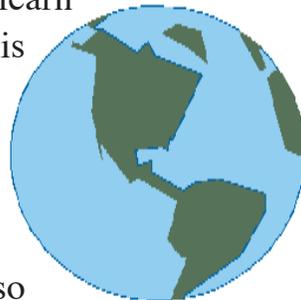


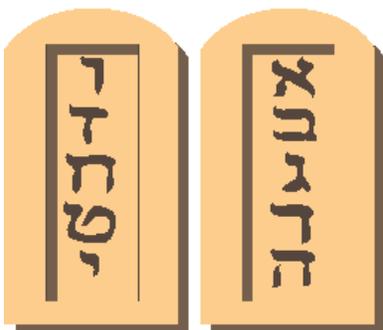
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Abrahamic Covenant

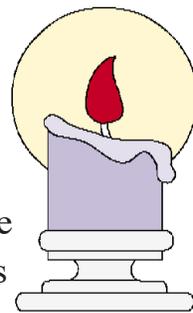
In the *parashah* “Lech L’cha” (לֵךְ לְךָ), we first learn about HaShem’s promise to Avram and to his family. This promise which HaShem made is called a “covenant,” for God legally promised to bless Avram, his descendants and through him to bless all the families of the earth.



Avram’s son was named Yitzchak, and Yitzchak’s son was Yaakov. Yaakov’s name was changed to Yisrael, so we see that the nation which eventually came from Avraham was “Israel.” That is why we call Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov) “our fathers.” When we pray the Amidah prayer, we say, “Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, and God of our fathers, God of Avraham, God of Yitzchak, and God of Yaakov ...,” we remember that we have our beginning with a man named Avraham, and his two sons, Yitzchak and Yaakov. We further remember that our Messiah, Yeshua, came from the lineage of Avraham, and was directly from the family of Yehudah (Judah), one of Yaakov’s sons.



Another important thing we learn from the covenant that God made with Avraham is that God intends to bless people from every family upon the earth, regardless of their skin color, the language they speak, or what country they live in. In fact, God chose us to be a light to people everywhere, telling them about God’s plan to bless them. We need to tell them about who God is, how He has sent our



Messiah Yeshua, and that He died to pay for sins. As we tell people everywhere about Yeshua, God will open their eyes to see the blessings He has promised to those who believe in Him, accepting forgiveness from God and keeping His commandments..

Someday, when Yeshua returns to be our reigning King here on this earth, He will gather together all those who have truly believed in Him. He will reward us for being His faithful servants and telling others about the one true God, the God of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov. This will be the final victory of the covenant made with Avraham.

And Avraham
said, “God will
provide for Him-
self the lamb for
the burnt offering,
my son.”

Genesis 22:8