



## Abraham's Promise

### Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7

#### The Call of Abram

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

### Moses Command (Obey the Commands): "Do not acquire the people's practices and gods"

### Deuteronomy 12:1-32

#### The Lord's Chosen Place of Worship

<sup>1</sup> "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. <sup>2</sup> You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. <sup>3</sup> You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. <sup>4</sup> You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. <sup>5</sup> But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, <sup>6</sup> and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. <sup>7</sup> And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

<sup>8</sup> "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, <sup>9</sup> for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>10</sup> But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, <sup>11</sup> then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. <sup>13</sup> Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, <sup>14</sup> but at the place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you . . .

#### Warning Against Idolatry

<sup>29</sup> "When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, <sup>30</sup> take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?'—that I also may do the same. <sup>31</sup> You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the Lord hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

<sup>32</sup> "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

## Joshua:

### Chapters 1-5

1. Joshua = A New Moses
2. Obey the Commands of the Torah
3. Sends Spies into the Land

4. Leads Israel into the Promise Land over the Jordan River  
5. (Transitions) Looking Back as God's Covenant People (New Generation - Circumcision (Heart) & Observe Passover)

Looking Forward – Encounter with Mysterious Warrior – Angelic Commander of God's Army:

- Are you for Us or For Our Enemies – Neither – the Fact of the Matter is are you for God or Against God?

#### **Chapters 6-8**

6. Battles with Canaanites (Contrast)

- Gods' Faithfulness

God is the one who will deliver his people, God's people just have to Trust & Wait

- Israeli's Failure

Humble Repentance Gains the Victory

To Inherit the Land, Israel Must Be Obedient and Trust in God's Commands. They do not get special treatment.

7. Why does God declare War?

Why the Canaanites?

Moral Corruption – Leviticus 18

Child Sacrifice – Deuteronomy 12:29-31

Did God Initiate A Genocide?

Totally Destroy – No Survivors – All That Breathed – Stories Use **Hyperbole**

See Deuteronomy 7 – "Destroy Isn't Literal

See Joshua 10:36-39 vs. 15:13-15

Unique Moment in History – Limited to Canaanites – Peace With Other Nations – See Deut 20

God's Justice on Human History – Never to tell you the reader to go commit violence in His name.

Showing God bringing his Justice on Human Evil at a unique moment in history and how he delivered Israel from being annihilated by the Canaanites.

#### **Chapters 13-22**

8. Dividing UP the Land for the 12 Tribes of Israel

This was the Fulfillment of God's Promises to Abraham – Genesis 12:6-7

#### **Chapters 23-24**

9. Joshua's Final Words

Similar to the Final Speeches of Moses – Two Speeches

Joshua Reminds them of God's Generosity how he brought them into the Land and Rescued them from the Canaanites, and so he calls them to turn away from the Canaanite gods and be faithful to the Covenant (to the Torah) they made. If they do, it will lead to Life and Blessing to the Land.

But if they are Unfaithful Israel will call down on itself the same Divine Judgment that the Canaanites experienced, they will be kicked off the Land into Exile.

And so, **Joshua leaves Israel with a Choice: What is (are they) Israel Going to Do?**

## **Entering into New Beginnings**

### **Joshua 1:1-18**

*God Commissions Joshua*

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,<sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel."

**Now** (attah (6258) – now; word origin – anah (6030): to answer, respond, testify, give account): henceforth, now, straightway, this time.

**Arise** (qum (6965) – abide, perform, enjoin, establish, stir up, strengthen, make surely, be uphold, remain): arise, stand up stand, fulfill, brighter, succeed, go ahead and confirm.

**Go over** (abar (5674a) – to pass over, through, excel, freed, led through/across, means cross over, standard, alienate): to pass over, through, pass on.

### **Hebrews 4:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while **the PROMISE of entering his rest still stands**, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest,""

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

#### **Genesis 1:1-4 – POINT #1**

##### *The Creation of the World*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*The Reading “in the beginning” opens with a dramatic, awe-inspiring narrative of the creation of our world.*

**In as few as 31 verses and 469 words, Genesis describes how God takes confusion and emptiness and creates a perfect, delicate balance of order and beauty.**

**“GOD CREATED . . . The earth was unformed and void, darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the water” (Genesis 1:1-2)**

**God looks at everything He has made and declares it good; however, He is not quite finished.**

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#### **AND THE SPIRIT OF G-D HOVERED ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS (1:2)**

“The spirit of G-d hovered” - this is the spirit of Moshiach.

*(Midrash Rabbah)*

#### **John 1:1-18**

##### *The Word Became Flesh*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

#### **Joshua 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>**Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I PROMISED to Moses.** <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

**Promise** (dabar (1696) – to speak): **to arrange**, appoint, **command**, commune, declare, give, name, promise, pronounce, **rehearse**, be spokesman, subdue, talk, **teach**, think.

#### **Genesis 1:14-19 – POINT #2**

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**Signs:** 226. **oth:** a sign, **A WITNESS**, a pledge (*signs, tokens* of changes of weather & times Genesis 1:14 . . .).

**Seasons:** 4150. **moed:** appointed time, place, or meeting (translations used: appointed feasts, appointed times, fixed festivals, set time, times appointed.)

**Note:** It is most probable that in Genesis 1:14 (P), where מ' "אֵלֶּה הָיוּ", **the reference is to the sacred seasons** as fixed by moon's appearance; and so also עֲשֵׂה יָרֵחַ לְמַעַן יְרֵאָה *he made the moon for sacred seasons* Psalm 104:19, (*seasons* (the appointed times – Genesis 1:14))

### Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

Or moled {mo-ade'}; or (feminine) moweadah (2 Chronicles 8:13) {mo-aw-daw'}; from ya'ad; **properly, an appointment, i.e. A fixed time or season; conventionally (regularly) a year; an assembly** (as convened for a definite purpose); also **a signal (as appointed beforehand)**.

**Note:** It is here in **Genesis 1:14**, that we learn that God put the "**Redemption of Mankind**" in the sings and seasons (sun, moon, stars, and seasons), "*The Appointed Times*", of his creation, Day 4, a number symbolizing "Rest & Refreshment", before He had even created man, and even before man had even fallen, and needed God's Redemption. God had a perfect plan and purpose He created from the beginning of time for the Redemption and Salvation of all things (Matthew 5:8, Ephesians 1:10). This also speaks of God being the Author and Finisher (Hebrews 12:2, John 1:1-4), the Beginning and the End (Revelation 22:13), and the focus and goal of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

*"You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky,  
but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"*

Luke 12:56

### Leviticus 23:1-2

#### *Feasts of the Lord*

**The Lord spoke to Moses**, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts (an appointment) of the Lord that you shall proclaim (picture is of someone grabbing someone by the shirt collar and shaking them awake) as holy convocations (rehearsals); they are my appointed feasts."

### Joshua 1:5

**<sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.**

### - The Great Commission -

(Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:3-11)

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Now He said to them, "These are **My words** which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." **Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures**, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had PROMISED, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. And He said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation**. All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even to the end of the age**. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

### Zechariah 14:1-5

#### *The Coming Day of the Lord*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. <sup>2</sup>For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup>Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. <sup>4</sup>On that day his feet shall stand on the **Mount of Olives** that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the **Mount of Olives** shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. <sup>5</sup>And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the **holy ones with him**.

**holy ones** (qadosh (6918) – sacred, holy): sacred (ceremonially or morally); God, an angel, a saint, a sanctuary – holy (One), saint.



**Genesis 1:26-28 – POINT #3**

<sup>26</sup> Then **God** said, "Let **US** make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**God** (elohim (430) – God, god): the (TRUE) God: Yahweh is the God (**Plural in number**).

***"Behold the Man with Nail Pierced Hands"***  
**The Great Name of God**

Our Bibles start at **Genesis 1:1** with this statement, *"In the beginning God."* The Hebrew word for the book of Genesis is B'reshite and means, "In the Beginning." The word for God used in this opening statement is ... Elohim, a plural word indicating that God, although one exists in parts or aspects. We have come to know the three parts or aspects of God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And since every man was created in the image of God we too are each individuals having three parts ... a spirit, a soul and a body.

God also has an actual name and it is revealed for the first time in **Genesis 2:4** and is used over **7,000 times** in the Old Testament.

However, our Bibles don't use the name but insert a special designation for it such as ... *"Lord God"* when the name is being used. This happened when the Hebrew people were taken captive to Babylon around 600 BC. Their leaders purposely hid the name of God so it would not be profaned among the nations.

The Hebrew people now refer to God's name as Ha Shem, meaning *"The Name"*. They do not speak His name but are taught to say Adonai, meaning "Lord" in its place. They do not write God's name but instead substitute the tetragrammaton, **YHWH**, the four Hebrew letters that make up the name. God's name is *"Yah-u-wah"*, which basically means ***"I AM THAT I AM"***.

Let's take a look at something very special about His name by just using the tetragrammaton, **YHWH**:



**Pronunciation of the Letters**

(yad)

(hey)

(vaw)

(hey)

**Ancient Hebrew Symbols for the Letters of the Tetragrammaton**



**Interpretation of the Symbols**

**"Hand"**

Man with  
raised hands  
means  
**"Behold"**

**"Nail"**

Man with  
raised hands  
means  
**"Behold"**

As we see here, *the very name of God that was hidden over 2,500 years ago*, to prevent it from being profaned among the nations, has consequently also hidden its *"True Meaning"* of God's name, as read above, ***"Behold the Hands of the Man with Raised Hands, Behold the Nail Pierced Hands of the Man with Raised Hands"***, who will one day be identified by his *"Raised Nail Pierced Hands"* our Messiah, our Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Hope.

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, **he showed them his hands** (declaring *his* hidden name of nearly 600 years, the *"True Meaning"* of God's name, as read above, ***"Behold the Hands of the Man with Raised Hands, Behold the Nail Pierced Hands of the Man with Raised Hands"***) and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he **breathed** on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." **John 20:19-31**

\* **"breathed"**: The very name of God is "Yahweh", the proper name of "God" as read in **Exodus 6:3**, *"God said, 'I used to appear to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as El Shaddai, but I did not make myself know to them by my name YHWH (Yahweh),'"* which is pronounced as the sound of one breathing, "Yah – Weh", as we also see identified in the name change and destiny of Abram ("Exulted Father") and Sarai ("my princess"), when God gave them his own name, and changed their names to Abra"ha"m ("Father of Many Nations") and Sara"h" ("Mother of Nations"), **the very Breath of God**, "Yah – Weh", as read in **Genesis 2:7**, *"<sup>7</sup> then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."* It is here, in like

manner, that Jesus too, **breathes** on his disciples and changes not only their names from “*Fishermen*”/“*Followers*” to “*Fishers of Men*”/“*Apostles*” (*sent ones*), but their destinies too, from “*Disciples*” to “*Disciple Makers*”. **“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6**

*If G-d desired mankind to comprised of both male and female, **WHY** did He not create them that way in the first place – as He did with the other animals?*

Because if they were to be originally and intrinsically two, each would be trapped in the exclusivity of his or her identity. Their encounter would be a “relationship” at best, a war at worst. Neither would have it in them to transcend the individuality into which they were born. The two would remain two, however integrated.

But neither did G-d desire man to be a singular being. As a single individual, man was without match, without challenge, and thus without potential for growth and creation. “It is not good that man be alone,” said the Creator; he requires a “helpmeet” and an “opposite”.

So G-d created them one, and then split them into two. Thus man searches for woman and woman yearns for man. Thus each has it within their power to reach within their splintered self and uncover their primordial oneness. Thus man and woman cleave to each other and become one.

*(The Lubavitcher Rebbe)*

**Notice as well that humankind — both male and female — are created in the very image and likeness of God.**

Hebrew uses the word *His image* (**b'tzelmo** (תצלמו)). The Hebrew root word *image* (**tzelem**) is used in modern Hebrew to mean taking a **photograph** or **making a photocopy**, and there is a very definite family resemblance between us and our Heavenly Abba (Dad).

“And God created *man* [Adam אָדָם] in His own *image* [b'tzelmo], in the image of *God* [b'tzelem Elohim] created He him; *male* [zachar] and *female* [nikeivah] He created them.” (*Genesis 1:27*)

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