



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

Lech Lecha - Go forth – לך־לך

It is the choices we make and take that determine our future. We have a choice to "go forth", live by faith or face tremendous challenges that will have severe consequences.

Exodus 33:14

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest"

The story of the call of Abraham is found in Genesis chapters 11 and 12. Before his call, **Abram** (as he was originally known) and his wife Sarai (who later became known as Sarah) were old and childless. Abram was 75 when he left his home and became '**Abraham**' which means '**Father of the people**'.

Abraham knew what it is to be committed to YHVH. In the Scriptures, Abraham shows all descendants the importance of faith and how remarkable the effects of the power "to go forth" has in life.

John 8:56

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad"

When having faith, we believe YHVH planned a prosperous future filled with blessings.

Keep in mind that we serve a Amazing Father who loves us, who knows us, and who is all-powerful. He created us for His purpose and opportunities for growth.

Noah walked "with" YHVH; Abram walked "before" YHVH, paving the way for the world to come to the knowledge of faith in the one true Elohim Almighty.

Keeping ourselves in His will and going forth upon His command making AliYah "going up" to see the beautiful from YHVH's point of view.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now YHVH said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 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. 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."

When YHVH gave command to Abram, he never hesitated. He did not ask questions, but following in pure obedience.

Joshua 1:3

“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.”

YHVH did not only promise Abraham the land of Israel, but also that he would be a blessing to the nations (*Genesis 12:2; 18:18; 22:17–18; 26:3–4*).

Genesis 12:4-6

So Abram went, as YHVH had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Genesis 13:17

“Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

Abram enters Canaan and encamps by “the Oak of Moreh” near Shechem (at this point we are reminded: “And the Canaanite was then in the land”), where YHVH appears to him and pronounces, ***“To your offspring I will give this land.”*** Canaan was youngest son of Ham.

The Scriptures tells us “Ham father of Canaan” shames the inebriated Noach, causing his son to be cursed, “Cursed be Canaan; lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers” To be clear that Noach had three sons. From them each one formed their generations.

Within “the Table of Nations” in Genesis 10 we find the all-encompassing “family-tree” of Noah’s descendants. We find in this chapter the widespread ancestors of all the nations of the world. Within that genealogy, Canaan is listed in specific detail:

And the sons of Ham were Kush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan. Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Gergashites, the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. **Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.** And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon, in the direction of Gerar, as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha (Genises. 10:6, 15-19).

God articulates the promise to Abram once more in chapter 15, the strange story of “the covenant between the cuts” (ברית בין הבתרים). After setting up an array of cut-up animals, Abram falls asleep. In his sleep he has a vision of YHVH, telling him of his (Abram’s) descendants’ slavery and release, and ending with the following:

On that day YHVH made a covenant with Abram, saying:

To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates; the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites” (Genesis 15: 18-21).

YHVH's promise of the land defined within specific parameters – both geographic and ethnic. These parameters are still far from clear. From an ethnic point of view, the land is said to have been inhabited by a group of “nations” that come under the general heading of “Canaanite”. Who are the Canaanites?

In fact, these “nations” of Canaan are listed about twenty times in the Bible, with the lists often differing from each other.

Canaan is the son of Ham, and the rest of the Canaanite “nations”, eleven in number, are descended from him.

Abraham sent his servant to Haran to find a wife for his son Isaac, so that Isaac will not end up marrying a Canaanite (Genesis 24:3).

Later we discovered Rebecca, who also insisted that her son Jacob be sent to Haran rather than marry “the daughters of Heth” (Genesis. 27:46)

Genesis. 23 the inhabitants of Hebron, from whom Abraham buys the Cave of Machpelah, are called “sons of Heth,” (the specific owner of the cave is “Ephron the Hittite,”).

The Bible tells us that an important battle in the Israelite conquest of Canaan occurred at Ai. After being defeated by the Canaanites of Ai once, the Israelites launched a second attack on Ai; this time they were victorious, destroying all.

Joshua 8:1

“And YHVH said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be dismayed: take all the people of war with you, and arise, go forth to Ai: see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:”

As YHVH gave order to Abraham, Joshua received order to go forward and do what YHVH commanded. YHVH even made the sun stand still to complete His purpose.

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10:12 -14

On the day YHVH gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to YHVH in the presence of Israel:

“Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”.

*So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on[b] its enemies,
as it is written in the Book of Jashar.*

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when YHVH listened to a human being. Surely YHVH was fighting for Israel!

Ai (Hebrew: אֵי hā'ay "the heap of ruins" or "the spoil"

The word Ai is often used in language to express the disaster.

The kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, and the other cities in southern Canaan that Joshua defeats are collectively called "the kings of the Amorites."

Joshua 8:25

"And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai."

It was clear that there were strict rules not to marry or mingle with the Canaanites.

Genesis 28:1

So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman."

Deuteronomy 7:1-6

When YHVH your Elohim brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations, the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you and when YHVH your Elohim has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and YHVH's anger will burn against you

and will quickly destroy you. This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire. For you are a people holy to YHVH your Elohim. YHVH your Elohim has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. YHVH did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because YHVH loved you and kept the oath He swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Isaac means to restore all of mankind to His family. By choosing Isaac over Ishmael, that confirmed all people born of faith (as Isaac was born of his parents' faith in YHVH's promise to do the impossible) are truly children of Abraham and thus heirs of the promise.

Moses was called by YHVH to help the Israelites escape from Egypt. This is remembered as the **Passover**. The Israelites were helped on their journey by YHVH - the same God who had promised Abraham that He would look after the Israel people. YHVH parted the Red Sea to help them escape.

When they reached Mount Sinai, in present day Egypt, YHVH spoke to Moses high on the mountain. YHVH made a deal (called a covenant) with the Israelites that renewed the one He had made with Abraham.

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant you shall be my treasured possession of all the peoples. *Exodus 19:4-5*

As part of this covenant, the Israelites received some rules from YHVH in order to live as His people. These are known as the Commandments. The covenant made with Abraham was unconditional. But this time, through Moses,

YHVH made a conditional covenant with His people. The Ten Commandments were a set of rules for them to live by.

Proverbs 19:21.

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is YHVH's purpose that prevails."

Genesis 17:7–8; also Genesis 15:5–7

"I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your Elohim and the Elohim of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Realize that YHVH has allowed and used situations to direct or change direction of these people to bring them to the purpose of His immaculate plan.

YHVH used them in their own capabilities to defeat the enemy to allow them to build up a better life. In their obedience, YHVH spoke and they moved on. What laid ahead was the promise of His Covenant made. It stood then and is still.

Genesis 12:7

To your offspring will I give this land.

Centuries later the battle for Israel is still on as the enemy always wanted what is intended for the children of YHVH. Therefore it should never be a divided option.

The Israelites disappointed YHVH in the past, but it is important for YHVH that His word remain the truth and will come to pass no matter what it takes.

YHVH loves His people and He will move mountains to let them have what He gave to them.

Isaiah 54:10

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed,” says YHVH who has compassion on you.”

Sometimes it requires us to let go of what is holding us back to get to the that something better. We are created for YHVH's purpose.

Jeremiah 10:23

YHVH, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps."

YHVH needs His people to move in a forward direction with emphasis on progress and improvement. Every word and promise is that we will be encourage magnificently with full focus on Yeshua HaMashiach

The focus "means" (doing right), (doing well) and work on the task of obedience, with an eye on tomorrow's possibilities.

Going forth and conquer means to move forward and make progress to live a life in every purpose of YHVH's plan.

The taking on of a risk to do something in faith that is both right and bold. Lech lecha! Go forth to the land YHVH will show you, and you will be blessed.

When you ready to move in the direction YHVH planned, it will be tge start of an epic journey in search of YHVH 's ways and truths, especially in righteousness, and loving kindness

There is an important lessons for us today in this study. When YHVH bless His children, His blessings remain as inheritance. Through obedience and faith it will be yours.

Lesson continue

Be blessed and stay blessed 🌷