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- וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם לֵךְ־לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ וּמִמִּלְדֵּתְךָ וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֹרָאךָ:
- וַאֲעֲשֶׂךָ לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל וְאַבְרָכְךָ וְאֶנְהִלָּה שְׁמְךָ וְהָיָה בְרָכָה:
- וְאַבְרָכָה מִבְּרַכְיָךְ וּמִקִּלְלֶךָ אֵינִי וְנִבְרָכְךָ בְּכָל מְשַׁפְּחֹת הָאָדָמָה:
- וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאַבְרָם בְּרִיחַמֶּשֶׁ שָׁנִים וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה בְּצֵאתוֹ מִחוּרָן:
- וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָם אִת־שָׂרָי אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת־לוֹט בְּרָאָתוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־רִכּוּשָׁם אֲשֶׁר רָכְשׁוּ וְאֶת־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂוּ בְּחוּרָן וַיֵּצְאוּ לִלְכֶּת אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:
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- וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר לְוָרְשֶׁךָ אֶתֶּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וַיָּבֹן שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה הַנִּרְאָה אֵלָיו:
- וַיַּעֲלֶק מִשָּׁם הַהִירָה מִקְדָּם לְבֵית־אֵל וַיָּט אֹהֶלָה בֵּית־אֵל מִיָּם וְהָעִי מִקְדָּם וַיְבָרֶשֶׂם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה וַיִּקְרָא בִּשְׁם יְהוָה:
- וַיִּסַּע אַבְרָם הַלּוֹךְ וְנִסּוּעַ הַנֶּגֶבָה:
- וַיְהִי רָעָב בָּאָרֶץ וַיֵּרֶד אַבְרָם מִצְרָיִמָה לְגִוּר שָׁם כִּי־כָבֵד הָרָעָב בָּאָרֶץ:
- וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר הִקְרִיב לְבֹאֹ מִצְרָיִמָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־שָׂרָי אִשְׁתּוֹ הִנֵּה־נָא יִלְעָתִי כִּי אִשָּׁה יִפְת־מֶרְאָה אֵת:
- וְהָיָה כִּי־יִרְאוּ אֹתָךְ הַמִּצְרַיִם וְאָמְרוּ אִשְׁתּוֹ זֹאת וְהָרְגוּ אֹתִי וְאַתָּה יָחִיָּ:
- אֲמַרְיִנָּא אֹתוֹתִי אֵת לִמְעַן יִשְׁבְּלִי בְּעִבּוּלְךָ וְחַיְתָּה נַפְשִׁי בְּגִלְלָךָ:
- וַיְהִי כִּבְּאוֹ אַבְרָם מִצְרָיִמָה וַיִּרְאוּ הַמִּצְרַיִם אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה כִּי־יֵפָה הָיָה מְאֹד:
- 1 said to Abram, “Go forth from your native land and from your father’s house to the land that I will show you.
- 2 I will make of you a great nation,And I will bless you;I will make your name great,And you shall be a blessing.*
- 3 I will bless those who bless youAnd curse the one who curses you;And all the families of the earthShall bless themselves by you.”
- 4 Abram went forth as the had commanded him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.
- 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the wealth that they had amassed, and the persons that they had acquired in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in the land of Canaan,
- 6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, at the terebinth of Moreh. The Canaanites were then in the land.
- 7 appeared to Abram and said, “I will assign this land to your offspring.” And he built an altar there to the who had appeared to him.
- 8 From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and he built there an altar to the and invoked the by name.
- 9 Then Abram journeyed by stages toward the Negeb.
- 10 There was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.
- 11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I* know what a beautiful woman you are.
- 12 If the Egyptians see you, and think, ‘She is his wife,’ they will kill me and let you live.
- 13 Please say that you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may remain alive thanks to you.”
- 14 When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw how very beautiful the woman was.

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, הווי, ויהי אברהם ברתשעים שנה ותשע שנים ויזא יהזה אל־אברהם ויאמר אליו אני־אילו שלי התהלך לפני והזה תמים:

2 I will establish My covenant between Me and you, ואתנה בריתי ביני ובינך וארבה אותך במאד מאד:

3 Abram threw himself on his face; and God spoke to him further, ויפל אברהם על־פניו וידבר אתו אלהים לאמר:

4 “As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You shall be the father of a multitude of nations. אלי הנה בריתי אתך והזית לאב המון גוים:

5 And you shall no longer be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham,* for I make you the father of a multitude of nations. ולא־יקרא עוד את־שמך אברהם והזה שמך אברהם כי אבי־המון גוים נתתיך:

6 I will make you exceedingly fertile, and make nations of you; and kings shall come forth from you. והפתי אתך במאד מאד ונתתיך לגוים ומלכים ממך יצאו:

7 I will maintain My covenant between Me and you, and your offspring to come, as an everlasting covenant throughout the ages, to be God to you and to your offspring to come. והקמתי את־בריתי ביני ובינך ובין ורעך אחריך לדרתם לברית עולם להיות לך לאלהים ולורעך אחריך:

8 I assign the land you sojourn in to you and your offspring to come, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting holding. I will be their God.” ונתתי לך ולורעך אחריך את ׀ ארץ מגלך את כל־ארץ כלעון לאחזת עולם והזיתי להם לאלהים:

9 God further said to Abraham, “As for you, you and your offspring to come throughout the ages shall keep My covenant. ויאמר אלהים אל־אברהם ואתה את־בריתי תשמר אתה ורעך אחריך לדרתם:

10 Such shall be the covenant between Me and you and your offspring to follow which you shall keep: every male among you shall be circumcised. זאת בריתי אשר תשמרו ביני וביניכם ובין ורעך אחריך המול לכם כל־זכר:

11 You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and that shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. ונקלתם את בשר ערלתכם והזה לאות ברית ביני וביניכם:

12 And throughout the generations, every male among you shall be circumcised at the age of eight days. As for the homeborn slave and the one bought from an outsider who is not of your offspring, ובך־שמנת ימים ימול לכם כל־זכר לדרתכם יליד בית ומקנת־לכסף מכל ברנכר אשר לא מורעך הוא:

13 they must be circumcised, homeborn and purchased alike. Thus shall My covenant be marked in your flesh as an everlasting pact. המול ׀ ימול יליד בית ומקנת כסף. והיתה בריתי בבשרכם לברית עולם:

14 And if any male who is uncircumcised fails to circumcise the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from kin; he has broken My covenant. ועל ׀ זכר אשר לא־ימול את־בשר ערלולו ונכרתה הנפש ההוא מעמית את־בריתי הפך:

15 And God said to Abraham, “As for your wife Sarai, you shall not call her Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah.*” ויאמר אלהים אל־אברהם שרי אשתך לאיתקרא את־שמה שרי כי שרה שמה:

9 Is not the whole land before you? Let us separate:* 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 הווי had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—all the way to Zoar, like the garden of הווי, 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 הווי sinners against הווי.

14 And הווי 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 הווי.

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הלך כל־הארץ לפניך הפך נא מעלי אסי־השמאל ואימנה ואסי־הימין ואשמאלה:

וישאלוט את־עליו ויזא את־כל־כבר הירדן כי כלה משקה לפני ׀ שותת יהזה את־סדם ואת־עמולה כנר־הנוה כארץ מצלים באכה צער:

ויבחר־לו לוט את כל־כבר הירדן ויסע לוט מקדם ויפך־ו איש מעל אחיו:

אברהם ישב בארץ־כנען ולוט ישב בערי הכפר ויאהל עד־סדם:

והנשי סדם רעים וחטאים ליהנה מאד:

ויהזה אמר אל־אברהם אחרי הפך־לוט מעמו שא נא עינך וראה מך־המקום אשר־אתה שם צפנה ונגבה וקדמה וימה:

כי את־כל־הארץ אשר־אתה ראה לך אתננה ולורעך עד־עולם:

ושמתי את־ורעך כעפר הארץ אשר ׀ אסייכל איש למנוח את־עפר הארץ גם־זורעך ימנה:

קום התהלך בארץ לארבה ולרחבה כי לך אתננה:

ויאתל אברהם ויבא וישב באלני ממרא אשר בחברון ויבדשם מנבח ליהונה:

1 Now, when King Amraphel of Shinar, King Arioch of Ellasar, King Chedorlaomer of Elam, and King Tidal of Goiim, ויהי בימי אמהפל מלך־שנלר אריוך מלך אלקר כדורלעמר מלך עילם ותדל מלך גוים:

2 made war on King Bera of Sodom, King Birsha of Gomorrah, King Shinab of Admah, King Shemeber of Zebaiim, ועשו מלחמה את־ברלע מלך סדם ואת־ברשע מלך עמרה שנאב ׀ מלך אדמה ושמאבר מלך צביים ׀ צבולים ומלך בלע היא־צער:

3 all the latter joined forces at the Valley of Siddim, now the Dead Sea.* כל־אלה תברו אליעמק השדים הוא גם המלח:

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. שתים עשרה שנה עבדו את־כרלעמר ושלש־עשרה שנה מרדו:

In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim at Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim at Ham, the Elmim at Shaveh-kirjathaim, and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness. On their way back they came to En-mishpat which is Kadesh, and subdued all the territory of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwell in Hazazon-tamar. Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zebaim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar, went forth and engaged them in battle in the Valley of Siddim: King Chedorlaomer of Elam, King Tidal of Gollim, King Amraphel of Shinar, and King Arioch of Ellasar—four kings against those five. Now the Valley of Siddim was dotted with bitumen pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, in their flight, threw themselves into them, while the rest escaped to the hill country. [The invaders] seized all the wealth of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their provisions, and went their way. They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his possessions, and departed; for he had settled in Sodom. A fugitive brought the news to Abram the Hebrew, who was dwelling at the terebiths of Mamre the Amorite, kinsman of Eshkol and Aner, these being Abram's allies. When Abram heard that his kinsman's [household] had been taken captive, he mustered his retainers,* born into his household, numbering three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. At night, he and his servants deployed against them and defeated them; and he pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. He brought back all the possessions; he also brought back his kinsman Lot and his possessions, and the women and the rest of the people. 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.

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4 He cohabited with Hagar and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was lowered in her esteem. And Sarai said to Abram, "The wrong done me is your fault! I myself put my maid in your bosom; now that she sees that she is pregnant, I am lowered in her esteem. Why should I decide between you and me!" Abram said to Sarai, "Your maid is in your hands. Deal with her as you think right." Then Sarai treated her harshly, and she ran away from her. A messenger of ה' found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the road to Shur, and said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." And the messenger of ה' said to her, "Go back to your mistress, and submit to her harsh treatment." And the messenger of ה' said to her, "I will greatly increase your offspring, and they shall be too many to count." The messenger of ה' said to her further, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son; You shall call him Ishmael." For ה' has paid heed to your suffering. He shall be a wild ass of a person,* His hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; He shall dwell alongside of all his kin. And she called ה' who spoke to her, "You Are El-roi,"* by which she meant, "Have I not gone on seeing after my being seen!" Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi.* It is between Kadesh and Be'er.—Hagar bore a son to Abram, and Abram gave the son that Hagar bore him the name Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

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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 הוּדִי 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."

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1 Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Look, הוּדִי has kept me from bearing. Consort with my maid; perhaps I shall have a child* through her." And Abram heeded Sarai's request.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו קִחָה לִּי עִגְלָה מִשְׁלֶשֶׁת וְעֵז מִשְׁלֶשֶׁת וְאַיִל מִשְׁלֶשֶׁת וְתֹר וְנִתְלִ:

וַיָּקַח־לוֹ אֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה וַיַּבְתֵּר אֹתָם בַּתְּוֹךְ וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ־בִּתְרוֹ לַקְרָאֵת רַעְהוּ וְאֶת־הַצֹּפֵר לֹא בָתָר:

וַיֵּרֶד הָעֵיט עַל־הַפְּגָרִים וַיֵּשֶׁב אֹתָם אַבְרָם:

וַיְהִי הַשָּׁמֶשׁ לָבוֹא וְתַרְדֵּמָה נָפְלָה עַל־אַבְרָם וְהָנָה אִמָּה תַּשְׁכָּה גְדֹלָה נִפְלֹת עָלָיו:

וַיֹּאמֶר לֵאבֹלָם יָדַע תַּדַּע כִּי־נִרְי וַיְהִי זֶרַעַךְ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם וַעֲבָדוּם וַעֲנִי אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה:

וְגַם אֶת־הַנָּגִי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּ הֵן אֲנֹכִי וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן יֵצְאוּ בִּרְכֻשׁ גָּדוֹל:

וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל־אֲבוֹתֶיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקְבֹּר בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה:

וְהָיָה רְבִיעִי יָשׁוּבוּ הָנָּה כִּי לֹא־שָׁלֵם עֹנֶן הָאָמֹרִי עַד־הֵנָּה:

וַיְהִי הַשָּׁמֶשׁ בָּאָה וַעֲלָטָה הָיָה וְהָיָה תֵּנִיֹר עֵשֶׁן וְלִפְדִּי אֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר עָבַר בֵּין הַנִּיְוִרִים וְהָאֵלֶּה:

בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא קָרָת יְהוָה אֶת־אַבְרָם בְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְוָרָעַךְ נָתַתִּי אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִנְּהַר מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדוֹל נְהַר־פָּרָת:

אֶת־הַקֵּינִי וְאֶת־הַקְנִזִּי וְאֵת הַקַּדְמוֹנִי:

וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת־הַרְפָּאִיִּם:

וְאֶת־הָאָמֹרִי וְאֶת־הַקְנָעָנִי וְאֶת־הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְאֶת־הַיְּבוּסִי:

וַיֵּשֶׁר אִשָּׁת אַבְרָם לֹא יָלְדָה לוֹ וְלָהּ שַׁפְחָה מִצְרַיִת וּשְׁמָהּ הָגָר:

וַחֲאֹמֶר שָׂרָי אֶל־אַבְרָם הִנֵּה־נָא עֲצָרְנִי יְהוָה מִלָּדָת בֶּאֱרֵנָא אֶל־שַׁפְחָתִי אוּלֵי אֲבָנָה מִמֶּנָּה וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם לְקוֹל שָׂרָי:

18 And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High.*

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* to הוּדִי, 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."

וּמֶלֶךְ־צִדְקָה מֶלֶךְ שֹׁלֵם הוֹצִיא לֶחֶם וַיִּזֵּן וְהוּא כֹהֵן לֵאלֹה עֲלִיוֹן:

וַיְבָרְכֵהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ אַבְרָם לֵאלֹה עֲלִיוֹן קֹנֵה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

וּבְרוּךְ אֵל עֲלִיוֹן אֲשֶׁר־מָנֹן צָרָתָךְ בְּיָדְךָ וַיַּתְּדֵלֹךְ מִיָּשָׁר מִכָּל:

וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ־סוּדִם אֶל־אַבְרָם תְּרִיל הַנֶּפֶשׁ וְהָרֻכָּשׁ קַח־לָךְ:

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל־מֶלֶךְ סוּדִם הִרְמַלְתִּי יְדִי אֶל־יְהוָה אֵל עֲלִיוֹן קֹנֵה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

אִם־יִחַחוּט נָעִד שְׂרוּךְ־נֶעֱל וְאִם־אֶקַּח מִכָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ וְלֹא תֹאמַר אֲנִי הִעֲשֵׂיתִי אֶת־אַבְרָם:

בְּלִעְדִּי רַק אֲשֶׁר אֶבְלוּ הַנַּעֲלִים וְחֻלְלָה הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר הִלְכוּ אִתִּי עַנְי אֲשַׁכֵּל וּמִמְלֵא הֵם יִקְחוּ חֶלְקָם:

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1 Some time later, the word of הוּדִי 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 הוּדִי,* what can You give me, seeing that I shall die childless, and the one in charge of my household is Dammesek Eliezer!"**

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

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

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 הוּדִי, who reckoned it to his merit.

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

8 And he said, "O lord הוּדִי, how shall I know that I am to possess it?"

אֶתֶּר ו הַרְבִּיכִים הָאֵלֶּה הָיָה דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם בְּמַתְנֵה לֵאמֹר אֶל־תִּירָא אַבְרָם אֲנֹכִי מִנֶּן לָךְ שָׂכָרְךָ הִרְבָּה מְאֹד:

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה מִדִּיתְתָּרְלִי וְאֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ עֲרִירִי וּבְרַמְשָׁק בִּיתִי הוּא הַמְשָׁק אֵלִיעֶזֶר:

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם הֵן לִי לֹא נָתַתָּה זָרַע וְהָנָה בְּרַב־בִּיתִי יוֹרֵשׁ אֹתִי:

וְהָיָה דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה יִירָשְׁךָ אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמֶּלְיָךְ הוּא יִירָשְׁךָ:

וַיּוֹצֵא אוֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה וַיֹּאמֶר הַבִּטֵּנָא הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם־יִתְּוֹכֵל לִסְפֹּר אֹתָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה וְרָעַךְ:

וְהָאָמֵן בִּיהֵוָה וַיַּתְּשַׁבֵּה לוֹ צִדְקָה:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים לָתֵת לָךְ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְרֵשֶׁתָּהּ:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה בְּמָה אֶדַּע כִּי אִירָשְׁנָה: