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Abrahamic Covenant

In the parashah “Lech L’cha” (לֵךְ לְךָ), we first learn about HaShem’s promise to Avram and to his family. This promise which HaShem made is called a “covenant,” for G-d legally promised to bless Avram and the nation that would come from him.



Avram’s son was named Yitzchak, and Yitzchak’s son was Yaakov. Yaakov’s name was changed to Yisrael, so we see that the nation which eventually came from Avraham was “Israel.” That is why we call Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov) “our fathers.” When we pray the Amidah prayer, we say, “Blessed are You, O L-rd, our



G-d, and G-d of our fathers, G-d of Avraham, G-d of Yitzchak, and G-d of Yaakov . . . ,” we remember that we have our beginning with a man named Avraham, and his two sons, Yitzchak and Yaakov. We further remember that our Messiah, Yeshua, came from the lineage of Avraham, and was directly from the family of Yudah (Judah), one of Yaakov’s sons.

Another important thing we learn from the covenant which G-d made with Avraham is that G-d intends to bless people from every family upon the earth, regardless of their skin color, the language they speak, or what country they live in. In fact, G-d chose us to be a light to people everywhere, telling them about G-d’s plan to bless them. We need to tell them about who G-d is, and how He has sent our Messiah, and that Yeshua died to pay for sins. As we tell people everywhere about Yeshua, G-d will open their eyes to see how good it is to accept forgiveness from G-d and to live our lives for Him.



Someday, when Yeshua returns to be our reigning King here on this earth, He will gather together all those who have truly believed in Him. He will reward us for being His servant, and telling others about the one true G-d. This will be the final victory of the covenant made with Avraham.

And Avraham
said, “God will
provide for
Himself the
lamb for the
burnt offering,
my son.”

Genesis 22:8