

## Genesis 15:1—18:15

- <sup>15.1</sup> And after these words, the word of the Lord came to Protected (Abram) in a vision, saying,  
“You must not fear, Protected. I myself will shield you. Your reward will be very great.”
- <sup>2</sup> And Protected is saying,  
“Master, what will you give to me? I myself am being sent-away childless. And the son of Masek of my female-house-member, this is The-Creator-Helps (Eliezer) from The-Beginning-of-Salvation (Damascus).”
- <sup>3</sup> And Protected said,  
“Since you have not given a seed to me, then the child of my female-house-member will inherit me.”
- <sup>4</sup> And immediately the voice of the Lord came to him, saying,  
“This one will not inherit you. Another will come forth from you—this one will inherit you.”
- <sup>5</sup> And he led him outside and said to him,  
“You must look-up now into heaven! And you must count the stars if you are able to count them! Your seed will be like this!”
- <sup>6</sup> And Protected trusted the Creator and it was regarded to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> And he said to him,  
“I am the Creator, the one leading you out of the region of the Land-Destroyers (Chaldeans) to give to you this land to inherit.”
- <sup>8</sup> And he said,  
“Lord Master, how will I know that I will inherit it?”
- <sup>9</sup> And he said to him,  
“Bring me a cow being three-years-old and a goat being three-years-old and a ram being three-years-old and a dove and a pigeon.”
- <sup>10</sup> And he brought to him all of these and divided them in the middle and placed them facing each other. And the birds he did not divide. <sup>11</sup> And the birds came-down upon their divided bodies. And Protected sat with them. <sup>12</sup> And during the sun’s setting, a trance fell-upon Protected and, look, a great dark fear fell-upon him. <sup>13</sup> And it was said to Protected,  
“Knowing, you will know that your seed will be away-from-home in a land not their own and they will enslave them and harm them and humble them for 400 years. <sup>14</sup> And I myself will judge the ethnicity by which they might be enslaved. And after these things they will come-out here with many belongings. <sup>15</sup> And you yourself will go-away to your fathers with peace, being buried at a beautiful old-age. <sup>16</sup> And the fourth generation will turn-away from here, for the violence of the Talkers (Amorites) has not yet been fulfilled until now.”
- <sup>17</sup> And when the sun had set, a flame happened and look, a clay-oven was smoking and lamps of fire came-through between these divided-pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day, the Lord established a covenant with Protected, saying,  
“To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Anxious-Security (Egypt) until the great river of Fruitful (Euphrates); <sup>19</sup> the Traders (Kenites) and the Hunters (Kennizzites) and the Primitives (Kadmonites) <sup>20</sup> and the Terrorists (Hittites) and the Borderless (Perizzites) and the Forgotten (Raphaims) <sup>21</sup> and the Talkers (Amorites) and the Oppressed (Canaanites) and the Obsessors (Girgashites) and the Trampers (Jebusites).”
- <sup>16.1</sup> And My-Lady (Sarai), the woman of Protected, did not birth-children for him. And there was a dependent from Anxious-Security (Egypt) for her, named Forced (Hagar). <sup>2</sup> And My-Lady said to Protected,  
“Look, the Lord closed me to not birth-children. Therefore, enter into my dependent so you might make-children through her.”
- And Protected obeyed the voice of My-Lady. <sup>3</sup> And My-Lady, the woman of Protected, after taking Forced of Anxious-Security, her own dependent, after Protected had housed for ten years in the land of Oppressed, and she gave her to Protected, her man, to be a woman for him. <sup>4</sup> And he entered into Forced and she conceived. And she saw that she was pregnant in the womb. And her female-lord was dishonored before her. <sup>5</sup> And My-Lady said to Protected,  
“I am being made-unrighteous because of you! I myself gave my dependent into your lap and, after seeing that she is pregnant in the womb, I was dishonored before her! May the Creator judge between me and you!”
- <sup>6</sup> And Protected said to My-Lady,  
“Look, your dependent is in your hands! Treat her however it might be pleasing to you!”
- And My-Lady harmed her. And Forced fled from her face. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the Lord found her at a spring of water in the wilderness, at the spring on the way of Resurrection (Shur). <sup>8</sup> And the angel of the Lord said to her,  
“Forced, dependent of My-Lady, where did you come from and where are you going?”
- And she said,  
“I myself am running-away from the face of My-Lady, my female-lord.”
- <sup>9</sup> And the angel of the Lord said to her,  
“You must be returned to your female-lord and you must be humbled under her hands.”
- <sup>10</sup> And the angel of the Lord said to her,  
“Multiplying, I will multiply your seed and it will not be counted because of the multitude.”
- <sup>11</sup> And the angel of the Lord said to her,  
“Look, you yourself are pregnant in the womb. And you will birth a son and you will call his name The-Creator-Listens (Ishmael), because the Lord listened to your humiliation. <sup>12</sup> This one will be an agricultural human. His hands will be upon all and the hands of all will be upon him. And he will dwell against the face of all his brothers.”
- <sup>13</sup> And Forced called the name of the Lord who was speaking to her,  
“You are the Creator, the one looking-over me.”
- Because she said,  
“For indeed here I saw the one seen by me.”
- <sup>14</sup> Because of this, she called the well, “Well-Where-Here-I-Saw.” Look, it is between Sacred (Kadesh) and Cold (Bered). <sup>15</sup> And Forced birthed for Protected a son. And Protected called the name of his son, whom Forced birthed for him, The-Creator-Listens. <sup>16</sup> And Protected was 86 years when Forced birthed The-Creator-Listens for him.
- <sup>17.1</sup> And it happened when Protected was 99 years and the Lord appeared to Protected and said,  
“I myself am your Creator, you are well-pleasing before me and you must become blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you and I will multiply you very much.”

<sup>3</sup> And Protected fell upon his face and the Creator spoke to him, saying,

<sup>4</sup> “And as-for-me, look, my covenant is with you and you will be the father of a multitude of ethnicities. <sup>5</sup> And your name will no-longer be called Protected, but your name will be We-Are-Protected (Abraham) because I have established you as the father of many ethnicities. <sup>6</sup> And I will grow you very, very much. And I will make you for the ethnicities and kings will come-out from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you, throughout their generations, for a covenant of the age—to be the Creator of you and your seed after you. <sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and your seed after you the land in which you are being away-from-home, all the land of the Oppressed (Canaan), for a possession of the age. And I will be the Creator for them.”

<sup>9</sup> And the Creator said to We-Are-Protected,

“And you yourself will guard my covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup> And this is the covenant which you will guard between me and you and your seed after you into their generations—every male among you will be cut-around. <sup>11</sup> And you will be cut-around, the flesh of your foreskin and it will be for a sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup> And a little-dependent eight days-old will be cut-around by you, every male throughout your generations—the house-member of your house and the one bought-with-silver from every foreign son which is not from your seed. <sup>13</sup> The house-member of your house will be cut-around with a cutting-around and the one bought-with-silver. And my covenant will be upon your flesh for a covenant of the age. <sup>14</sup> And the uncut-around male, who will not be cut-around on the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, the soul of that one will be cut-out from his group because he scattered my covenant.”

<sup>15</sup> And the Creator said to We-Are-Protected,

“My-Lady, your woman will not be called by her name My-Lady, but Our-Lady (Sarah) will be her name. <sup>16</sup> And I will bless her and give to you a child from her. And I will bless him and he will be for ethnicities and kings of ethnicities will be from him.”

<sup>17</sup> And We-Are-Protected fell to his face and laughed. And he said in his mind, saying,

“Can it happen to a 100-year-old? And can Our-Lady birth while being 90 years?!”

<sup>18</sup> And We-Are-Protected said to the Creator,

“The-Creator-Listens, this one must live before you!”

<sup>19</sup> And the Creator said to We-Are-Protected,

“Yes. Look, Our-Lady your woman will birth for you a son and you will call his name Carefree (Isaac). And I will establish my covenant with him for a covenant of the age and with his seed after him. <sup>20</sup> And concerning The-Creator-Listens, look, I have heard you. Look, I will bless him and I will grow him and multiply him very much. He will generate twelve ethnicities and I will give him for a great ethnicity. <sup>21</sup> And I will establish my covenant with Carefree, whom Our-Lady will birth for you during this season next year.”

<sup>22</sup> And he completed speaking to him and the Creator went-up away from We-Are-Protected. <sup>23</sup> And We-Are-Protected took The-Creator-Listens his son and all of his house-members and all those bought-with-silver, and every male of the men in the house of We-Are-Protected and he cut-around their foreskins in the season of that day the Creator spoke to him. <sup>24</sup> And We-Are-Protected was 99 years when he cut-around the flesh of his foreskin.

<sup>25</sup> And the-Creator-Listens, his son, was 13 years when the flesh of his foreskin was cut-around. <sup>26</sup> In the season of that day, We-Are-Protected was cut-around and The-Creator-Listens his son. <sup>27</sup> And all the males of his house and his house-members and those bought-with-silver out of foreign ethnicities, he cut-around on that day.

<sup>18.1</sup> And the Creator was seen by We-Are-Protected before the oak of Understanding (Mamre) while he was sitting at the door of his tent at midday. <sup>2</sup> And after lifting-up his eyes, he saw and look, three men had been standing over him. And after seeing, he ran to meet them from the door of his tent and became-like-a-dog upon the earth. <sup>3</sup> And he said,

“Lord, if, therefore, I found favor before you, then you should not pass-by your dependent. <sup>4</sup> And water must be brought and they must wash your feet and you must cool-off under the tree. <sup>5</sup> And I will bring you bread and you must eat. And after this, you will pass-by on your way because you rested with your dependent.”

And they said,

“Like this you must do, just as you said.”

<sup>6</sup> And We-Are-Protected sped to the tent to Our-Lady and he said to her,

“You must speed and you must mix three measures of flour and you must make hidden-bread.”

<sup>7</sup> And We-Are-Protected ran to the oxen and he took a tender and beautiful calf. And he gave it to the dependent and he quickly did it. <sup>8</sup> And he took butter and milk and the calf he had done and placed them before them. And they ate and he himself stood-by under the tree. <sup>9</sup> And he said to We-Are-Protected,

“Where is Our-Lady your woman?”

And answering, he said,

“Look, in the tent.”

<sup>10</sup> And he said,

“While returning, I will come to you during this season, to the hour, and Our-Lady your woman will have a son.”

And Our-Lady heard, being at the door of the tent behind them. <sup>11</sup> And We-Are-Protected and Our-Lady were old, having advanced in days, and the things of women had ceased happening for Our-Lady. <sup>12</sup> And Our-Lady laughed to herself, saying,

“This has not yet happened for me until now when my lord is an old-man?!”

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said to We-Are-Protected,

“Why did Our-Lady laugh to herself, saying, ‘How, truly indeed, will I birth-children when I have grown-old?!’ <sup>14</sup> The word is not impossible for the Creator. During this season I will return to you, to the hour, and there will be a son for Our-Lady.”

<sup>15</sup> And Our-Lady denied, saying,

“I did not laugh!”

For she was afraid. And he said,

“No. You laughed.”