

Discussion 15

The Shalom of YHVH

(An Everlasting Covenant)

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

- Chapter 26 - The Blessings
- Chapter 27 - The Covenant of Circumcision
- Chapter 28 - Promises Made
- Chapter 29 - Promises Kept

Additional Reading (Comparison Texts):

- Genesis 15-19 from the Inspired Version of the Bible

Objectives:

- Introduce more kabbalistic concepts so we will be able to assemble them all in future discussions

Kabbalistic Concepts:

- The Everlasting (Covenant) of the Gospel (Shalom of YHVH)
- Circumcising (or Piercing) of the Heart

Reading:

Chapter 26 - The Blessings			
1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass that Abram took his things, and his people, and departed back towards his own lands.</p> <p>2. And it came to pass that in his journeys the Word of YHVH came unto Abram in a vision, saying: Fear not, Abram; for I shall be thy shield;</p> <p>3. And I will be thy exceedingly great reward, even according to the blessings of my servant, Melchizedek, I will give unto thee.</p>	<p>15:1 And it came to pass that after these things, the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying,</p> <p>15:2 Fear not, Abram; I will be thy shield; I will be thy exceeding great reward. And according to the blessings of my servant, I will give unto thee.</p>	<p>15:1. After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.</p>	

<p>4. And Abram said: YHVH Elohim, what wilt thou give me, seeing I and Sarai, my wife, go childless?</p> <p>5. For Eliezer of Damascus was made to be the heir of my house and all that I possess; and because thou hast given us no seed, one born as a servant in my house is mine heir.</p> <p>6. And behold, the word of YHVH came unto Abram again, saying: This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.</p>	<p>15:3 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless and Eliezer of Damascus was made the steward of my house?</p> <p>15:4 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed; and lo, one born in my house is mine heir.</p> <p>15:5 And behold, the word of the Lord came unto him again, saying,</p> <p>15:6 This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.</p>	<p>15:2. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?</p> <p>15:3. And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.</p> <p>15:4. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.</p>	
<p>7. And YHVH Elohim brought him forth abroad and said: Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if thou be able to number them; I say unto thee, even so shall thy seed be.</p>	<p>15:7 And he brought him forth abroad, and he said, Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them.</p> <p>15:8 And he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.</p>	<p>15:5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.</p>	
<p>8. And Abram believed YHVH, and it was credited to him as righteousness; and he said: YHVH Elohim, how wilt thou give me this land for an everlasting inheritance?</p> <p>9. And YHVH reminded Abram of the visions given him in the urim and thummim, saying: I, YHVH, brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees to give thee this land to inherit it;</p> <p>10. And though thou wast as dead, yet am I not able to give it thee? And if thou shalt die, yet shalt thy seed possess it.</p> <p>11. Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she</p>	<p>15:9 And Abram said, Lord God, how wilt thou give me this land for an everlasting inheritance?</p> <p>15:10 And the Lord said, Though thou wast dead, yet am I not able to give it thee?</p> <p>15:11 And if thou shalt die, yet thou shalt possess it, for the day cometh that the Son of Man shall live. But how can he live if he be not dead? He must first be quickened.</p> <p>15:12 And it came to pass that Abram looked forth, and saw the days of the Son of Man, and was glad; and his soul found rest, and he believed in the Lord; and</p>	<p>15:6. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.</p> <p>15:7. And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.</p> <p>15:8. And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?</p> <p>15:9. And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.</p>	

<p>goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.</p>	<p>the Lord counted it unto him for righteousness.</p> <p>15:13 And the Lord said unto him, I, the Lord, brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees to give thee this land to inherit it.</p> <p>15:14 And Abram said, Lord, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? Yet he believed God. And the Lord said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.</p>		
<p>12. ¶ And after this vision had left him, Abram took unto him all these, and he cut them, dividing them in the midst, and he laid each piece one against the other; but the birds he did not divide.</p> <p>13. And he did burn them upon the altar, and those that were with him did eat; but when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away, and that which was not eaten continued to burn and to smoke.</p>	<p>15:15 And he took unto him all these, and he divided them in the midst, and he laid each piece one against the other; but the birds divided he not.</p> <p>15:16 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ...</p>	<p>15:10. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.</p> <p>15:11. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.</p>	
<p>14. ¶ And when the sun was going down, it came to pass that a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and lo, a great terror and darkness fell upon him.</p> <p>15. And YHVH spake, and awoke Abram back to the vision, saying: Abram, thou shalt die and go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried at a good old age;</p>	<p>15:16 ... And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and lo, a great horror of darkness fell upon him.</p> <p>15:17 And the Lord spake, and he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land which shall not be theirs and shall serve strangers; and they shall be afflicted and serve them</p>	<p>15:12. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.</p> <p>15:13. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;</p>	

<p>16. Know of a surety that after this, thy seed shall be a stranger in a land in which they shall serve the strangers, and they shall be afflicted and serve them four hundred years.</p> <p>17. And know also that this nation whom they shall serve will I judge; and afterwards shall they come out with great substance; but in the fourth generation they shall turn back to come hither again.</p> <p>18. And the vision left him again, and Abram began again to sleep.</p>	<p>four hundred years; and also that nation whom they shall serve will I judge; and afterwards shall they come out with great substance.</p> <p>15:18 And thou shalt die and go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.</p> <p>15:19 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.</p>	<p>15:14. And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.</p> <p>15:15. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.</p> <p>15:16. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.</p>	
<p>19. ¶ And it came to pass that when the sun went down and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp remained in the midst of those pieces which Abram had divided.</p>	<p>15:20 And it came to pass that when the sun went down and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, which passed between those pieces which Abram had divided.</p>	<p>15:17. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.</p>	
<p>20. And it came to pass that Abram awoke from his sleep and looked forth into that light that shined in the darkness and saw the days of the Son of Man and was glad; and his soul found rest.</p> <p>21. And Abram remembered all that YHVH had shown him in the urim and thummim saying: I have found the Shalom of YHVH, for the day cometh that the Son of Man shall live:</p> <p>22. Yet how can He live if He is not born of a woman that He might die and take up his life again?</p> <p>23. He must first be quickened; and even so, through Him shall I and my</p>		<p><u>Luke 2</u></p> <p>2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.</p> <p>2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.</p> <p>2:12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.</p> <p>2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,</p> <p>2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth</p>	<p>This passage introduces the Shalom of YHVH, and associates it with the coming of the Son of Man, and also with the Everlasting Covenant down in v24.</p> <p>The Shalom of YHVH is the "Gospel" or "good news". It is the glad tidings of great joy, proclaimed by angels unto mankind.</p> <p>It is an everlasting covenant.</p>

<p>seed be quickened, and shall live.</p>		<p>peace, good will toward men.</p>	
<p>24. And in that same day YHVH made an Everlasting Covenant with Abram, saying: Unto thy seed have I given this land:</p> <p>25. From the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates, and from the land the Kenites, and the Kenazites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.</p>	<p>15:21 And in that same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates--</p> <p>15:22 The Kenites, and the Kenazites, and the Kadmonites, and Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.</p>	<p><i>Genesis KJV</i></p> <p>15:18. In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:</p> <p>15:19. The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,</p> <p>15:20. And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,</p> <p>15:21. And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.</p>	
<p>26. ¶ And it came to pass that in the morning Abram returned home in peace.</p>			
<p>27. Now Sarai, the wife of Abram, had born them no sons; yet she had with her an Egyptian woman, a princess, even a daughter of Pharaoh, she being given of Pharaoh unto Sarai, who was called Hagar.</p>	<p>16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no children. And she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.</p>	<p>16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.</p>	<p>Hagar wasn't (as previously understood) some servant girl who belonged to Sarai.</p> <p>She was a princess daughter of Pharaoh, who was with Sarai as a gift from Pharaoh.</p>
<p>28. And it came to pass that after hearing all that YHVH had said unto Abram, Sarai said unto her husband: Behold now, YHVH hath closed me up from bearing thee seed;</p> <p>29. I pray thee, go in unto this woman with me from Egypt, and take her also as thy wife, for she is worthy by her birthright; and do this that perhaps we may obtain children by her.</p> <p>30. And Abram hearkened</p>	<p>16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing; I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened unto the voice of Sarai.</p> <p>16:3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband, Abram, to be his wife.</p>	<p>16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.</p> <p>16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.</p>	

<p>unto the voice of Sarai, his wife; for even so had she hearkened unto him in gaining two husbands whilst they were in Egypt.</p> <p>31. And Sarai, the wife of Abram, took Hagar, the Egyptian woman, and gave her to her husband, Abram, to be his wife, sealing them together in the covenant of YHVH.</p>			
<p>32. And Abram went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, Hagar began to look upon herself with much pride of heart, and began to despise their wife, Sarai, seeing her as lesser in her eyes;</p> <p>33. For it was that she, Hagar, thought that she should give Abram a son, and that her child should rule when Abram was taken in death.</p>	<p>16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.</p>	<p>16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.</p>	
<p>34. And Sarai said unto Abram: I have made a grave mistake; I have given this woman from Egypt into thy bosom,</p> <p>35. And when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes for she now sees herself as above me in her station: YHVH judge between me and thee.</p>	<p>16:5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong is upon thee; I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes; the Lord judge between me and thee.</p>	<p>16:5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee.</p>	
<p>36. But Abram said unto Sarai: Behold, this, our wife, is in thy hands; and we have made a covenant between she and us and YHVH; wherefore, we cannot send her away,</p> <p>37. And now she is thy equal in our bond, and no</p>	<p>16:6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hands; do to her as it pleaseth thee.</p> <p>16:7 And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.</p>	<p>16:6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.</p>	

<p>servant to be beneath thee; therefore, fix this thing between she and thee; and I place this firmly in thy hands.</p> <p>38. But Sarai was sorrowed by the words of their husband and she listened not, and she dealt harshly with Hagar; and so great was her affliction that she fled from before the face of Sarai.</p>			
<p>39. And an angel of YHVH, being named Barlechi, found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur,</p> <p>40. And Barlechi said unto her: Hagar, from hence comest thou, and whither wilt thou go?</p> <p>41. And Hagar answered: I flee from the face of my lady, Sarai.</p>	<p>16:8 And an angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.</p> <p>16:9 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence comest thou, and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.</p>	<p>16:7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.</p> <p>16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence comest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.</p>	
<p>42. And Barlechi said unto her: Return to thy lady and submit thyself unto her hands; for YHVH will multiply thy seed exceedingly, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude:</p>	<p>16:10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress and submit thyself under her hands.</p> <p>16:11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, The Lord will multiply thy seed exceedingly so that it shall not be numbered for multitude.</p>	<p>16:9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.</p> <p>16:10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.</p>	
<p>43. Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael because YHVH hath heard thy afflictions;</p> <p>44. And he will be a wild man; and his hand will be against every man, and the hand of every man against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his</p>	<p>16:12 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael because the Lord hath heard thy afflictions.</p> <p>16:13 And he will be a wild man; and his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against</p>	<p>16:11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.</p> <p>16:12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against</p>	

<p>brethren.</p> <p>45. And Hagar asked the name of this angel of YHVH.</p> <p>46. And Barlechi spake unto her, saying: Knowest thou that Ha'Elohim seest thee?</p>	<p>him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.</p> <p>16:14 And she called the name of the angel of the Lord.</p> <p>16:15 And he spake unto her, saying, Knowest thou that God seest thee?</p>	<p>him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.</p> <p>16:13 And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me:</p>	
<p>47. And she said: I know that thou art sent from El Roi, for YHVH, the Elohim of my husband and all his house, has seen me;</p> <p>48. And I have also here looked and seen; and truly in this place have I seen one who looks after me.</p> <p>49. And there was a well between Kadesh and Bered near where Hagar saw the angel, wherefore, the well was called Bearlahai'roir after this angel of YHVH, for a memorial to the seed of Abram.</p>	<p>16:16 And she said, I know that God seest me, for I have also here looked after him.</p> <p>16:17 And there was a well between Kadesh and Bered near where Hagar saw the angel.</p> <p>16:18 And the name of the angel was Beer-la-hai-roi; wherefore, the well was called Beer-la-hai-roi for a memorial.</p>	<p>for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?</p> <p>16:14 Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.</p>	<p>Before the plates of brass were translated, the name of this angel was unknown and the name of this well was Beer-la-hai-roi,</p> <p>And then Joseph Smith updated it so we would know that the well AND the angel were called Beer-la-hai-roir.</p> <p>But, now, we are given the specific name of this angel "Barlechi" five times.</p> <p>Is there some meaning here where the name is somehow significant for us in our day? If not, why introduce the actual name now and stress it so heavily in this chapter?</p>
<p>50. ¶ And it came to pass that Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram and Hagar did call their son's name Ishmael, by the words of Barlechi, the angel.</p> <p>51. And Abram had reached the eighty-sixth degree and Sarai the eighty-third when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.</p>	<p>16:19 And Hagar bare Abram a son; and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.</p> <p>16:20 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.</p>	<p>16:15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.</p> <p>16:16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.</p>	

Chapter 27 - The Covenant of Circumcision

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass that YHVH Elohim did bless Abram, and Sarai, and Hagar, and did give unto them riches, and honor, and lands for an ever-lasting possession, according to the covenant which had been made, and according to the blessing wherewith Melchizedek had blessed Abram.</p>			
<p>2. And when Abram had reached the ninety-ninth degree, and Sarai had reached the ninety-eighth degree, it came to pass that the High Priest, Melchizedek, took Abram and Sarai and did teach them all he knew of YHVH Elohim, that Abram and Sarai might possess hidden wisdom unto YHVH.</p> <p>3. But their wife, Hagar, he did not teach; for she would not cease to worship the elohim of her old land, even the gods of the hands of man.</p>	<p>17:1 And when Abram was ninety and nine years old, ...</p>	<p>17:1. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>Melchizedek Ch 2</u></i></p> <p>2:1. And he said unto Abram: I, Melchizedek, the king of Salem, king of peace, descendant of Shem, known by my people as the king of heaven upon the Earth, High Priest (Kohen Gadol) of YHVH Elohim:</p> <p>2:2. I leave with you, Abram, the Word of YHVH unto you, to teach from generation to Generation;</p>
<p>4. And it came to pass that in that day, that YHVH spoke unto Abram and Sarai, saying: I am Elohim Shaddai, and thou shalt come before my Face uprightly and be complete before me;</p> <p>5. And through my servant, Melchizedek, I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly.</p>	<p>17:1 ... the Lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, I, the Almighty God, give unto thee a commandment that thou shalt walk uprightly before me and be perfect.</p> <p>17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly.</p>	<p>... the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.</p> <p>17:2. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.</p>	
<p>6. And YHVH Elohim spoke to Abram through His servant, Melchizedek, as he</p>	<p>17:3 And it came to pass that Abram fell on his face and called upon the name</p>	<p>17:3. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,</p>	

<p>prayed over him, blessing him, saying: My people have gone astray from my precepts and have not kept mine ordinances, which I gave unto their fathers;</p> <p>7. And they have not observed mine anointing, and the tvilah wherewith I appointed them in teshuvah,</p> <p>8. But these have turned from this, my mitzvoth, and taken unto themselves the washing of children, the burning of flesh unto ash, and the sprinkling of blood.</p>	<p>of the Lord.</p> <p>17:4 And God talked with him, saying, My people have gone astray from my precepts and have not kept mine ordinances, which I gave unto their fathers;</p> <p>17:5 And they have not observed mine anointing, and the burial, or baptism wherewith I commanded them,</p> <p>17:6 But have turned from the commandment, and taken unto themselves the washing of children, and the blood of sprinkling,</p>		
<p>9. But as for thee, behold, I will make my covenant with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations;</p> <p>10. And this covenant I will make with thy children that it may be known among all nations.</p> <p>11. And thy name shall no more be called Abram, but I shall give thee and new name, and thy wife Sarai also:</p> <p>12. And thy name shall be called Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee:</p>	<p>17:7 And have said that the blood of the righteous Abel was shed for sins, and have not known wherein they are accountable before me.</p> <p>17:8 But as for thee, behold, I will make my covenant with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.</p> <p>17:9 And this covenant I make that thy children may be known among all nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.</p>	<p>17:4. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.</p> <p>17:5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.</p>	
<p>13. And I shall make thee exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come of thee and of thy seed.</p> <p>14. And I will establish a covenant with thee with the circumcision of the heart, and it shall be my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations.</p>	<p>17:10 And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come of thee and of thy seed.</p> <p>17:11 And I will establish a covenant of circumcision with thee, and it shall be my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, that thou mayest know forever</p>	<p>17:6. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.</p> <p>17:7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.</p>	

<p>15. And thou mayest know of a surety forever that children are not accountable before me until they are of age, for a babe cannot walk, nor child comprehend the weightier matters.</p>	<p>that children are not accountable before me until they are eight years old.</p>		
<p>16. But as for thee, thou shalt walk in teshuvah, observing to keep my Law and all my covenants wherein I covenanted with thy fathers, and thou shalt teach thy children the same;</p> <p>17. And thou shalt keep the mitzvot which I have given thee with mine own mouth and I shall be thy Elohim and the Elohim of thy seed after thee.</p> <p>18. And I will give unto thee and thy seed after thee a land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, for so long as they shall know and keep their Elohim;</p> <p>19. Therefore, thou shalt keep my covenant, thou and thy seed after thee in their generations.</p>	<p>17:12 And thou shalt observe to keep all my covenants wherein I covenanted with thy fathers; and thou shalt keep the commandments which I have given thee with mine own mouth, and I will be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee.</p> <p>17:13 And I will give unto thee and thy seed after thee a land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.</p> <p>17:14 And God said unto Abraham, Therefore, thou shalt keep my covenant, thou and thy seed after thee in their generations.</p>	<p>17:8. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.</p> <p>17:9. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.</p>	
<p>20. And this shall be my covenant which ye shall keep between me and thee and thy seed after thee: Every child among you shall be taught to become circumcised;</p> <p>21. And when every child is eight days old, they shall be blessed and instructed in teshuvah, that they may be circumcised of the heart when they come of age—yea, every child forever in all generations:</p>	<p>17:15 And this shall be my covenant which ye shall keep between me and thee and thy seed after thee: Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.</p> <p>17:16 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.</p> <p>17:17 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you,</p>	<p>17:10. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.</p> <p>17:11. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.</p> <p>17:12. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you,</p>	

	every man-child in your generations--	every man child in your generations, ...	
22. They that are born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger which is not of thy seed:	17:18 He that is born in the house or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.	... he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.	
23. They that are born in thy house and they that are bought with thy money must needs be taught, and my covenant shall be even woven into thy skin for a new and everlasting covenant;	17:19 He that is born in thy house and he that is bought with thy money must needs be circumcised, and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.	17:13. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.	
24. And when thy children come of age, they shall be given the token of the covenant between me and thee;	17:20 And the uncircumcised man-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.	17:14. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.	
25. And the uncircumcised, they who shall not circumcise their hearts, these souls shall be spiritually cut off from the people and shall not learn my signs and tokens ; for these hath broken my covenant.			
26. And Melchizedek said these and many other words unto Abram; and after this, Melchizedek came unto Sarai, Abraham's wife, and he blessed her, saying: Sarai, thou shalt no longer be called Sarai, but Sarah shall be thy new name.	17:21 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai, thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah thou shalt call her name. 17:22 And I will bless her, and I will give thee a son of her; yea, I will bless her, and she shall be blessed, the mother of nations; kings and people shall be of her.	17:15. And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. 17:16. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.	
27. And I will bless thee, and YHVH will give thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him also, even the new and everlasting covenant with his seed after him.			
28. Yea, I will bless thee, and thou shall be blessed,			

<p>for thou shall be known as the mother of nations; kings and queens and many people shall come out of thee;</p>			
<p>29. And as thou art a queen over Egypt, and other lands, thy seed shall be a royal people;</p> <p>30. And because thou art a Priestess, and thy husband a Priest, thy children with him shall be a royal priesthood, given them by the Law of the Patriarchal and Matriarchal priesthood established by the covenant, that shall be passed down by the blood through thy seed unto the ends of the earth.</p> <p>31. And it shall be through thy seed who shall have claim over the earth through Egypt and the heavens through my Priesthood that the heavens shall be brought unto the earth in tikkun olam; that the creation shall be completed:</p> <p>32. Therefore, I give thee thy duty to teach these things unto thy children that when they come of age their walk shall be in teshuvah with me, and their hearts shall be circumcised;</p> <p>33. And when they do come of age, they that shall not reject the covenant but shall be my covenant people, unto these shalt thou give my signs and tokens, even as I did give them unto thy ancestors.</p> <p>34. And Sarah wondered in her heart: How should this be? For she was barren.</p>			
<p>35. And Abraham did fall on his face and called upon the name of YHVH, and rejoiced, and said in his heart: There shall a child be born unto me and Sarah, though she is barren of me, she shall still conceive.</p>	<p>17:23 Then Abraham fell on his face, and rejoiced, and said in his heart, There shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old, and Sarah that is ninety years old shall bear.</p>	<p>17:17. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?</p>	
<p>36. And Melchizedek said: Sarah, thy wife, shall bear thee a son, and it shall be as YHVH has spoken.</p>	<p>17:24 And Abraham said unto God, Oh, that Ishmael might live uprightly before thee!</p>	<p>17:18. And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!</p>	
<p>37. And Abraham said unto YHVH before Melchizedek: O, that Ishmael might live uprightly before YHVH Elohim!</p>	<p>17:25 And God said, Sarah, thy wife, shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him also, for an everlasting covenant with his seed after him.</p>	<p>17:19. And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.</p>	
<p>38. And Melchizedek answered him in the spirit of prophecy and revelation, saying: As for Ishmael, Elohim hath heard thee;</p>	<p>17:26 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee; behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly;</p>	<p>17:20. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly;</p>	
<p>39. Behold, he shall be</p>	<p>17:27 Twelve princes shall</p>	<p>twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a</p>	

blessed, and YHVH will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and Elohim will make him a great nation.

40. But this covenant will be establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year, unless Ishmael and his seed should come to El Elyon through Isaac, for they too shall be of thy seed.

41. And Melchizedek gave unto Abraham and Sarah all that had been passed down from Adam and Eve from the beginning, even the keys, and the signs, and the tokens.

42. And it came to pass that after this, Melchizedek left off talking with them; and Elohim went up from Abraham and Sarah.

he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

17:28 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

17:29 And he left off talking with him; and God went up from Abraham.

great nation.

17:21. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

17:22. And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

Chapter 28 - Promises Made

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass that Abraham took Ishmael, his son, and all males that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin as a reminder of the covenant Elohim had made with them.</p> <p>2. And Abraham was in the ninety-ninth degree and Ishmael in the thirteenth degree when they were circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin, and this they did in remembrance of the covenant.</p> <p>3. And on the same day Abraham and Ishmael were circumcised, all the men of his house, which were born in his house, and bought with money of strangers, were also circumcised with him.</p> <p>4. And all they that rejected the covenant were offered a sum of money, and he goats and she goats, and camels, and sent on their way from out of the lands of Abraham; but there was none of the men that did not partake in the covenant.</p>	<p>17:30 And Abraham took Ishmael, his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.</p> <p>17:31 And Abraham was ninety and nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.</p> <p>17:32 And Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.</p> <p>17:33 In the selfsame day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son; and all the men of his house, which were born in his house, and bought with money of strangers, were also circumcised with him.</p>	<p>17:23. And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.</p> <p>17:24. And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.</p> <p>17:25. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.</p> <p>17:26. In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.</p> <p>17:27. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.</p>	
<p>5. ¶ And it came to pass that the angel of YHVH appeared unto Abraham in the plains of Mamre as he sat in his tent door, in the heat of the day and recovering from the wound of his hands, saying: Behold!</p> <p>6. And Abraham did lift up his eyes and looked, and lo,</p>	<p>18:1 And the Lord appeared unto Abraham in the plains of Mamre. And he sat in his tent door in the heat of the day;</p> <p>18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him; and when he saw, he ran to meet them from his tent</p>	<p>18:1. And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;</p> <p>18:2. And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent</p>	

<p>three men stood by him;</p> <p>7. And when he saw these men, he ran to meet them from his tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, saying: My brethren, if now I have found favor in your sight, pass not away, I pray you, from thy servant.</p> <p>8. Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will fetch a morsel of bread and comfort ye your hearts; after that you shall pass on; for this is why ye have come to your servant.</p> <p>9. And they said: Go and do as thou hast said.</p>	<p>door, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said,</p> <p>18:3 My brethren, if now I have found favor in your sight, pass not away, I pray you, from thy servant.</p> <p>18:4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will fetch a morsel of bread and comfort ye your hearts; after that you shall pass on; for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do as thou hast said.</p>	<p>door, and bowed himself toward the ground,</p> <p>18:3. And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:</p> <p>18:4. Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:</p> <p>18:5. And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.</p>	
<p>10. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah and said: Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead, and make cakes of bread upon the hearth.</p> <p>11. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf, tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it.</p> <p>12. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf, which he had dressed, and set them before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.</p>	<p>18:5 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead, and make cakes upon the hearth.</p> <p>18:6 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf, tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it.</p> <p>18:7 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf, which he had dressed, and set them before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.</p>	<p>18:6. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.</p> <p>18:7. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it.</p> <p>18:8. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.</p>	
<p>13. And they said unto him: Where is Sarah, thy wife?</p> <p>14. And Abraham answered: Behold, she is there, in the tent.</p> <p>15. And one of them blessed Abraham, and he</p>	<p>18:8 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah, thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.</p> <p>18:9 And one of them blessed Abraham, and he said, I will certainly return unto thee from my journey;</p>	<p>18:9. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.</p> <p>18:10. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall</p>	

<p>said: I will certainly return unto thee from my journey; and lo, according to the time of life, Sarah, thy wife, shall have a son.</p>	<p>and lo, according to the time of life, Sarah, thy wife, shall have a son.</p>	<p>have a son.</p>	
<p>16. And Sarah heard him in the tent door, and now Abraham and Sarah had heard this promise many times before, and not seen it fulfilled, therefore, Sarah had given up on this, believing her womb to be closed to her husband;</p> <p>17. Therefore, Sarah laughed within herself, thinking: After all of these years, my womb is still empty of the seed of Abraham, and how then shall I conceive of him?</p>	<p>18:10 And Sarah heard him in the tent door.</p> <p>18:11 And now Abraham and Sarah being old and stricken in age, therefore, it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women;</p> <p>18:12 Therefore, Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?</p>	<p>...And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.</p> <p>18:11. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.</p> <p>18:12. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?</p>	
<p>18. And the man asked of Abraham: Why does Sarah laugh? Is anything too hard for YHVH?</p> <p>19. And the men revealed themselves to be malakim of YHVH; and the first spoke again saying: At the time appointed, behold, I will return unto thee from my journey, which YHVH hath sent us; and according to the time of life thou mayest know that Sarah shall have a son.</p> <p>20. Then Sarah denied her laughter, saying: I laughed not; for she was afraid.</p> <p>21. And he said: Nay, but thou didst laugh.</p> <p>22. And the malakim rose up from thence and looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.</p>	<p>18:13 And the angel of the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord?</p> <p>18:14 At the time appointed, behold, I will return unto thee from my journey, which the Lord hath sent me; and according to the time of life thou mayest know that Sarah shall have a son.</p> <p>18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay, but thou didst laugh.</p> <p>18:16 And the angels rose up from thence and looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.</p>	<p>18:13. And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?</p> <p>18:14. Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.</p> <p>18:15. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.</p> <p>18:16. And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.</p>	
	<p>18:17 And the angel of the</p>	<p>18:17. And the Lord said,</p>	

	<p>Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which the Lord will do for him--seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?</p> <p>18:18 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him; and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.</p>	<p>Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;</p> <p>18:18. Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?</p> <p>18:19. For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.</p>	
<p>23. And the first malak said unto Abraham: YHVH said unto us: Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous, I will destroy them;</p> <p>24. And YHVH will send you, and ye shall go down now and see that their iniquities are rewarded unto them; and ye shall have all things done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me.</p> <p>25. And if ye do it not, it shall be upon your heads; for I will destroy them, and you shall know that I will do it, for it shall be before your eyes.</p> <p>26. And the malakim, which were holy men and were sent forth after the order of El Elyon, turned their faces from thence and went toward Sodom.</p>	<p>18:19 And the angel of the Lord said unto Abraham, The Lord said unto us, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous, I will destroy them.</p> <p>18:20 And I will send you, and ye shall go down now and see that their iniquities are rewarded unto them.</p> <p>18:21 And ye shall have all things done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me.</p> <p>18:22 And if ye do it not, it shall be upon your heads; for I will destroy them, and you shall know that I will do it, for it shall be before your eyes.</p> <p>18:23 And the angels, which were holy men and were sent forth after the order of God, turned their faces from thence and went toward Sodom.</p>	<p>18:20. And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;</p> <p>18:21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.</p> <p>18:22. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom:</p>	
<p>27. ¶ But Abraham stood yet before the angel of YHVH, remembering the</p>	<p>18:24 But Abraham stood yet before the Lord, remembering the things</p>	<p>... but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.</p>	

<p>things which had been told him.</p> <p>28. And Abraham drew near to Sodom and prayed unto YHVH, calling upon his name, saying: Wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked? Wilt thou not spare them?</p> <p>29. Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city, wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that may be therein?</p> <p>30. O, may that be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, and that the righteous should be as the wicked; O YHVH, may that be far from thee, for shall not the Judge of all the earth do that which is right?</p>	<p>which had been told him.</p> <p>18:25 And Abraham drew near to Sodom and said unto the Lord, calling upon his name, saying, Wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked? Wilt thou not spare them?</p> <p>18:26 Peradventure there may be fifty righteous within the city, wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that may be therein?</p> <p>18:27 Oh, may that be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, and that the righteous should be as the wicked.</p> <p>18:28 O God, may that be far from thee. For shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?</p>	<p>18:23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?</p> <p>18:24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?</p> <p>18:25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?</p>	
<p>31. And the angel of YHVH spoke unto Abraham, saying: If there be fifty righteous within the city of Sodom, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.</p> <p>32. And Abraham answered and said: Behold, now I have taken upon me to speak unto my Lord, which is able to destroy the city and lay all the people to dust and ashes:</p> <p>33. Will Thou spare them, perhaps there lack five of the fifty righteous? Wilt thou destroy all the city for their wickedness if thou should find there forty-five righteous?</p>	<p>18:29 And the Lord said unto Abraham, If thou findest in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.</p> <p>18:30 And Abraham answered and said, Behold, now I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which is able to destroy the city and lay all the people in dust and ashes.</p> <p>18:31 Will the Lord spare them peradventure there lack five of the fifty righteous? Wilt thou destroy all the city for their wickedness if I find there forty and five righteous?</p>	<p>18:26. And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.</p> <p>18:27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:</p> <p>18:28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five?</p>	
<p>34. And the angel of YHVH said: I will not destroy it, but</p>	<p>18:32 And he said, I will not destroy, but spare them.</p>	<p>And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not</p>	

<p>will spare them.</p> <p>35. And Abraham spake unto him again, saying: Perhaps there should be forty found there?</p> <p>36. And the angel of YHVH said: I will not destroy it for the sake of forty.</p> <p>37. And he pleaded again, saying: O, let not my Lord be angry, and I will speak: Perhaps there shall thirty be found there?</p>	<p>18:33 And he spake unto him again and said, Peradventure there should be forty found there?</p> <p>18:34 And he said, I will not destroy it for forty's sake.</p> <p>18:35 And he said again unto the Lord, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there?</p>	<p>destroy it.</p> <p>18:29. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.</p> <p>18:30. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there.</p>	
<p>38. And the angel of YHVH said: I will not destroy them if thou shalt find thirty there.</p> <p>39. And Abraham said: Behold, now I have taken upon me to speak unto my Lord again: Wilt thou destroy them if perhaps there shall twenty be found there?</p> <p>40. And the angel of YHVH spoke again saying: I will not destroy them for the sake of twenty.</p> <p>41. And Abraham said: O, let not my Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Perhaps ten shall be found there?</p>	<p>18:36 And he said, I will not destroy them if thou shalt find thirty there.</p> <p>18:37 And he said, Behold, now I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord. Wilt thou destroy them if peradventure there shall twenty be found there?</p> <p>18:38 And he said, I will not destroy them for twenty's sake.</p> <p>18:39 And Abraham said unto the Lord, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. Peradventure ten shall be found there?</p>	<p>And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.</p> <p>18:31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.</p> <p>18:32. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there.</p>	
<p>42. And the angel of YHVH answered again saying: I will not destroy them for the sake of ten, but should there be less than this, behold I shall tell these to flee the city, and should they not look back in longing of that sinful place I shall not destroy them.</p> <p>43. And the angel of YHVH when along his way; and Abraham went his way back</p>	<p>18:40 And the Lord said, I will not destroy them for ten's sake. And the Lord ceased speaking with Abraham.</p> <p>18:41 And as soon as he had left communing with the Lord, Abraham went his way.</p> <p>18:42 And it came to pass that Abraham returned unto his tent.</p>	<p>And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.</p> <p>18:33. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.</p>	

unto his wives and their son.			
44. ¶ And it came to pass that Abraham returned unto his tent in peace.			

Chapter 29 - Promises Kept

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<p>1. And it came to pass that the malakim that had left Abraham did come to Sodom in the evening; and they found Lot sitting in the door of his house in the city of Sodom.</p> <p>2. And Lot, seeing the malakim, rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.</p> <p>3. And Lot said unto them: Behold now, adonai, turn in, I pray ye, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet; and ye shall rise up early and go on your way.</p> <p>4. And this he had spoken, for he knew of the wickedness of Sodom, for the people had not heard his cries unto them unto teshuvah, and he did seek to protect them, not knowing that these were malakim.</p>	<p>19:1 And it came to pass that there came three angels to Sodom in the evening; and Lot sat in the door of his house in the city of Sodom.</p> <p>19:2 And Lot, seeing the angels, rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.</p> <p>19:3 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet; and ye shall rise up early and go on your ways.</p>	<p>19:1. And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;</p> <p>19:2. And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways.</p>	
<p>5. And they said: Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.</p> <p>6. And Lot pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him and entered into his house; and he made them a feast and did bake unleavened bread;</p>	<p>19:4 And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.</p> <p>19:5 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him and entered into his house; and he made them a feast and did bake unleavened bread;</p>	<p>And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.</p> <p>19:3. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread,</p>	

<p>and they did eat;</p> <p>7. ¶ But before they lay down to rest, the scorners of the city of Sodom surrounded the house, even they which were both male and female, old and young; even the people from every quarter.</p> <p>8. And they called unto Lot and said unto him, mockingly: Where are the men which came in unto thee this night? Bring them out unto us that we may consider them and take them to our liking.</p> <p>9. And Lot went out of the door unto them, and shut the door after him: and said: I plead with you as I am one of you, do not so wickedly; for they are now with me and it would be a dishonor to my name should something happen to them.</p> <p>10. And they said unto him: Stand back! And they were angry with him.</p>	<p>and they did eat.</p> <p>19:6 But before they lay down to rest, the men of the city of Sodom compassed the house round, even men which were both old and young, even the people from every quarter.</p> <p>19:7 And they called unto Lot and said unto him, Where are the men which came in unto thee this night? Bring them out unto us that we may know them.</p> <p>19:8 And Lot went out of the door unto them, and shut the door after him, and said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.</p> <p>19:9 And they said unto him, Stand back. And they were angry with him.</p>	<p>and they did eat.</p> <p>19:4. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:</p> <p>19:5. And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.</p> <p>19:6. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,</p> <p>19:7. And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.</p>	
<p>11. And they spoke and said among themselves: This one man came in, to sojourn among us, and he is a foreigner among us; and now he thinks himself to be our judge? Now we will deal worse with him than with them! And they pressed forward as to break down the door.</p> <p>12. Now this was after the wickedness of Sodom, for they had no love for their fellow men, and the foreigner among them was not welcome to dwell therein.</p>	<p>19:10 And they said among themselves, This one man came in to sojourn among us, and he will needs now make himself to be a judge; now we will deal worse with him than with them.</p> <p>19:11 Wherefore, they said unto the man, We will have the men and thy daughters also; and we will do with them as seemeth us good.</p> <p>19:12 Now this was after the wickedness of Sodom.</p> <p>19:13 And Lot said, Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man;</p>	<p>19:8. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.</p>	<p>This passage very clearly states that the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah was inhospitality, and complete lack of regard for their fellowman. It was rape, violence, and mistreatment of foreigners who found their way into their city. The focus of so many churches today to make this about homosexuality seems to be misplaced and a distraction from the true crime of considering oneself superior to the foreigner sleeping on the streets.</p>

<p>13. And Lot said: Behold now, I have two daughters which are betrothed and other daughters which are wed to men of this great city, and see ye that I am one of you;</p> <p>14. I beg, pleading with ye, my people, for Elohim cannot justify his servant in this thing;</p> <p>15. Wherefore, let me plead once again, that unto these men ye do nothing, that they may have peace in my house; for these have come under the shadow of my roof.</p> <p>16. Wherefore, they came unto Lot, saying: We will have the men and thy daughters also; and we will do with them as seemeth us good.</p>	<p>let me, I pray you, plead with my brethren that I may not bring them out unto you, and ye shall not do unto them as seemeth good in your eyes.</p> <p>19:14 For God will not justify his servant in this thing; wherefore, let me plead with my brethren this once only, that unto these men ye do nothing, that they may have peace in my house; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.</p>		
<p>17. And the people were angry with Lot and came near to break the door; but the malakim of El Elyon, which were holy men, put forth their hands, and pulled Lot into the house unto them, and shut the door.</p> <p>18. And the people were smote with blindness, both small and great, that they could not come at the door;</p> <p>19. And they were angry, so that they wearied themselves to find the door, but in their blindness they could not find it.</p>	<p>19:15 And they were angry with Lot and came near to break the door; but the angels of God, which were holy men, put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house unto them, and shut the door.</p> <p>19:16 And they smote the men with blindness, both small and great, that they could not come at the door.</p> <p>19:17 And they were angry, so that they wearied themselves to find the door, and could not find it.</p>	<p>19:9. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.</p> <p>19:10. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.</p> <p>19:11. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.</p>	
<p>20. And these, the malakim, said unto Lot: Hast thou any here besides thy wife, and thy sons-in-law, and thy</p>	<p>19:18 And these holy men said unto Lot, Hast thou any here besides thy sons-in-law, and thy sons,</p>	<p>19:12. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters,</p>	

<p>sons, and thy daughters?</p> <p>21. And Lot answered them: Nay.</p> <p>22. And they commanded Lot, saying: Whatsoever thou hast in the city, thou shalt bring out of this place,</p> <p>23. For we will destroy this place, for the cry of them is waxen great, and their abominations have come up before the face of YHVH Elohim; and YHVH hath sent us to destroy it.</p> <p>24. And Lot went out and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said: Up, get ye out of this place, for YHVH will destroy this city!</p> <p>25. But unto his sons-in-law he seemed as one that mocked.</p>	<p>and thy daughters?</p> <p>19:19 And they commanded Lot, saying, Whatsoever thou hast in the city, thou shalt bring out of this place, for we will destroy this place,</p> <p>19:20 Because the cry of them is waxen great, and their abominations have come up before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.</p> <p>19:21 And Lot went out and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get ye out of this place, for the Lord will destroy this city.</p> <p>19:22 But he seemed as one that mocked, unto his sons-in-law.</p>	<p>and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:</p> <p>19:13. For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.</p> <p>19:14. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.</p>	
<p>26. ¶ And it came to pass that when the morning came, the malakim hastened Lot, saying: Arise and take thy wife, and thy two daughters which are here, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.</p> <p>27. And while he lingered, the malakim laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of Advu, and upon the hand of his two daughters, YHVH being merciful unto them, and they brought them forth and set them down without the city.</p> <p>28. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that they said unto them: Escape for your lives; look not behind you, neither stay you</p>	<p>19:23 And when the morning came, the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise. Take thy wife and thy two daughters which are here, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.</p> <p>19:24 And while he lingered, the angels laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters – the Lord being merciful unto them – and they brought them forth and set them down without the city.</p> <p>19:25 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that they said unto them, Escape for your lives; look not behind you, neither stay you in all the plain; escape to</p>	<p>19:15. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.</p> <p>19:16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.</p> <p>19:17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest</p>	

<p>in all the plain; but escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed.</p>	<p>the mountain, lest you be consumed.</p>	<p>thou be consumed.</p>	
<p>29. And Lot said unto one of them, O, no, adonai! Behold now, thy servant has found grace in thy sight,</p> <p>30. And thou hast magnified thy mercy which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil overtake me, and I die.</p> <p>31. Behold now, here is another city, and this is near to flee unto, and it is a little one; O, let us escape thither, and may YHVH not destroy it, and our souls shall live.</p>	<p>19:26 And Lot said unto one of them, Oh, not so, my Lord! Behold now, thy servant has found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil overtake me, and I die.</p> <p>19:27 Behold now, here is another city, and this is near to flee unto, and it is a little one. Oh, let me escape thither, and may the Lord not destroy it, and my soul shall live.</p>	<p>19:18. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:</p> <p>19:19. Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:</p> <p>19:20. Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.</p>	
<p>32. And the malakim said unto him: See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city of which thou hast spoken; haste thee, escape thither, for I cannot do anything until thou hast fled.</p> <p>33. And the name of the city was called Bela; and the sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Bela.</p>	<p>19:28 And the angel said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken; haste thee, escape thither, for I cannot do anything until thou be come thither.</p> <p>19:29 And the name of the city was called Zoar. Therefore, the sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.</p>	<p>19:21. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.</p> <p>19:22. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.</p>	
<p>34. ¶ And it came to pass that YHVH did not destroy Sodom until Lot had entered into Bela.</p> <p>35. And then, when Lot had entered into Bela, YHVH rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah; for the malakim called upon the name of YHVH for brimstone and fire from YHVH out of heaven.</p> <p>36. And thus they overthrew those cities, and</p>	<p>19:30 And the Lord did not destroy Sodom until Lot had entered into Zoar.</p> <p>19:31 And then, when Lot had entered into Zoar, the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah; for the angels called upon the name of the Lord for brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven.</p> <p>19:32 And thus they overthrew those cities, and</p>	<p>19:23. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.</p> <p>19:24. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;</p> <p>19:25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.</p>	

<p>all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.</p> <p>37. But it came to pass, when Lot fled, his wife, Advu, looked back from behind him and was consumed, for she longed for the vanities of Sodom.</p>	<p>all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.</p> <p>19:33 But it came to pass, when Lot fled, his wife looked back from behind him and became a pillar of salt.</p>	<p>19:26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.</p>	
<p>38. ¶ And it came to pass that Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before YHVH; and he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the plain; and behold, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.</p> <p>39. And he looked too over towards Salam, and it was gone, for in that same day did YHVH Elohim take Melchizedek and his people, even as he had done with Enoch and his people.</p>	<p>19:34 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord; and he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the plain; and behold, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.</p>	<p>19:27. And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord:</p> <p>19:28. And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.</p>	<p>This part about Melchizedek and his city (Salem) being taken up to join Enoch is new to the plates of brass (as far as I'm aware). Is this news to anyone else?</p> <p>Its odd that it happens that same day as the destruction of Sodom. Is that significant? What's the point in connecting the two? What are we supposed to take out of that to liken to ourselves today?</p>
<p>40. ¶ And it came to pass that when Elohim had destroyed the cities of the plain, that The Voice spake unto Abraham, saying: I have remembered Lot and sent him out of the midst of the overthrow, that the seed of thy brother might not be destroyed when I overthrew the city in which Lot dwelt.</p> <p>41. And Abraham was comforted.</p> <p>42. ¶ And Lot went up out of Bela and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Bela.</p> <p>43. And he dwelt in a cave,</p>	<p>19:35 And it came to pass, when God had destroyed the cities of the plain, that God spake unto Abraham, saying, I have remembered Lot and sent him out of the midst of the overthrow, that thy brother might not be destroyed when I overthrew the city in the which thy brother Lot dwelt.</p> <p>19:36 And Abraham was comforted. And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar. And he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.</p> <p>19:37 And the firstborn dealt wickedly and said unto</p>	<p>19:29. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.</p> <p>19:30. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.</p> <p>19:31. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:</p>	

<p>he and his two daughters, and upon seeing all the destruction they, the daughters of Lot, did believe themselves to be alone upon the earth.</p> <p>44. And the firstborn said unto the younger: Our father has become old, and we have not a man on the earth to marry us, to live with us after the manner of all that live on the earth;</p>	<p>the younger, Our father has become old, and we have not a man on the earth to come in unto us, to live with us after the manner of all that live on the earth.</p>		
<p>45. Therefore, come, let us make our father drink wine; and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the seed of our father.</p> <p>46. For these did not know, nor did they understand, being left alone in that cave for too long by the fear of Lot, their father.</p> <p>47. And it came to pass that they did wickedly and made their father drink wine that night; and the first went in and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down nor when she arose.</p>	<p>19:38 Therefore, come, let us make our father drink wine; and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>19:39 And they did wickedly and made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down nor when she arose.</p>	<p>19:32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>19:33. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.</p>	
<p>48. And it came to pass on the next day, that the first said unto the younger: Behold, I lay yesternight with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also, and go thou in and lie with him, that we may preserve the seed of our father.</p> <p>49. And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down nor when she arose.</p>	<p>19:40 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father; let us make him drink wine this night also, and go thou in and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>19:41 And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down nor when she arose.</p>	<p>19:34. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.</p> <p>19:35. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.</p>	
<p>50. Thus were both the</p>	<p>19:42 Thus were both the</p>	<p>19:36. Thus were both the</p>	

<p>daughters of Lot with child by their father; and the first bare a son and called his name Moab; and the younger, she also bare a son and called his name Ben-ammi.</p>	<p>daughters of Lot with child by their father.</p> <p>19:43 And the firstborn bare a son and called his name Moab, the father of the Moabites, the same which are unto this day.</p> <p>19:44 And the younger, she also bare a son and called his name Ben-ammi, the father of the children which are Ammonites, the same which are unto this day.</p>	<p>daughters of Lot with child by their father.</p> <p>19:37. And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.</p> <p>19:38. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.</p>	
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Engage:

Engage the Concepts through Comparison

Chapters 28 and 29 are named in such a way that they suggest the author intended that we compare them and use them to understand each other. I invite you to explore these two chapters from that perspective.

Engage the Spirit through Contemplation

The passage that I would encourage you to prayerfully ponder from these chapters is Chapter 26:20-24 where the Shalom of YHWH is described. This appears to be the key to understanding the Everlasting Covenant. I also recommend looking at all the odd things Abraham is doing in that chapter leading up to that point. Don't dismiss it all just because it's related to sacrifices we are no longer expected to offer up in our day. There are very odd things going on, which appear to be an invitation to try to think about it until it makes more sense, or until it makes other things make more sense.

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:

- Chapter 27 establishes the covenant between God and Abraham, and the plates of brass consistently adjust the narrative so that Melchizedek is administering the covenant between God and Abraham/Sarah. Before the brass plates the narrative was that God and Abram made a covenant. Why do you suppose suddenly it's important for us to be aware of this detail, and have it reinforced multiple times in the chapter?