

TORAH TIME

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PARASHA

Lech Lecha

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YHWH calls Abram, commanding him to "go from your land, from your birthplace and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you." There, YHWH says, he will be made into a great nation. Abraham believed the word of YHWH and was considered righteous. Abram and his wife Sarai, accompanied by his nephew Lot, journey to the Land of Canaan, where Abram builds an altar and continues to spread the message of One Elohim. A famine forces the first Hebrew or "Ivrim" to depart for Egypt, where beautiful Sarai is taken to Pharaoh's palace; Abram escapes death because they present themselves as brother and sister. A plague prevents the Egyptian king from touching her and convinces him to return her to Abram and compensate the brother-revealed-as-husband with gold, silver and cattle.

Back in the Land of Canaan, Lot separates from Abram and settles in the evil city of Sodom, where he falls captive when the mighty armies conquer the five cities of the Sodom Valley. Abram sets out with a small band to rescue his nephew, defeats the four kings, and is blessed by Malki-Zedek the king of Salem (Jerusalem).

YHWH seals the, Covenant between the parts with Abram, in which the exile and persecution of the people of Israel is foretold and the Holy Land is promised to them as their eternal heritage. Still childless ten years after their arrival in the Land, Sarai tells Abram to marry her servant. Hagar becomes pregnant and then flees when Sarai treats her harshly; an angel convinces her to return and tells her that her son will father a big nation. Ishmael is born in Abram's 86th year.

Years later, YHWH changes Abram's name to Avraham ("father of multitudes") and Sarai's to Sarah ("princess"), and promises that a son will be born to them; from this child, whom they should call Yitzhak / Isaac ("will laugh"), will stem the great nation with which Elohim will establish His special bond. Abraham is commanded to circumcise himself and his descendants as a "sign of the covenant between Me and you."

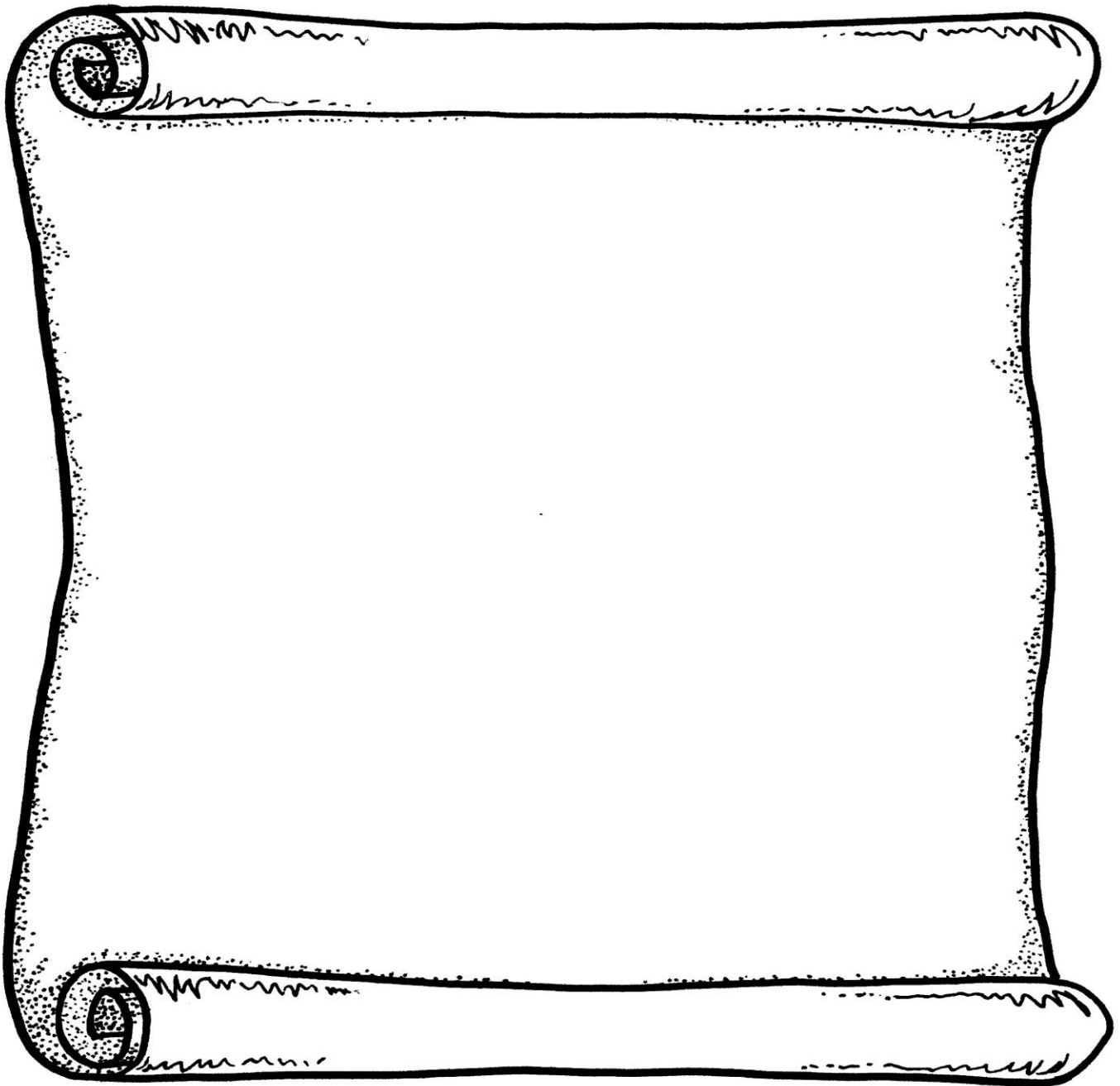
(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at www.emetministries.com)

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 15:6, "Abraham believed the word of YHWH and was considered righteous."

LEARNING ACTIVITY

In the scroll below draw a picture of Abraham and his family camping in the desert. Make sure to include what they would have taken with them to camp and what they would see around them. (Animals, food, water, bedding, wood, tents, rocks, hills, palm trees, etc.) Write this week's memory verse in the scroll too!



WALK THE TALK

In this week's portion we meet a guy named Abram who, like Noach, found grace in the eyes of YHWH. Abram is called by YHWH to leave his home to travel to an unknown place. It took great faith by Abram to trust YHWH.

Faith, or "emunah" in Hebrew, is trusting belief. It is how we relate to YHWH. We have faith when we believe Y'shua even though we can't see him. Faith is very important

Abram showed his emunah / faith by obeying what YHWH said. We do the same today. Just knowing about the Almighty isn't good enough. By emunah we should trust that YHWH loves us and has a plan for our lives. Remember that faith always leads to action. Abram believed with his mind and then obeyed with his feet. He left his home and followed YHWH even though he didn't know where he was going. What have you done by faith lately?

Genesis 15:6 tells us that "Abraham believed the word of YHWH and was considered righteous." We are right with YHWH when we have faith that trusts Him with the unknown. When he left home, Abraham didn't know where he was going or what would happen. He simply put his emunah / faith into action and honored YHWH with obedience.

As we read about Abram we will see how his faith is challenged many times. By faith Abram did some amazing things! Your faith can do great things too. This week use a journal or notebook to write down the many times you show your faith through your actions.

TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

HEBREW LESSON

MEET THE GIMEL:



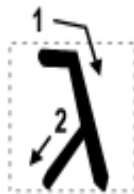
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Gadol=Great / Big

Gah-mal=Camel

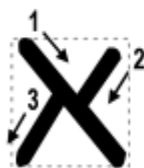
Gan=Garden

WRITE THE LETTER

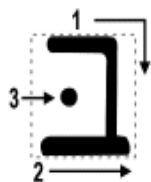


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REVIEW THE LETTERS



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Note that the second line extends past the vertical line to the right.



**Abraham believed
the Word of YHWH**

HOW TO WRITE THE HEBREW LETTERS

