

Discussion 14

By Her Beauty and the Integrity of My Heart

(In The Innocence of My Hands)

Primary Content (From 1 Sefer Moses, the Book of Beginnings):

- Chapter 24 - Two Paths
- Chapter 25 - Taken and Given

Additional Reading (Comparison Texts):

- Genesis 13-14, 20-21 from the Inspired Version of the Bible

Objectives:

- Introduce the kabbalistic concept of Beauty

Kabbalistic Concepts:

- Beauty

Reading:

Chapter 24 - Two Paths			
1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
1. And now it was even as YHVH had promised; for Abram and Sarai were very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.	13:1 ... And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.	13:2. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.	
2. And they went on their journey from the south, even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai, unto the place of the altar which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of YHVH.	13:2 And he went on his journey from the south, even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai, unto the place of the altar which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.	13:3. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;	
3. And Lot and Advu, his wife, also went with Abram, and they too had an abundance of flocks, and herds, and tents;	13:3 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.	13:4. Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.	
4. And the land was not	13:4 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together; for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell	13:5. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.	
		13:6. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great,	

<p>able to bear them, that they might dwell together; for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.</p> <p>5. And there was strife between the herdsmen of the cattle of Abram and the herdsmen of the cattle of Lot, that they could not dwell together.</p>	<p>together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle, that they could not dwell together.</p> <p><i>V5 is down a few verses</i></p>	<p>so that they could not dwell together.</p> <p>13:7. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: ...</p> <p><i>The last half of his verse is also down a few verses</i></p>	
<p>6. And Abram said unto Lot: Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren:</p> <p>7. Therefore, separate thyself, I pray thee, from me; if thou go to the left hand, then I will go to the right; if thou go to the right hand, then I will go to the left, for is not the whole land before us?</p>	<p>13:6 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we are brethren.</p> <p>13:7 Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me; if thou go to the left hand, then I will go to the right; if thou go to the right hand, then I will go to the left.</p>	<p>13:8. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.</p> <p>13:9. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.</p>	
<p>8. And so, let us then call upon YHVH for instructions on wither we should go.</p> <p>9. ¶ And it came to pass that they did call upon YHVH, and they did listen to The Voice which said: Abram, send thee my servant Lot into the lands of Sodom and Gomorrah, to offer them teshuvah that they might cease their lustful and violent works unto their destruction.</p>			
<p>10. And this was said for the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land, and these knew not YHVH.</p>	<p><i>(Note, this verse is out of order)</i></p> <p>13:5 And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.</p>	<p>... and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.</p>	
<p>11. And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was</p>	<p>13:8 And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was</p>	<p>13:10. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was</p>	

<p>well watered everywhere before YHVH destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like as the garden of Eden, yea even as the land of Egypt.</p> <p>12. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan, as he had been told, and Lot and Advu journeyed East; and they did separate themselves the one from the other.</p>	<p>well watered everywhere before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt.</p> <p>13:9 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves the one from the other.</p>	<p>well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.</p> <p>13:11. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.</p>	
<p>13. ¶ And it came to pass that Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom that he and his wife might learn of them and teach them of YHVH and His teshuvah.</p> <p>14. But the desires of Sodom were exceedingly wicked before YHVH, and YHVH was angry with them.</p> <p>15. And YHVH said unto Abram after Lot was separated from him: Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, Northward, and South-ward, and Eastward, and Westward;</p> <p>16. And remember the covenant which I will make with thee; for it shall be a new and everlasting covenant; and thou shalt remember the days of Enoch, thy father;</p>	<p>13:10 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom.</p> <p>13:11 But the men of Sodom, becoming sinners and exceedingly wicked before the Lord, the Lord was angry with them.</p> <p>13:12 And the Lord said unto Abram after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward;</p> <p>13:13 And remember the covenant which I make with thee; for it shall be an everlasting covenant; and thou shalt remember the days of Enoch, thy father;</p>	<p>13:12. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.</p> <p>13:13. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.</p> <p>13:14. And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:</p>	
<p>17. For all the land which thou seest I give thee and to thy seed forever; and I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, thy seed shall also be numbered.</p>	<p>13:14 For all the land which thou seest will I give thee and to thy seed forever; and I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, thy seed shall also be numbered.</p>	<p>13:15. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.</p> <p>13:16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the</p>	

<p>18. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for I will give it unto thee.</p> <p>19. Then Abram removed his tent and came and dwelt in the oaks of Mamre, which was in Hebron, and built there an altar unto YHVH.</p>	<p>13:15 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which was in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.</p>	<p>earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.</p> <p>13:17. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.</p> <p>13:18. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.</p>	
<p>20. ¶ And it came to pass that Abram journeyed from thence toward the South country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.</p> <p>21. And Abram said again of Sarai, his wife: She is my sister; and so it was that Abimelech, king of Gerar, sent for and took Sarai.</p> <p>22. And it came to pass that the elohim of Abimelech came to him in a dream by night and said unto him: Behold, thou hast taken a woman which already has many husbands, for she is the wife of Abram, and they have done this before.</p> <p>23. And Abimelech awoke, saying: I shalt return her unto Abram; for if I do it not, and should I die Abram shall sit upon my throne!</p>	<p>20:1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.</p> <p>20:2 And Abraham said again of Sarah, his wife, She is my sister.</p> <p>20:3 And Abimelech, king of Gerar, sent and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said unto him, Behold, thou hast taken a woman which is not thine own; for she is Abraham's wife.</p> <p>20:4 And the Lord said unto him, Thou shalt return her unto Abraham; for if thou do it not, thou shalt die.</p> <p><i>(Note, v 5-8 are moved down a ways)</i></p>	<p>20:1. And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.</p> <p>20:2. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.</p> <p>20:3. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.</p>	
<p>24. Therefore, Abimelech arose early in the morning, and called his servants, and told them all these things in the secret of their confidence; and the men were sore afraid.</p> <p>25. And Abimelech did call Abram before him the next day and said: Wilt thou slay</p>	<p>20:9 Therefore, Abimelech arose early in the morning, and called his servants, and told all these things in their ears; and the men were sore afraid.</p> <p>20:10 Then Abimelech called Abraham and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? And in what</p>	<p>20:8. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.</p> <p>20:9. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I</p>	

<p>me to take unto thyself this righteous nation?</p> <p>26. What hast thou done unto us? And in what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast done things unto me that ought not to be done.</p> <p>27. What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? Behold, didst thou not say unto me: She is my sister? And she, even she herself, said: He is my brother!</p>	<p>have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin?</p> <p>20:11 Thou hast done things unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?</p>	<p>offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.</p> <p>20:10. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?</p>	
<p>28. And by her beauty and the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands have I done this thing.</p> <p>29. And Abram said unto him: Yea, I know that thou didst do this in the integrity of thy heart, for I am a prophet; and I shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live;</p> <p>30. For I seek not thy throne that thou should surely die, thou and all that thou hath are thine, all but Sarai which is also mine.</p>	<p>20:5 And Abimelech had not come near her, for the Lord had not suffered him.</p> <p>20:6 And he said, Lord, wilt thou slay me and also a righteous nation? Behold, said he not unto me, She is my sister? And she, even she herself, said, He is my brother. And in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.</p> <p>20:7 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst do this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me; therefore suffered I not thee to touch her.</p> <p>20:8 Now, therefore, restore the man's wife to him, for he is a prophet; and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live; and if thou restore her not to him, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou and all that are thine.</p>	<p>20:4. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?</p> <p>20:5. Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.</p> <p>20:6. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst do this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.</p> <p>20:7. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.</p>	<p>The integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands is Abimelech's excuse in the KJV/JST, but it is Abraham's excuse in the plates of brass version. That's interesting. And "By her Beauty" is new, and seems to be the defining passage for Tif'feret (Beauty), and its kind of interesting.</p>
<p>31. And we have done this thing because I thought</p>	<p>20:12 And Abraham said, Because I thought assuredly</p>	<p>20:11. And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely</p>	

<p>assuredly the fear of Elohim Shaddai was not in this place and they would slay me for the sake of my wife, and this we did also for a wise purpose in YHVH;</p> <p>32. And yet, indeed, she is my sister; the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.</p> <p>33. And it came to pass, when Elohim caused me to wander from the house of my father, that I said unto her: This shall be thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: At every place whither we shall come, say of me: He is my brother; and this we did for a wise purpose in YHVH.</p>	<p>the fear of God was not in this place and they would slay me for my wife's sake;</p> <p>20:13 And yet, indeed, she was my sister; she was the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.</p> <p>20:14 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This shall be thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: At every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.</p>	<p>the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.</p> <p>20:12. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.</p> <p>20:13. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.</p>	
<p>34. And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and men servants and women servants, and gave unto Abram, and also gave unto him Sarai, their wife.</p> <p>35. And Abimelech said unto him: Behold, my land lies before thee; dwell wherever it pleaseth thee; but speak not again of these matters that this law be forgotten.</p> <p>36. And unto Sarai he said: Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver; and he shall give unto thee a covering for thy eyes, and it shall be a token unto all that thou mayest not be taken again from Abram, thy husband.</p> <p>37. And this he said in anger, that she be reprov'd, for he understood not the will of YHVH Elohim.</p>	<p>20:15 And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and menservants and women servants, and gave unto Abraham, and restored unto him Sarah his wife.</p> <p>20:16 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land lieth before thee; dwell where it pleaseth thee.</p> <p>20:17 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, he shall give unto thee a covering of the eyes, and it shall be a token unto all that thou mayest not be taken again from Abraham, thy husband. And thus she was reprov'd.</p>	<p>20:14. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.</p> <p>20:15. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.</p> <p>20:16. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reprov'd.</p>	

38. ¶ And it came to pass that Abram prayed unto Yah; and YHVH healed Abimelech, and his wives, and his maid-servants, and they bare unto him children;

39. For until that day YHVH had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech that upon seeing the power of YHVH given Abram he might know the true Elohim,

40. But feeling slighted his eyes remained shut tight, peering with his heart only to see that he be not deceived by Abram and Sarai again.

20:18 So Abraham prayed unto God; and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants, and they bare unto him children.

20:19 For because of Sarah, Abraham's wife, the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech.

20:17. So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

20:18. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

Chapter 25 - Taken and Given

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass, in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, and Arioch, king of Ellasar, and Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of nations, that these kings made war with Bera, king of Sodom, and with Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, and Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela;</p> <p>2. All these, even Bera, Birsha, Shinab, Shemeber, and the king of Bela were joined together, united in a secret oath of priestcraft, in the valley of Siddim, which is at the salt sea;</p> <p>3. For twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year these did rebel against him.</p> <p>4. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, and the Horites in their Mount Seir, unto Elparan, which was by the wilderness.</p> <p>5. And they returned and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites in Hazezontamar.</p>	<p>14:1 And it came to pass, in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, and Arioch, king of Ellasar, and Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of nations,</p> <p>14:2 That these kings made war with Bera, king of Sodom, and with Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, and Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.</p> <p>14:3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.</p> <p>14:4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.</p> <p>14:5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, and the Horites in their Mount Seir, unto Elparan, which was by the wilderness.</p> <p>14:6 And they returned and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites in Hazezontamar.</p>	<p>14:1. And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;</p> <p>14:2. That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.</p> <p>14:3. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.</p> <p>14:4. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.</p> <p>14:5. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,</p> <p>14:6. And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness.</p> <p>14:7. And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.</p>	
<p>6. ¶ And from there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and</p>	<p>14:7 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king</p>	<p>14:8. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the</p>	

<p>the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela;</p> <p>7. And these joined battle with them in the valley of Siddim; with Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and with Tidal, king of nations, and Amraphel, king of Shinar, and Arioch, king of Ellasar—four kings against five.</p> <p>8. And the valley of Siddim was filled with slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell there; but they that remained fled to the hill country, and to the mountains.</p> <p>9. And it came to pass that the four kings did seize all the goods, taking all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and provisions and went their way.</p> <p>10. And they took Lot, the nephew of Abram, and Advu, Lot's wife, for they did dwell in Sodom; and they took them and their goods and departed.</p>	<p>of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar;</p> <p>14:8 And they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim--with Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and with Tidal, king of nations, and Amraphel, king of Shinar, and Arioch, king of Ellasar--four kings with five.</p> <p>14:9 And the vale of Siddim was filled with slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain which was called Hanabal.</p> <p>14:10 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their victuals and went their way.</p> <p>14:11 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods and departed.</p>	<p>king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;</p> <p>14:9. With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.</p> <p>14:10. And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.</p> <p>14:11. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.</p> <p>14:12. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.</p>	
<p>11. ¶ And there came one that had escaped and told Abram, the Hebrew, the man of YHVH; for he dwelt in the land of the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eschol and brother of Aner; and these were bound by a treaty with Abram.</p> <p>12. And when Abram heard that Lot and Advu and their people were taken captive, he armed three hundred and eighteen of his trained men, and all these were</p>	<p>14:12 And there came one that had escaped and told Abram, the Hebrew, the man of God, for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eschol and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram.</p> <p>14:13 And when Abram heard that Lot, his brother's son, was taken captive, he armed his trained men and they which were born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued</p>	<p>14:13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.</p> <p>14:14. And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.</p>	<p>Its interesting that the plates of brass casually inserts the "land of the oaks" here. Oak trees are showing up in these newly revealed records more frequently than I would have expected.</p> <p>In Doctrines of Saints, section 124:41, we are instructed to include oak trees among the fruit trees and nut trees that are planted in the sacred grove beyond the walls of the temple. The fruits and nuts</p>

<p>born in his own house, and pursued unto Dan.</p> <p>13. And he came unto them by night, and divided himself against them, he and his men, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which was on the left hand of Damascus.</p> <p>14. And he brought back Lot, his brother's son, Advu, Lot's wife, and all their goods, and the women also, and the people.</p> <p>15. And the king of Sodom also went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which was the dale of the king.</p>	<p>unto Dan.</p> <p>14:14 And he divided himself against them, he and his men, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which was on the left hand of Damascus.</p> <p>14:15 And he brought back Lot, his brother's son, and all his goods, and the women also, and the people.</p> <p>14:16 And the king of Sodom also went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which was the king's dale.</p>	<p>14:15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.</p> <p>14:16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.</p> <p>14:17. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.</p>	<p>are so we can eat the fruit, but the oak tree is not for that purpose. Its purpose goes unexplained.</p> <p>In Rayaneck 10:26-27, the great house in the sanctuary of Chelendon is made of oak. "The great house was made of oak, the grandfather tree. The tree given the name to remember God, a tree that always gives nothing wavering, who's seed contains the blood of God."</p> <p>In Rayaneck 11:5-6, in a conversation between Sheraneck and Rayaneck it says "In his hand was a small acorn. The seed of the great oak. 'What do you see?' Sheraneck said, holding out his hand. I told him I saw an acorn that it was the seed of the great oak and given time and much care it would grow into a mighty tree that symbolizes our God and all of creation."</p>
<p>16. And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine; and he did brake the bread and blessed it; and he blessed the wine, he being the High Priest of El Elyon.</p> <p>17. And he gave to Abram, and he blessed him, saying: Abram, thou art blessed, for thou art a man of El Elyon, possessor of heaven and of earth;</p> <p>18. And blessed is the name of El Elyon, which hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand.</p> <p>19. And thus Abram gave unto Melchizedek in tithes</p>	<p>14:17 And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine; and he brake bread and blessed it; and he blessed the wine, he being the priest of the most high God.</p> <p>14:18 And he gave to Abram, and he blessed him, and said, Blessed Abram, thou art a man of the most high God, possessor of heaven and of earth;</p> <p>14:19 And blessed is the name of the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand.</p> <p>14:20 And Abram gave him tithes of all he had taken.</p>	<p>14:18. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.</p> <p>14:19. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:</p> <p>14:20. And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.</p>	

<p>from all he had taken, to care for the poor and the needy in and about the land.</p>			
<p>20. And the king of Sodom said to Abram: Give me the persons and take the goods to thyself.</p> <p>21. But Abram said to the king of Sodom: I have lifted up my hand unto YHVH, the El Elyon, the Creator: the possessor of heaven and earth,</p> <p>22. And I have sworn an oath that I will not take of thee from a thread even to a shoe latchet and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou should say: I have made Abram rich,</p> <p>23. Yea, I shall take of thee nothing, save only that which the young men have eaten; but unto the men which went with me, Aner, Eschol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.</p>	<p>14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.</p> <p>14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,</p> <p>14:23 And have sworn that I will not take of thee from a thread even to a shoe latchet and that I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich,</p> <p>14:24 Save only that which the young men have eaten and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eschol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.</p>	<p>14:21. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.</p> <p>14:22. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,</p> <p>14:23. That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich:</p> <p>14:24. Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.</p>	
<p>24. ¶ And it came to pass that Melchizedek lifted up his voice and blessed Abram, he being the High Priest and the keeper of the storehouse of Yah, appointed to receive tithes for the poor.</p>	<p>14:25 And Melchizedek lifted up his voice and blessed Abram. ...</p> <p>14:37 And he lifted up his voice, and he blessed Abram, being the high priest and the keeper of the storehouse of God,</p> <p>14:38 Him whom God had appointed to receive tithes for the poor.</p>	<p><i>For those interested, the Sealed Book has a passage like this in Sealed Moses chapter 9 verse 11.</i></p> <p><i>That part of the Abraham/Melchizedek story in Sealed Moses isn't significantly different from what you see here, so I've left it out to be explored more completely in the course where we compare the book of Melchizedek to places in other books that have overlap.</i></p>	<p><i>Melchizedek</i> 1:23 And Melchizedek, the king of Salem, lifted up his voice and blessed Abram with secret wisdoms, and taught him to guard them until they come forth unto the world, by the will of God, at the last days.</p> <p>—</p> <p>1:16. Him who lifted up his voice, and blessed Abram, being the High Priest and the keeper of the storehouse of El Elyon;</p> <p>1:17. Him whom El Elyon had appointed to receive tithes for the poor.</p>
<p>25. ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech</p>	<p>21:20 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech</p>	<p>21:22. And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech</p>	

<p>and Phicol, the chief captain of his host, spake unto Abram, saying: Ha'Elohim is with thee in all that thou doest!</p> <p>26. Now, therefore, swear unto me here that, by the help of El Elyon, thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son; but that, according to the kindness that I have shown unto thee, thou shalt do unto me and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.</p> <p>27. And Abram said unto him: I will swear.</p>	<p>and Phicol, the chief captain of his host, spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest.</p> <p>21:21 Now, therefore, swear unto me here that, by the help of God, thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son; but that, according to the kindness that I have shown unto thee, thou shalt do unto me and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.</p> <p>21:22 And Abraham said, I will swear.</p>	<p>and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:</p> <p>21:23. Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.</p> <p>21:24. And Abraham said, I will swear.</p>	
<p>28. And then Abram reproved Abimelech because of a well of water which the servants of Abimelech had violently taken away.</p> <p>29. And Abimelech said: Thou didst not tell me; and I know not who hath done this thing; neither yet have I heard that it was done until this day.</p> <p>30. And Abram took sheep and oxen and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.</p> <p>31. And Abram set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.</p> <p>32. And Abimelech said unto Abram: What wilt thou do with these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?</p>	<p>21:23 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.</p> <p>21:24 And Abimelech said, Thou didst not tell me; and I know not who hath done this thing; neither yet have I heard that it was done until this day.</p> <p>21:25 And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.</p> <p>21:26 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.</p> <p>21:27 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What wilt thou do with these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?</p>	<p>21:25. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.</p> <p>21:26. And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.</p> <p>21:27. And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.</p> <p>21:28. And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.</p> <p>21:29. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?</p>	
<p>33. And he said: Seven ewe lambs shalt thou take at my hand, that they may be a witness unto me that I have digged this well.</p>	<p>21:28 And he said, Seven ewe lambs shalt thou take at my hand, that they may be a witness unto me that I have digged this well.</p>	<p>21:30. And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged</p>	

34. And because we shall swear, both of us, wherefore the name of that place will be Bearsheba;

35. And thus they made a covenant.

36. Then Abimelech and Phicol, the chief captain of his hosts, rose up, and he sent men to plant a grove in Bearsheba, and to call there on the name of YHVH; and then to returned unto their lands.

37. And it came to pass that Abram did worship El'olam.

21:29 And because they sware, both of them, wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba;

21:30 And thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba.

21:31 Then Abimelech and Phicol, the chief captain of his hosts, rose up, and they planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord; and they returned unto the land of the Philistines.

21:32 And Abraham worshiped the everlasting God and sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

this well.

21:31. Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware both of them.

21:32. Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

21:33. And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.

21:34. And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Engage:

Engage the Concepts through Comparison

The titles of these two chapters imply there's something to compare in each of them. What are the "Two Paths" from chapter 24? How do they differ, what does comparing them to each other teach us about them?

In Chapter 25, what is "given", and what is "taken"? I find it interesting that the stuff about marriage is in chapter 24, not 25, and chapter 25 is about "Given and Taken". What can we learn about the giving and taking, and what can each one teach us about the other when we compare them?

Engage the Spirit through Contemplation

Chapter 24, Vs 28-30 we get a very interesting re-writing of the exchange between Abimelech and Abraham about why Abimelech married Sarah, with Abraham's approval. At first glance, "because of her beauty" sounds a lot like "I had to do it because she's gorgeous." I invite you to look beyond Sarah, Abimelich, and Abraham. This passage is introducing the kabbalistic concept of Beauty. This text is associating it with integrity of the heart (not lusts of the flesh). Allegorically speaking, there is a lot going on here just below the surface, and I invite you to ponder it prayerfully and see where the beauty of this passage takes you.

Engage the Group through Discussion

When you meet together as a group to discuss the content of these chapters, here are some ideas to help get the discussion going:

- 25:19 identifies caring for the poor and the needy as the primary purpose of tithing. Many modern churches consider the purpose of the tithe as being to support the clergy and pay for church buildings and things, including many branches of the restoration. What are your thoughts on this? Are we doing it wrong? Is this old way out of date and no longer applicable?