

YOM TERUAH
Rosh Hashanah

Torah: **Genesis 21-22, Numbers 29:1-6**
Haftarah: **1 Samuel 1:1-2:10, Jeremiah 31:1-19**
Brit Chadasha: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Hebrews 11:17-19**

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TORAH:

Genesis 21

Birth of Isaac

1 Then *Adonai* visited Sarah just as He had said, and *Adonai* did for Sarah just as He had spoken.

2 So Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time that God had told him.

3 Abraham named his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore for him—Isaac.

4 Then Abraham circumcised Isaac, his eight-day-old son, just as God had commanded him.

5 Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac his son was born to him.

6 So Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me.”

7 She also said, “Who would have said to Abraham, ‘Sarah has nursed children’? For I have given birth to a son in his old age!”

Ishmael Banished, Yet Delivered

8 The child grew and was weaned—Abraham made a big feast on the day Isaac was weaned.

9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian whom she had born to Abraham—making fun.

10 So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this female slave and her son, for the son of this female slave will not be an heir with my son—with Isaac.”

11 Now the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s eyes on account of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not be displeased about the boy and your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For through Isaac shall your seed be called.

13 Yet I will also make the son of the slave woman into a nation, because he is your seed.”

14 So Abraham got up early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away. She went and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 When the water from the skin was finished, she abandoned the child under one of the bushes.

16 Then she went and sat herself down opposite, about a bowshot away, for she had said, “I can’t bear to see the child dying!” So she sat down opposite and lifted up her voice and wept.

17 Then God heard the boy’s voice and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and He said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, because God has heard the boy’s voice where he is.

18 Get up! Lift the boy up, and hold on to him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.”

19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water, and she went and filled the water skin, and gave the boy a drink.

20 God was with the boy and he grew. He dwelled in the wilderness and became an archer.

21 He dwelled in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Covenant of Abimelech and Abraham

22 Now it came about at that same time that Abimelech—with Phicol the commander of his army---said to Abraham, “God is with you in all that you do.

23 So now, make a pledge to me here, by God, that you will not violate your word with me or with my descendants or with my offspring. As I have shown loyalty to you, show the same to me, and to the land in which you have lived as an outsider.”

24 Abraham said, “I make a pledge.”

25 Now Abraham had rebuked Abimelech because of the well of water that Abimelech’s servants had seized.

26 So Abimelech said, “I don’t know who did this thing. Nor did you tell me, nor did I hear about it until today.”

27 Then Abraham took a flock of sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant.

28 Abraham set seven young ewe-lambs apart from the flock of sheep by themselves.

29 Abimelech said to Abraham, “What do these seven ewe-lambs that you’ve set by themselves mean?”

30 He said, “You are to accept the seven ewe-lambs from my hand, so that they may be a witness for me that I dug this well.”

31 That is why that place is named Beer-sheba, because there both of them made a pledge,

32 and they made a covenant in Beer-sheba. Then Abimelech got up, with Phicol the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 Then he planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba and called there on the Name of *Adonai*, the Everlasting God.

34 He lived as an outsider in the land of the Philistines for many days.

Genesis 22

The Binding of Isaac

1 Now it was after these things that God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham.” “*Hineni*,” he said.

2 Then He said, “Take your son, your only son whom you love —Isaac—and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains about which I will tell you.”

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split wood for the burnt offering, and got up and went to the place about which God had told him.

4 On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 Abraham said to his young men, "Sit yourselves down here with the donkey. As for me and the young man, we'll go over there, worship and return to you."

6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on Isaac his son. In his hand he took the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Then Isaac said to Abraham his father, "My father?" Then he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Look. Here's the fire and the wood. But where's the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself a lamb for a burnt offering, my son." The two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place about which God had told him, and Abraham built the altar there, laid out the wood, bound up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11 But the angel of *Adonai* called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" He said, "*Hineni!*"

12 Then He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the young man—do nothing to him at all. For now I know that you are one who fears God—you did not withhold your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and behold, there was a ram, just caught in the thick bushes by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 Abraham named that place, *Adonai Yireh*,—as it is said today, "On the mountain, *Adonai* will provide."

15 The angel of *Adonai* called to Abraham a second time from heaven

16 and said, "By myself I swear—it is a declaration of *Adonai*—because you have done this thing, and you did not withhold your son, your only son,

17 I will richly bless you and bountifully multiply your seed like the stars of heaven, and like the sand that is on the seashore, and your seed will possess the gate of his enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed—because you obeyed My voice.”

19 Then Abraham returned to his young men and they got up and went together to Beer-sheba. Then Abraham dwelled in Beer- sheba.

20 Now it was after these things that it was told to Abraham, “Look, Milcah has also borne sons to Nahor your brother:

21 Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Yidlaph and Bethuel.”

23 Then Bethuel fathered Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother.

24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah.

Numbers 29:1-6

Yom Teruah: Day of Shofar Shouts

1 “On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a sacred assembly. You are to do no laborious work. It is for you a day for sounding the *shofar*.

2 You are to prepare a burnt offering as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*: one young bull from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, without flaw,

3 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths of an ephah with the bull, two tenths with the ram,

4 and one tenth with each of the seven lambs,

5 as well as one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.

6 Also offer the burnt offering for the month with its grain offering, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their appropriate drink offerings as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*, as an offering by fire.

HAFTARAH

1 Samuel 1

A Barren Woman's Petition is Granted

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim—his name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 He had two wives: the name of the one was Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless.

3 Now this man used to go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to *Adonai-Tzva'ot* in Shiloh. (The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were *kohanim* of *Adonai* there.)

4 Then on the designated day Elkanah would sacrifice and give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters,

5 but to Hannah he would give only one portion—even though he loved Hannah—for *Adonai* had closed her womb.

6 Her rival would taunt her bitterly to provoke her, because *Adonai* had closed her womb.

7 So it was year after year, whenever she went up to the House of *Adonai*, that she would provoke her; so she wept and would not eat.

8 Then her husband Elkanah would say to her, “Hannah, why are you crying? Why won't you eat? Why is your heart so sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”

9 After eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah got up. Now Eli the *kohen* was sitting on his seat by the doorpost of the Temple of *Adonai*.

10 While her soul was bitter, she prayed to *Adonai* and wept.

11 So she made a vow and said, “*Adonai-Tzva'ot*, if You will indeed look upon the affliction of Your handmaid, remember me and not forget Your handmaid, but grant Your handmaid a son, then I will give him to *Adonai* all the days of his life and no razor will ever touch his head.”

12 It came to pass, as she prayed long before *Adonai*, that Eli was watching her mouth.

13 Now Hannah was praying in her heart—only her lips were moving, but her voice could not be heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.

14 Then Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Get rid of your wine!”

15 But in response Hannah said, “No, my lord, I am a woman with an oppressed spirit! I haven’t been drinking wine or beer. Instead I’ve been pouring out my soul before *Adonai*.

16 Don’t consider your handmaid a wicked woman. For out of my great anguish and grief I’ve been praying until now.”

17 Then Eli responded, “Go in *shalom*, and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you asked of Him.”

18 “May your maidservant find favor in your eyes,” she said. So the woman went her way; she ate, and her countenance was no longer dejected.

19 They rose up early in the morning and worshipped before *Adonai*, then went back to their home to Ramah. Then Elkanah was intimate with his wife Hannah, and *Adonai* remembered her.

20 So it came to pass at the turn of the year that Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She called his name Samuel, “because I have asked *Adonai* for him.”

21 When the man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer the annual sacrifice to *Adonai* and to fulfill his vow offering,

22 Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “When the child is weaned, I will bring him, so he may appear before *Adonai* and stay there forever.”

23 So her husband Elkanah said to her, “Do what seems best to you. Stay until you have weaned him—only may *Adonai* establish His word.” So the woman stayed home and nursed her son until she weaned him.

24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with three bulls, one ephah of flour and a jar of wine, and brought him to the House of *Adonai* in Shiloh, while the child was still young.

25 After they slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli.

26 “It’s me, my lord!” she said. “As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman that stood by you here, praying to *Adonai*.

27 For this boy I prayed, and *Adonai* has granted me my petition that I asked of Him.

28 So I in turn dedicate him to *Adonai*—as long as he lives he is dedicated to *Adonai*.” Then he bowed in worship there before *Adonai*.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah’s Prayer of Exultation

1 Then Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in *Adonai*, my horn is lifted high in *Adonai*. I smile wide over my enemies, for I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 There is none holy as *Adonai*, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.

3 Boast no more so proudly— insolence comes out of your mouth. For *Adonai* is the all-knowing God, and by Him deeds are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the stumbling are girded with strength.

5 Those full hire themselves for bread, but those starving hunger no more. Even the barren gives birth to seven, but she with many sons languishes.

6 *Adonai* causes death and makes alive, He brings down to *Sheol* and raises up.

7 *Adonai* makes poor and makes rich, He brings low and also lifts up.

8 He raises the helpless from the dust. He lifts the needy from the dunghill, to make them sit with nobles, granting them a seat of honor. For the earth’s pillars are *Adonai*’s, and He has set the world on them.

9 He guards the steps of His godly ones, but the wicked are silenced in darkness. For one does not prevail by might.

10 Those who oppose *Adonai* will be shattered. He thunders against them in heaven. He judges the ends of the earth. He gives strength to His king, exalting the horn of His anointed one.”

Jeremiah 31:1-19

Saving the Remnant

1 Thus says *Adonai*: “The people surviving the sword found grace in the wilderness— where I gave Israel rest.”

2 “From afar *Adonai* appeared to me.” “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

3 Again I will build you, so you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines as ornaments, and go out to dances of merrymakers.

4 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria— planters will plant and use them.

5 For there will be a day when watchmen will call out in the hill country of Ephraim, ‘Arise, let us go up to Zion, to *Adonai* our God.’”

6 For thus says *Adonai*: “Sing aloud with joy for Jacob! Shout with the chief of the nations! Proclaim, give praise, and say: ‘*Adonai*, save your people, the remnant of Israel!’

7 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and I will gather them from the ends of the earth— among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant together with she who is in labor with child. A great throng will return here.

8 With weeping and supplications they will come. I will bring them, leading them to walk by streams of water on a straight path where they will not stumble. For I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is My firstborn.”

9 Hear the word of *Adonai*, O nations, and declare it in the distant islands, and say: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather and watch over him, as a shepherd does his flock.’

10 For *Adonai* has ransomed Jacob. He redeemed him from the hand of one stronger than he.

11 They will come and sing on Zion’s height, radiant over the bounty of *Adonai*— over the grain, the wine, the oil, and the young of the flock. Their life will be like a watered garden, and they will never languish again.

12 Then will the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old men together. For I will turn their mourning into joy, and I will comfort them, and make them rejoice out of their sorrow.

13 I will fill the soul of the *kohanim* with fatness and My people will be satisfied with My goodness.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

Grief Turned to Joy

14 Thus says *Adonai*: “A voice is heard in Ramah —lamentation and bitter weeping— Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

15 Thus says *Adonai*: “Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears. For your work will be rewarded” —it is declaration of *Adonai*— “when they will return from the land of the enemy.

16 So there is hope for your future” —it is declaration of *Adonai*— “when your children will return to their own territory.

17 I indeed heard Ephraim grieving: ‘You have disciplined me— I was disciplined like an untrained calf. Restore me, and I will return, for you are *Adonai* my God.

18 For after I returned, I repented, and after that I was instructed, I struck my thigh— I was ashamed and also humiliated, for I bore the disgrace of my youth.’

19 Is Ephraim a precious son to Me? Is he a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I still certainly remember him. Therefore My heart yearns for him. I will surely have compassion on him.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

BRIT CHADASHA

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Shofar Call of Messiah's Return

13 Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that *Yeshua* died and rose again, so with Him God will also bring those who have fallen asleep in *Yeshua*.

15 For this we tell you, by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the blast of God's *shofar*, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

17 Then we who are alive, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air—and so we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hebrews 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son—

18 the one about whom it was said, "Through Isaac offspring shall be named for you."

19 He reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead—and in a sense, he did receive him back from there.