

Lech Lecha – Get Out
Genesis 12:1-17:27

This portion is generally referred to as portion, “Get Out” or “Go Out”. Some Hebrew scholars believe Lech Lecha more accurately means, *“Go to yourself”*.

In this portion we find that Abraham leaves everything behind for a promise made to him by Yahweh of an inheritance and blessing. It is at this point that Abraham begins to move towards his destiny in life. He was created with purpose, just as each of us are created with a purpose. Abraham will now take the first step towards that purpose.

Yahweh makes a covenant with Abraham. I think that we could say that two things began to happen here. First, God was beginning a separating and dividing plan for salvation, thru Abraham, because he had a part to play in God’s plan. Second, as Hebrew literature explains, a series of events began to happen to Abraham, which seemed to deflect him from his mission. Doesn't Satan always seem to get in the way and try to mess things up?

Before I go any further into the covenant of Abraham it is fitting that one understands why this covenant was needed to begin with and why it was made.

Since the beginning of the creation of man: man sins, man suffers the consequences of that sin, and Yahweh redeems.

Adam and Eve sinned – suffered the consequences – and God set in plan (although mentioned subtly in Genesis) redemption. As soon as sin entered the world Yahweh began to “reveal” His plan to reverse the effects of the fall and to restore us and the world to what He originally created. Adam and Eve understood this completely!

He made a promise to them that Eve would bear a man child that would redeem them from the sins committed and they expected it to be soon. We see this when Cain is born and later when Seth is born.

Again, in Noah’s day: man had sinned greatly, suffered greatly, redemption came. The very names used in the early genealogies show us a pattern, and the name of Noah itself meant comfort.

Again, by the time of Babel we see the same pattern of sin, suffer, redeem. Yahweh curses and scatters then promises redemption thru Abraham.

Ever since the beginning of human history all of creation has been working towards a moment- the moment of the promised redemption.

Each time Yahweh separated and divided and/or made a covenant. There was the Covenant with Adam, with Adam and Eve(Seth), with Noah (Shem), and with Abraham, Isaac then Jacob. He further divided into Judah and Joseph (Ephraim), David, then Solomon.

Ultimately to have the promise (covenant) climax with Y'shua “in the fullness of time”
Galatians 4:4.

In our opening scripture God makes 3 promises to Abraham.

1. A Promise to make a great nation – a great nation possesses land, so land was promised.
2. To bless Abraham and make of him a great name – personal wealth.
3. A promise that all nations be blessed in him.

This promise that all nations would be blessed in him ultimately came through Y'shua Messiah. However, Abrahams seed also was promised to be as the sand of the sea and the stars in the heaven. This came to pass through his descendants -The people of Jacob or Israel.

Let's now turn to the second thing that began to happen to Abraham: a series of events began to happen to him which seemed to deflect him from his mission. They could include a journey to Egypt instead of the promised land - due to famine, confusion over Sarah with the Pharoah of Egypt, Battle to save Lot, and trying to bring forth the son of promise with Haagar.

When the promised son, Isaac, did finally come, he went on to father Jacob. Jacob became the father of the children of Israel. From him the nation of Israel was born. Now, Israel(Jacob) had his own “go to yourself” moment in that he began towards the fulfillment of his task but events certainly plagued him.

Jacob's 12 sons also faced the same challenges. As with Abraham and Jacob, a series of events began to happen, which seemed to deflect them from their mission. The nation of Israel divided into two nations – Israel and Judah. Then because of sin they were dispersed throughout the world.

Had Satan destroyed Yahweh’s plans for redemption? Had a series of events altered the plan? Did Ishmael alter Yahweh’s promise to Abraham? Absolutely NOT!

The promise to Abraham still stands! Yahweh is bringing about his redemptive plan through His son, Y'shua. When Y'shua returns to rule and reign on this earth then the whole world will discover that Yahweh has then delivered all three of the promises to Abraham: a great nation (Israel) living in their own land, Abraham's descendants will have wealth and prosperity and all the nations of the earth will have been blessed through him. Yahweh will have also redeemed fallen mankind, as promised to Adam and Eve, by the work of His son, Y'shua.

Yahweh always keeps His promises and no deflections can alter His plans.

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