שׁוֹבוֹ מִהַכּוֹת אֶת־כְּדֻרְלַעְמֶר וְאֶת־הַמֶּלֶכִּים אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ אֶל־עֵמֶק שָׁוֵה הוּא עֵמֶק הַמֶּלֶךְ:

וּמֶלֶךְ־צֶדֶק מֶלֶךְ שָׁלֹם הוֹצִיא לָתֵם וַיָּבִי וַהֲוֵא כְהֵן לְאֵל עֲלִיוֹ:

וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ אֲבָרָם לְאֵל עֲלִיוֹ קִנְה שָׁמַיִם וְאָרֶץ:

וּבְרוּךְ אֵל עֲלִיוֹן אֲשֶׁר־מָנֹן צְדִיק בִּינֵךְ וַיַּתְּדֵל מִעֲשֶׂר מְכֹל:

וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ־סוּדִם אֶל־אֲבָרָם תְּרִלִּי הַנֶּפֶשׁ וְהַרְכַּשׁ קַח־לִי:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָרָם אֶל־מֶלֶךְ סוּדִם הַרְמָתִי יְדִי אֶל־יְהוָה אֵל עֲלִיוֹן קִנְה שָׁמַיִם וְאָרֶץ:

אִם־יִחַחֹט וְעַד שְׂרוּד־לַעֲלֹ וְאִם־אֶקַּח מִכָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ וְלֹא תֹאמַר אֲנִי הֶעֱשֵׂתִי אֶת־אֲבָרָם:

בְּלִעְזִי רַק אֲשֶׁר אֲכָלוּ הַנַּעֲלִים וְחֹלֶק הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר הִלְכּוּ אִתִּי עֲנִי אֲשַׁכֵּל וּמִמֶּלֶא הֵם יִקְחוּ חֶלְקָם:

1 אֶתֶּר וְהַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הָיָה דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־אֲבָלָם בְּמַחְנֵה לֵאמֹר אֶל־תִּירָא אֲבָלָם אֲנֹכִי מִנֶּן לָךְ שָׂכָרְךָ הַרְבֵּה מֵאֹד:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָלָם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה מִדִּיתַתְּרִלִּי וְאֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ עֲרִירִי וּבְרַמְשָׁק בִּיתִי הוּא הַמֶּשֶׁק אֶלְיָעָזֶר:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָלָם תּוֹ לִי לֹא נָתַתָּה זֶרַע וְהֵנָּה בְּרִבְיָתִי יוֹרֵשׁ אִתִּי:

וְהֵנָּה דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה כִּי־אֵם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמֶּלְיָךְ הוּא יִירָשְׁךָ: