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Avraham was led by faith

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Genesis 12:1-17:27

הפטרה: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

הברית: Romans 4:1-25

החדשה

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Bereshit / Genesis 12:4 So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the

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land of Canaan. (NASB) Avraham was 75 years old when the Lord called him forth from his land and his people to the Land of Canaan. Today's reading shows us that Avraham understood the spiritual reality and truth that God was communicating to him on the importance of obeying God by leaving home (Haran) and going to the land of Canaan.

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בראשית 12:4-9

4 וּמְקַלְלָהּ אֵאָר וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְךָ כָּל מְשַׁפְּחַת הָאָדָמָה: וַיֵּלֶךְ
אֲבָרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאֲבָרָם
5 בְּנֵי-חָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה בְּצֵאתוֹ מִחָרָן: וַיִּקַּח
אֲבָרָם אֶת-שָׂרַי אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת-לוֹט בֶּן-אָחִיו וְאֶת-כָּל-
רְכוּשָׁם אֲשֶׁר רָכְשׁוּ וְאֶת-הַנְּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר-עָשׂוּ בְּחָרָן וַיֵּצְאוּ
6 לְלֶכֶת אֶרְצָה כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶרְצָה כְּנָעַן: וַיַּעֲבֹר אֲבָרָם
בְּאֶרֶץ עַד מְקוֹם שְׁכֵם עַד אֵלֶיךָ מוֹרֵה וְהַכְנַעֲנִי אִם בְּאֶרֶץ:
7 וַיִּבֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבָרָם וַיֹּאמֶר לְוָרְעָה אֲתָן אֶת-הָאֶרֶץ
8 הַזֹּאת וַיִּבֶן שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה הַנִּרְאָה אֵלָיו: וַיַּעֲתֵק מִשָּׁם
הַחֲרָה מִקְדָּם לְבֵית-אֵל וַיֵּט אֶהְלֵה בֵּית-אֵל מִיָּם וְהָעִי
9 מִקְדָּם וַיִּבֶן שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה: וַיִּסַּע
אֲבָרָם הַלּוֹךְ וַיָּגִסוּעַ הַנֶּגֶב:

Bereshit / Genesis 12:4-9

12:4 So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. 12:7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. 12:8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 12:9 Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev. (NASB)

25 The world does not understand the wisdom of God. *1 Corinthians 2:7-8* says
 “but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God
 predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of
 this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have
 crucified the Lord of glory;” (NASB). These verses describe God’s wisdom as a
 “mystery” and as “hidden.” What God knows, What God purposes and plans, and
 30 what God does, all of these things are incomprehensible to us. The senses that we
 are given in our bodies to perceive the material world, our eyes, ears, nose, touch,
 and our minds cannot be used to perceive the reality of what God is doing or
 working out in our lives until its completion. This is why faith is necessary for
 our walk and life as a believer. Avraham by faith left his home land and traveled
 35 to a new land. His decision to leave was not based upon his physical senses. This
 is what Paul meant when he said in *Romans 4:1* *What then shall we say that
 Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 4:2 For if Abraham
 was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 4:3
 For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to
 40 him as righteousness.’* (NASB) Avraham believed God and left for another
 country. The Ketuvei Shelachim (Apostolic Writings) speak of the gospel of
 Yeshua (Jesus) as a mystery, shrouded and hidden from human eyes (see *Romans
 16:25, Ephesians 3:9, and Colossians 1:26*). This is why spiritual understanding

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 אברם כאשר דבר אליו יהוה וילך אתו לוט ואברם
 5 בן-חמש שנים ושבעים שנה בצאתו מחרן: ויקח
 אברם את-שרי אשתו ואת-לוט בן-אחיו ואת-כל-
 6 רבשם אשר רכשו ואת-הנפש אשר-עשו בחרן ויצאו
 ללכת ארצה כנען ויבאו ארצה כנען: ויעבר אברם

relies not on human
 cleverness but on
 faith; faith in the
 revelation of God in
 His Word. These
 passages in *Bereshit
 / Genesis 12:4-9*
 identifies three
 things in the life of

one who believes the Lord. First, we know that God has prepared great wonders
 for those who love Him, God said in *12:7* “*The Lord appeared to Abram and
 55 said, ‘To your descendants I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the
 Lord who had appeared to him.*” (NASB) Secondly, believers will have a mind
 that will help us to receive God’s instruction. Third, God will reveal to us and
 enable us to understand His spiritual truth if we seek His truth and not our own
 truth. These verses echoes *Yeshayahu / Isaiah 64:4* *For from days of old they
 60 have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who
 acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.* (NASB) God’s help is for those who
 wait for Him.

These passages should provoke great passion and soberness, humility and
 joy. Without an active work of God in our lives, it is impossible to grasp the
 65 spiritual truths found in the Scriptures. Our embracing of Yeshua, His death,
 burial, and bodily resurrection is the work of God the father through the Holy
 Spirit in our lives. If you have placed your trust in Yeshua, rejoice that God has
 not abandoned you to your own wisdom, senses and understanding as it says in
*Romans 4:6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God
 70 credits righteousness apart from works: 4:7 ‘Blessed are those whose lawless
 deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered.* (NASB) Your

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sinful deeds have been forgiven on account of Yeshua and His shed blood (*Colossians 1:14*, kjv). If God is not working in your life recently or if you have not placed your trust in Yeshua then pray with me right now.

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Heavenly Father,

Help me to live a life of faithfulness to You Lord. I want for You to come into my life and to perform a good work. Please have mercy on me and forgive my sins; I believe that my sins were placed upon Yeshua on the cross, that He bore my sins. I believe in this way Yeshua's life was given on my behalf and I am so thankful for your grace and mercy. Please send to me Your Holy Spirit, to renew my mind, create in me a new heart, and to restore to me the joy of your salvation. Help me to live faithfully so that I can bring glory to Your name. In Yeshua's name I pray.

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Amen.

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Be Blessed in Yeshua our Messiah!

הללויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד:
Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi,
"Yeshua" King Messiah forever and ever