

Lech Lecha
“Go Out”

Torah: **Genesis 12:1-17:27**
Haftarah: **Isaiah 40:27-41:16**
Brit Chadasha: **Romans 3:19-5:6 Galatians 3:15-18, 5:1-6 Colossians 2:11-15**
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TORAH:

Genesis 12

Abram Obeys the Calling

1 Then *Adonai* said to Abram, “Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you.

2 My heart’s desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing.

3 My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

4 So Abram went, just as *Adonai* had spoken to him. Also Lot went with him. (Now Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.)

5 Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions that they had acquired, and the people that they acquired in Haran, and they left to go to the land of Canaan, and they entered the land of Canaan.

6 Abram passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, as far as Moreh’s big tree. (The Canaanites were in the land then.)

7 Then *Adonai* appeared to Abram, and said, “I will give this land to your seed.” So there he built an altar to *Adonai*, who had appeared to him.

8 From there he moved to the mountain to the east of Beth-El and erected his

tent (with Beth-El to the west and Ai to the east). There he built an altar to *Adonai* and called on the Name of *Adonai*.

9 So Abram kept on journeying southward.

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to live as an outsider there, because the famine was severe in the land.

11 Just as he was about to enter Egypt he said to Sarai his wife, “Look, please, I know that you are an attractive woman.

12 So when the Egyptians see you they’ll say, ‘This is his wife.’ And they’ll kill me; but you, they’ll let live.

13 Please say that you are my sister, so that I’ll be treated well for your sake, and my life will be spared because of you.”

14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians did see that the woman was very beautiful.

15 Indeed, Pharaoh’s officials saw her and they raved about her to Pharaoh. Then the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house.

16 But Abram was treated well for her sake, and he got sheep, cattle, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys and camels.

17 But *Adonai* struck Pharaoh and his household with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.

18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What’s this that you did to me? Why didn’t you tell me that she is your wife?

19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now, here is your wife. Take—and go!”

20 Then Pharaoh instructed men concerning him, and they expelled him, with his wife, and everything that belonged to him.

Genesis 13

1 So Abram went up from Egypt—he and his wife and everything that belonged to him, and Lot with him—to the Negev.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, silver and gold.

3 He proceeded by stages from the Negev as far as Beth-El—to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-El and Ai,
4 to the place of the altar that he had made there at first, and there Abram called on the Name of *Adonai*.

Lot Separates From Abram

5 Now Lot, who was going with Abram, also had sheep and cattle and tents,
6 so that the land could not support them living together, because their possessions were many, and they were not able to stay together.

7 So there was a quarrel between the shepherds of Abram's livestock and the shepherds of Lot's livestock. (Now the Canaanites and the Perizzites were living in the land then.)

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please, let there be no strife between me and you, or between my shepherds and yours, since we are relatives.

9 Isn't the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If to the left, then I'll go to the right, and if to the right, then I'll go to the left."

10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the whole area surrounding the Jordan was well watered in its entirety (before *Adonai* destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah)—like *Adonai's* garden, like the land of Egypt—till you come to Zoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself the whole area surrounding the Jordan. Lot journeyed to the east, and they separated from each other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the valley. And he moved his tent from place to place near Sodom.

13 But the people of Sodom were evil—very great sinners against *Adonai*.

14 After Lot separated himself from him, *Adonai* had said to Abram, "lift up your eyes, now, and look from the place where you are, to the north, south, east and west.

15 For all the land that you are looking at, I will give to you and to your seed forever.

16 I will make your seed like the dust of the earth so that if one could count the dust of the earth, then your seed could also be counted.

17 Get up! Walk about the land through its length and width—for I will give it to

you.”

18 So Abram moved his tent from place to place, and came and dwelt by Mamre’s large trees, which are in Hebron, and there built an altar to *Adonai*.

Genesis 14

Abram Rescues Lot

1 Now it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim,

2 that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (this is Zoar).

3 All of these kings joined forces in the Valley of the Siddim (this is the Salt Sea).

4 For 12 years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came with the kings who were with him, and they defeated the Rephaim in Ashterot-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiryataim,

6 and the Horites in the hill country of Seir as far as El-Paran, which is beside the wilderness.

7 Then they came again to En-mishpat (this is Kadesh), and they subdued all the territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who live in Hazazon-tamar.

8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (this is Zoar) went out and lined themselves up for battle with them in the Valley of the Siddim,

9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar: four kings against five.

10 Now the Valley of the Siddim was full of tar pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell into them, and those who remained fled to the hills.

11 So they took all of Sodom and Gomorrah’s possessions and their food and left.

12 They also took Lot, Abram’s nephew, and his possessions, and they left (as he was living in Sodom).

13 Then a survivor came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was dwelling by the

large trees belonging to Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eschol and the brother of Aner—they were Abram’s allies.

14 When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he rallied his trained men, those born in his household, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

15 Then he divided his servants against them at night, and he defeated them and pursued them as far as Hovah, which is north of Damascus.

16 He brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot and his possessions, as well as the women and the other people.

Melech-Tzedek , King of Salem

17 Now after he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (this is the King’s Valley).

18 Then *Melechizedek* , king of Salem, brought out bread and wine—he was a priest of *El Elyon*.

19 He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by *El Elyon*, Creator of heaven and earth,

20 and blessed be *El Elyon*, Who gave over your enemies Into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

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

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I raise my hand in oath to *Adonai, El Elyon*, Creator of heaven and earth.

23 Not a thread or even a sandal strap of all that is yours will I take, so you will not say, ‘I’ve made Abram rich!’

24 I claim nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me—Aner, Eschol, and Mamre—let them take their share.”

Genesis 15

Cutting a Covenant

1 After these things the word of *Adonai* came to Abram in a vision saying, “Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “My Lord *Adonai*, what will You give me, since I am living without children, and the heir of my household is Eliezer of Damascus?”

3 Then Abram said, “Look! You have given me no seed, so a house-born servant is my heir.”

4 Then behold, the word of *Adonai* came to him saying, “This one will not be your heir, but in fact, one who will come from your own body will be your heir.

5 He took him outside and said, “Look up now, at the sky, and count the stars—if you are able to count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your seed be.”

6 Then he believed in *Adonai* and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, “I am *Adonai* who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans, in order to give you this land to inherit it.”

8 So he said, “My Lord *Adonai*, how will I know that I will inherit it?”

9 Then He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old young cow, a three year old she-goat, a three year old ram, a turtle-dove and a young bird.”

10 So he brought all these to Him and cut them in half, and put each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

11 Then birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 When the sun was about to set and a deep sleep fell on Abram, behold, terror of great darkness was falling upon him!

13 Then He said to Abram, “Know for certain that your seed will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and they will be enslaved and oppressed 400 years.

14 But I am going to judge the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will go out with many possessions.

15 But you, you will come to your fathers in peace. You will be buried at a good old age.

16 Then in the fourth generation they will return here—for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

17 When the sun set and it became dark, behold, there was a smoking oven and a

fiery torch that passed between these pieces.

18 On that day *Adonai* cut a covenant with Abram, saying, “I give this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River:

19 the Kenite, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Raphaites,

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

Genesis 16

Hagar and Ishmael

1 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had not borne him children. But she had an Egyptian slave-girl—her name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, “Look now, *Adonai* has prevented me from having children. Go, please, to my slave-girl. Perhaps I’ll get a son by her.” Abram listened to Sarai’s voice.

3 So Sarai, Abram’s wife, took her slave-girl Hagar the Egyptian—after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan—and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife.

4 Then he went to Hagar and she became pregnant. When she saw that she was pregnant, in her eyes her mistress was belittled.

5 So Sarai said to Abram, “The wrong done to me is because of you! I myself placed my slave-girl in your embrace. Now that she saw that she became pregnant, so in her eyes I am belittled. May *Adonai* judge between you and me!”

6 Abram said to Sarai, “Look! Your slave-girl is in your hand. Do to her what is good in your eyes.” So Sarai afflicted her, and she fled from her presence.

7 Then the angel of *Adonai* found her by the spring of water in the wilderness, next to the spring on the way to Shur.

8 He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s slave-girl, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.”

9 The angel of *Adonai* said, “Return to your mistress and humble yourself under her hand.”

10 Then the angel of *Adonai* said to her, “I will bountifully multiply your seed, and

they will be too many to count.”

11 Then the angel of *Adonai* said to her, Behold, you are pregnant and about to bear a son, and you shall name him Ishmael— for *Adonai* has heard your affliction.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man. His hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him, and away from all his brothers will he dwell.

13 So she called *Adonai* who was speaking to her, “You are the God who sees me.” For she said, “Would I have gone here indeed looking for Him who looks after me?”

14 That is why the well is named, the Well of the Living One Who Sees Me. (Behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.)

15 Then Hagar gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 Abram was 86 years old when Hagar gave birth to Ishmael for Abram.

Genesis 17:1-27

Covenant of Circumcision

1 When Abram was 99 years old, *Adonai* appeared to Abram, and He said to him, “I am *El Shaddai*. Continually walk before Me and you will be blameless.

2 My heart’s desire is to make My covenant between Me and you, and then I will multiply you exceedingly much.”

3 Abram fell on his face, and God spoke with him, saying,

4 “For My part, because My covenant is with you, you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

5 No longer will your name be Abram, but your name will be Abraham, because I make you the father of a multitude of nations.

6 Yes, I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings will come forth from you.

7 Yes, I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, in order to be your God and your seed’s God after you.

8 I will give to you and to your seed after you the land where you are an outsider —the whole land of Canaan—as an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

9 God also said to Abraham, “As for you, My covenant you must keep, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.

10 This is My covenant that you must keep between Me and you and your seed after you: all your males must be circumcised.

11 You must be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and this will become a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12 Also your eight-day-olds must be circumcised, every male, throughout your generations, including a house-born slave or a slave bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your seed.

13 Your house-born slave and your purchased slave must surely be circumcised. So My covenant will be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 But the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin—that person will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

15 God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her by the name Sarai. Rather, Sarah is her name.

16 And I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son from her. I will bless her and she will give rise to nations. Kings of the peoples will come from her.”

17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to his heart, “Will a son be born to a 100-year-old man? Or will Sarah—who is 90 years old—give birth?”

18 So Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live before you!”

19 But God said, “On the contrary, Sarah your wife will bear you a son and you must name him Isaac. So I will confirm My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.

20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you. See, I have blessed him and I will make him fruitful, and I will multiply him very very much. He will father twelve princes and I will make him a great nation.

21 But My covenant will I establish with Isaac whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year.”

22 When He finished speaking with him, God went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all of his house-born slaves and all his purchased slaves—every male among the men of Abraham’s house—and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on this very same day, just as God had spoken with him.

24 Abraham was 99 years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin,

25 and his son Ishmael was 13 years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 On this very same day Abraham and Ishmael his son were circumcised.

27 Also all the men of his house, house-born slaves and slaves purchased from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 40:27-31

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, “My way is hidden from *Adonai*, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God”?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? *Adonai* is the eternal God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives strength to the weary, and to one without vigor He adds might.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall,

31 but they who wait for *Adonai* will renew their strength. They will soar up with wings as eagles. They will run, and not grow weary. They will walk, and not be faint.

Isaiah 41:1-16

Coming Conqueror

1 “Be silent before Me, O islands! Let peoples renew their strength. Let them draw near, then let them speak. Let us come together for judgment.

2 Who has stirred up one from the east? He calls justice to His feet. He gives nations over to him and subdues kings. He makes them like dust with his sword, as driven stubble with his bow.

3 He pursues them, passing on safely, by a path his feet had not traveled.

4 Who has performed and done it? Calling forth the generations from the beginning, I, *Adonai*, am the first and the last, I am He!”

5 The coastlands have seen and fear. The ends of the earth tremble. They draw near and come.

6 Each one helps his neighbor and says to his brother, “Be strong!”

7 The craftsman encourages the smith, who smooths with the hammer, who strikes with the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It’s good!” as he fastens it with nails so that it will not totter.

My Servant, My Friend

8 “But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham, My friend—

9 I took hold of you from the ends of the earth, and called from its uttermost parts, and said to you, ‘You are My servant— I have chosen you, not rejected you.

10 Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Surely I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

11 Behold, all who were angry at you will be ashamed and disgraced. Those who quarrel with you will be as nothing and perish.

12 Though you will look for those who contended with you, you will not find them. Those who warred against you will be as nothing at all.

13 For I am *Adonai* your God who upholds your right hand, who says to you, “Fear not, I will help you.”

14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 “Look, I will make you a threshing sledge, new, with sharp, double-edged spikes. You will thresh the mountains and grind them up, and will make the hills like chaff.

16 You will winnow them, and a wind will carry them away, a storm-wind will scatter them. But you will rejoice in *Adonai*. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.

BRIT CHADASHA

Romans 3:19-31

19 Now we know that whatever the *Torah* says, it says to those within the *Torah*, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become accountable to God.

20 For no human, on the basis of *Torah* observance, will be set right in His sight—for through the *Torah* comes awareness of sin.

How God Accepts Us

21 But now God's righteousness apart from the *Torah* has been revealed, to which the *Torah* and the Prophets bear witness—

22 namely, the righteousness of God through putting trust in Messiah *Yeshua*, to all who keep on trusting. For there is no distinction,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 They are set right as a gift of His grace, through the redemption that is in Messiah *Yeshua*.

25 God set forth *Yeshua* as an atonement, through faith in His blood, to show His righteousness in passing over sins already committed.

26 Through God's forbearance, He demonstrates His righteousness at the present time—that He Himself is just and also the justifier of the one who puts his trust in *Yeshua*.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what principle? Of works? No, but by the principle of faith.

28 For we consider a person to be set right apart from *Torah* observance.

29 Is God the God of the Jewish people only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also.

30 Since God is One, He will set right the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify the *Torah* through faithfulness? May it never be! On the contrary, we uphold the *Torah*.

Romans 4

Abraham Set Right by Faith

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was set right by works, he has something to boast about—but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

4 Now to the one who works, the pay is not credited as a gift, but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but trusts in Him who justifies the ungodly, his trust is credited as righteousness—

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man whose sin *Adonai* will never count against him.”

9 Is this blessing then only on the circumcised, or also on the uncircumcised? For we say, “trust was credited to Abraham as righteousness.”

10 In what state then was it credited? While circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised!

11 And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness of the trust he had while he was uncircumcised, so he might be the father of all who are trusting while uncircumcised—that righteousness might be credited to them as well.

12 Also he is the father of the circumcised, to those not only circumcised but also walking in the footsteps of the trust of our father Abraham before his circumcision.

Trusting in the Promise

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his seed—to become heir of the world—was not through law, but through the righteousness based on trust.

14 For if those who are of the *Torah* are heirs, trust has become empty and the promise is made ineffective.

15 For the *Torah* brings about wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there a violation.

16 For this reason it depends on trust, so that the promise according to grace might be guaranteed to all the offspring—not only to those of the *Torah* but also to those of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all

17 (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”). He is our father in the sight of God in whom he trusted, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence that which does not exist.

18 In hope beyond hope, he trusted that he would become the father of many nations according to what was spoken—“So shall your descendants be.”

19 And without becoming weak in faith, he considered his own body—as good as dead, since he was already a hundred years old—and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.

20 Yet he did not waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God. Rather, he was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.

21 He was fully convinced that what God has promised, He also is able to do.

22 That is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

23. Now not only for his sake was it written that it was credited to him,

24 but for our sake as well. It is credited to us as those who trust in Him who raised *Yeshua* our Lord from the dead.

25 He was handed over for our transgressions and raised up for the sake of setting us right.

Romans 5:1-6

Shalom with God through Messiah

1 Therefore, having been made righteous by trusting, we have *shalom* with God through our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah.

2 Through Him we also have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast in the hope of God’s glory.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in suffering—knowing that suffering produces perseverance;
4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.
5 And hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* who was given to us.
6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Messiah died for the ungodly.

Galatians 3:15-18

15 Brothers and sisters, I speak in human terms: even with a man’s covenant, once it has been confirmed, no one cancels it or adds to it.
16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn’t say, “and to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “and to your seed,” who is the Messiah.
17 What I am saying is this: *Torah*, which came 430 years later, does not cancel the covenant previously confirmed by God, so as to make the promise ineffective.
18 For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise. But God has graciously given it to Abraham by means of a promise.

Galatians 5:1-6

Freedom Based on Favor

1 For freedom, Messiah set us free—so stand firm, and do not be burdened by a yoke of slavery again.
2 Listen—I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Messiah will be of no benefit to you.
3 Again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised, that he is obligated to keep the whole *Torah*.
4 You who are trying to be justified by *Torah* have been cut off from Messiah; you have fallen away from grace.

5 For through the *Ruach*, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Messiah *Yeshua*, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any meaning—but only trust and faithfulness expressing itself through lov

Colossians 2:11-15

11 In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision done not by hand, in the stripping away of the body of the flesh through the circumcision of Messiah.

12 You were buried along with Him in immersion, through which you also were raised with Him by trusting in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Him when He pardoned us all our transgressions.

14 He wiped out the handwritten record of debts with the decrees against us, which was hostile to us. He took it away by nailing it to the cross.

15 After disarming the principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in the cross.

Hebrews 7:1-19

Melechizedek , a Kohen Forever

1 For this *Melechizedek* was king of Salem, *kohen* of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,

2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth of everything. First, by the translation of his name, he is “King of Righteousness”; and then also King of Salem, which is “King of *Shalom*.”

3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but made like *Ben-Elohim*, he remains a *kohen* for all time.

4 Now see how great this man is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth out of the plunder.

5 Indeed, those sons of Levi who receive the priesthood have, according to *Torah*, a command to collect a tithe from the people—that is, from their kin, although they have come out of the loins of Abraham.

6 But this one—who did not have their genealogy—has collected tithes from Abraham and has blessed him, the one holding the promises.

7 Now it is beyond dispute that the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8 In one case, dying men receive tithes; but in the other, one about whom it is testified that he lives on.

9 Through Abraham even Levi, the one receiving tithes, has paid the tithe, so to speak—

10 for he was still in his father's loins when *Melechizedek* met him.

Yeshua, Our *Kohen* Gadol Forever

11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for based on it the people had been given the *Torah*), what further need was there for a different *kohen* to arise—designated according to the order of *Melechizedek*, not according to the order of Aaron?

12 For whenever the priesthood is altered, out of necessity an alteration of law also takes place.

13 For the one about whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is clear that our Lord has sprung forth from Judah—concerning this tribe, Moses said nothing about *kohanim*.

15 And it is even more evident, if another *kohen* arises like *Melechizedek* —

16 one made not by virtue of a *Torah* requirement of physical descent, but by virtue of the power of an indestructible life.

17 For it is testified, “You are a *kohen* forever, according to the order of *Melechizedek* .”

18 For on the one hand, a former requirement is set aside because of its weakness and ineffectiveness—

19 for *Torah* made nothing perfect. But on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 11:8-12

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place he was to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he migrated to the land of promise as if it were foreign, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob—fellow heirs of the same promise.

10 For he was waiting for the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive when she was barren and past the age, since she considered the One who had made the promise to be faithful.

12 So from one—and him as good as dead—were fathered offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and as uncountable as the sand on the seashore