

Shabbat Lech L'cha

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Genesis 15:1-21

(1) Some time later, the word of יהוה 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 יהוה, 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 יהוה 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 יהוה, who reckoned it to his merit. (7) Then [God] said to him, “I am יהוה who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to assign this land to you as a possession.” (8) And he said, “O lord יהוה, 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)

בראשית ט"ו:א'-כ"א

(א) אַתָּר וְהַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הָיָה

דְּבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם בְּמַחְזָה לֵאמֹר

אֶל־תִּירָא אַבְרָם אָנֹכִי מְגִן לְךָ שְׂכָרְךָ

הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֲדֹנָי

יְהוָה מַה־תִּתְּנֶנְךָ לִי וְאַנְכִי הוֹלֵךְ עֲרִירִי

וּבֶן־מִשְׁק בֵּיתִי הוּא דַּמְשֶׁק אֱלִיעֶזֶר:

(ג) וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם הֲנֵן לִי לֹא נִתְּנָה

זָרַע וְהִנֵּה בֶן־בֵּיתִי יוֹרֵשׁ אֹתִי: (ד)

וְהִנֵּה דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא

יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה כִּי־אִם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמְעֶיךָ

הוּא יִירָשְׁךָ: (ה) וַיּוֹצֵא אֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה

וַיֹּאמֶר הֶבֶט־נָא הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר

הַכּוֹכָבִים אִם־תּוּכַל לְסַפֵּר אֹתָם

וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כַּה־יְהִי זְרַעְךָ: (ו) וְהָאֱמִן

בַּיהוָה וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לוֹ צְדָקָה: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר

אֵלָיו אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאוּר

כַּשְׂדִּים לָתֵת לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת

לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה

בְּפֶה אֲדַע כִּי אֵירָשְׁנָה: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר

אֵלָיו קָחָה לִי־עֵגְלָה מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת וְעֵז

מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת וְאֵיל מְשֻׁלֵּשׁ וְתֹר וְגֹזָל: (י)

וַיִּקַּח־לוֹ אֶת־כָּל־אֵלֶּה וַיְבַתֵּר אֹתָם

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 יהוה 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.”

בַּתּוֹךְ וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ-בְּתָרוֹ לְקַרְאֵת רַעְהוּ
וְאֶת-הַצֶּפֶר לֹא בָתַר: (יא) וַיִּרְדּוּ
הָעַיִט עַל-הַפְּגָרִים וַיֵּשֶׁב אֹתָם
אַבְרָם: (יב) וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לְבוֹא
וַתִּרְדְּמָה נִפְלְאָה עַל-אַבְרָם וַהֲנִיחָה
אֵימָה חֹשְׁכָה גְדֹלָה נִפְלְתָה עָלָיו: (יג)
וַיֹּאמֶר לְאַבְרָם יָדַע תִּדַע כִּי-גֵר אֶ
יְהִיֶה זְרַעְךָ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם וְעַבְדוּם
וְעָנּוּ אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה: (יד)
וְגַם אֶת-הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּ דָן אֲנֹכִי
וְאַחֲרֵי-כֵן יֵצְאוּ בְּרֶכֶשׁ גָּדוֹל: (טו)
וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל-אַבְתֶּיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם
תִּקָּבֵר בְּשֵׁיבָה טוֹבָה: (טז) וְדוֹר
רְבִיעִי יָשׁוּבוּ הֵנָּה כִּי לֹא-שָׁלֵם עוֹנֵן
הָאָמְרִי עַד-הֵנָּה: (יז) וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ
בָּאָה וְעַלְטָה הָיָה וַהֲנִיחָה תַנּוּר עֹשֵׂן
וּלְפִיד אֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר עָבַר בֵּין הַגְּזָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה: (יח) בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כָּרַתְתָּ יְהוָה
אֶת-אַבְרָם בְּרִית לְאֹמֶר לְזַרְעֹךָ נְתַתִּי
אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִנְהַר מִצְרַיִם עַד-
הַנְּהַר הַגְּדֹל נְהַר-פָּרָת: (יט) אֶת-
הַקֵּינִי וְאֶת-הַקְּנִזִּי וְאֶת הַקְּדֹמֹנִי: (כ)
וְאֶת-הַחִתִּי וְאֶת-הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת-
הַרְפָּאִים: (כא) וְאֶת-הָאֱמֹרִי וְאֶת-
הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְאֶת-הַגִּרְגָּשִׁי וְאֶת-
הַיְבוּסִי: {ס}

Haftarah

Isaiah 40:27-41:10

(27) Why do you say, O Jacob,
Why declare, O Israel,
“My way is hid from the Eternal
One,
My cause is ignored by my God”?
(28) Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Eternal One is God from of old,
Creator of the earth from end to end,
He never grows faint or weary,
His wisdom cannot be fathomed.
(29) He gives strength to the weary,
Fresh vigor to the spent. (30) Youths
may grow faint and weary,
And young men stumble and fall;
(31) But they who trust in the
Eternal One shall renew their
strength
As eagles grow new plumes:
They shall run and not grow weary,
They shall march and not grow
faint. (1) Stand silent before Me,
coastlands,
And let nations renew their
strength.^a
Let them approach to state their
case;
Let us come forward together for
argument. (2) Who has roused a
victor from the East,
Summoned him to His service?
Has delivered up nations to him,
And trodden sovereigns down?
Has rendered their swords like dust,

ישעיהו מ'כ"ז-מ"א:י'

(כז) לָמָּה תֹאמַר יַעֲקֹב וּתְדַבֵּר
יִשְׂרָאֵל נִסְתָּרָה דַרְכֵי מִיְהוָה
וּמֵאַלְהֵי מְשַׁפְּטֵי יַעֲבֹר: (כח) הֲלוֹא
יִדְעָתָּ אִם־לֹא שָׁמַעְתָּ אֱלֹהֵי
עוֹלָם | יְהוָה בּוֹרֵא קְצוֹת הָאָרֶץ לֹא
יִיעָף וְלֹא יִיגַע אֵין חֶקֶר לְתַבּוּנָתוֹ:
(כט) נָתַן לַיַעֲרָף כֹּחַ וּלְאַיִן אוֹנִים
עֲצָמָה יִרְבֶּה: (ל) וַיַּעֲפּוּ נְעָרִים וַיִּגְעוּ
וּבְחֹרִים כָּשׁוּל יִכְשִׁלוּ: (לא) וְקוֹץ
יְהוָה יִחְלִיפוּ כֹחַ יַעֲלוּ אֲבָר כַּנְּשָׁרִים
יִרְצוּ וְלֹא יִיגְעוּ יִלְכוּ וְלֹא
יִיעֲפוּ: {ס} (א) הִחֲרִישׁוּ אֵלַי
אֵיִם וְלְאַמִּים יִחְלִיפוּ כֹחַ יִגְשׁוּ אֲז
יִדְבְּרוּ יַחֲדָן לְמִשְׁפָּט נִקְרְבָה: (ב) מִי
הָעִיר מִמְזֻרַח צֶדֶק יִקְרָאֵהוּ לְרַגְלוֹ
יִתֵּן לְפָנָיו גּוֹיִם וּמַלְכִים לְרֵד יִתֵּן
כְּעֶפֶר חֲרָבּוֹ כְּנֶשׁ גִּדָּף קִשְׁתּוֹ: (ג)
יִרְדְּפֵם יַעֲבֹר שְׁלוֹם אֶרֶץ בְּרַגְלָיו
לֹא יָבוֹא: (ד) מִי־פָעַל וְעָשָׂה קִרְא
הַדְרֹת מִרֹאשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה רִאשׁוֹן
וְאֶת־אֲחֵרִנִים אָנִי־הוּא: (ה) רָאָן
אֵיִם וַיִּרְאוּ קְצוֹת הָאָרֶץ יִחְרְדוּ
קִרְבוּ וַיִּאֲתָיוֹן: (ו) אִישׁ אֶת־רַעְיוֹ
יַעֲזְרוּ וְלֹאֲתָיו יֹאמַר חֲזָק: (ז) וַיִּחַגַּק

Their bows like wind-blown straw?
(3) He pursues them, he goes on
unscathed;

No shackle is placed on his feet. (4)
Who has wrought and achieved
this?

He who announced the generations
from the start—

I, the Eternal One, who was first
And will be with the last as well.

(5) The coastlands look on in fear,
The ends of earth tremble.

They draw near and come; (6) Each
one helps the other,

Saying to his fellow, “Take courage!”

(7) The woodworker encourages the
smith;

He who flattens with the hammer
[Encourages] him who pounds the
anvil.

He says of the riveting, “It is good!”

And he fixes it with nails,

That it may not topple.

(8) But you, Israel, My servant,

Jacob, whom I have chosen,

Seed of Abraham My friend— (9)

You whom I drew from the ends of
the earth

And called from its far corners,

To whom I said: You are My servant;

I chose you, I have not rejected

you— (10) Fear not, for I am with
you,

Be not frightened, for I am your God;

I strengthen you and I help you,

I uphold you with My victorious

right hand.

חָרַשׁ אֶת־צַרְף מִחֲלִיק פִּטְיֵשׁ אֶת־

הַתּוֹלָם פָּגַעַם אָמַר לְדַבְּקֵי טוֹב הוּא

וַיַּחֲזִקְהוּ בְּמַסְמָרִים לֹא

יְמוּטִי: {ס} (ח) וְאֵתָהּ יִשְׂרָאֵל

עֲבָדִי יַעֲקֹב אֲשֶׁר בְּחִרְתִּיהָ זָרַע

אֲבָרְהָם אֲהַבִּי: (ט) אֲשֶׁר הֶחֱזַקְתִּיהָ

מִקְצוֹת הָאָרֶץ וּמֵאֲצִילֶיהָ קָרָאתִיהָ

וְאָמַר לָהּ עֲבָדִי־אֵתָהּ בְּחִרְתִּיהָ וְלֹא

מֵאֲסִיתִיהָ: (י) אֶל־תִּירָא כִּי עִמָּךְ־אֲנִי

אֶל־תִּשְׁתַּעַע כִּי־אֲנִי אֵלֶיךָ אֲמַצְתִּיהָ

אֶף־עֲזַרְתִּיהָ אֶף־תִּמְכַּתִּיהָ בְּיַמִּי

צִדְקִי: