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Sunday. Day 1 before Shabbat Parasha Vayeira - And He Appeared.

Genesis 18.

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1 . The Song of Solomon of Promise. .

YHWH appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood opposite him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth,

3 and said, "My master, if now I have found favor in your sight, please don't go away from your servant.

4 Now let a little water be fetched, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 I will get a morsel of bread so you can refresh your heart. After that you may go your way, now that you have come to your servant." They said, "Very well, do as you have said."

6 Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly prepare three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes."

7 Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to dress it.

8 He took butter, milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them. He stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

9 They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" He said, "See, in the tent."

10 He said, "I will certainly return to you when the season comes round. Behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

12 Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my master being old also?"

13 YHWH said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child, yet I am old?'"

14 Is anything too hard for YHWH? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes round, and Sarah will have a son."

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, "I didn't laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

16 . Abraham Intercedes for Sodom. .

The men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way.

17 YHWH said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do,

18 since Abraham has surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him?"

19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of YHWH, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that YHWH may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him."

20 YHWH said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous,

21 I will go down now, and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports which have come to me. If not, I will know."

22 The men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before YHWH!

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- 23 Abraham drew near, and said, “Will you consume the righteous with the wicked?
24 What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it?
25 Be it far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be like the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn’t the Judge of all the earth do right?”
26 YHWH said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake.”
27 Abraham answered, “See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to ADONAI, who am but dust and ashes.
28 What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?” He said, “I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there.”
29 He spoke to him yet again, and said, “What if there are forty found there?” He said, “I will not do it for the forty’s sake.”
30 He said, “Oh don’t let ADONAI be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?” He said, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”
31 He said, “See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to ADONAI. What if there are twenty found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the twenty’s sake.”
32 He said, “Oh don’t let ADONAI be angry, and I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the ten’s sake.”
33 YHWH went his way, as soon as he had finished communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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Monday. Day 2 before Shabbat Parasha Vayeira - And He Appeared.

Genesis 19. Mat 14, - 18.

Genesis 19.

1 . Sodom's Depravity. .

The two angels came to Sodom at evening. Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face to the earth,

2 and he said, "See now, my masters, please turn aside into your servant's house, stay all night, wash your feet, and you can rise up early, and go on your way." They said, "No, but we will stay in the street all night."

3 He urged them greatly, and they came in with him, and entered into his house. He made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter.

5 They called to Lot, and said to him, "Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them."

6 Lot went out to them to the door, and shut the door after him.

7 He said, "Please, my brothers, don't act so wickedly.

8 See now, I have two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them what seems good to you. Only don't do anything to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof."

9 They said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now will we deal worse with you, than with them!" They pressed hard on the man Lot, and drew near to break the door.

10 But the men reached out their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door.

11 They struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 . Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed. .

The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, bring them out of the place:

13 for we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before YHWH that YHWH has sent us to destroy it."

14 Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up! Get out of this place, for YHWH will destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking.

15 When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, "Get up! Take your wife, and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city."

16 But he lingered; and the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, YHWH being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city.

17 It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, "Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed!"

18 Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my master.

19 See now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life. I can't escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me, and I die.

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20 See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (isn't it a little one?), and my soul will live."

21 He said to him, "Behold, I have granted your request concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.

22 Hurry, escape there, for I can't do anything until you get there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

24 Then YHWH rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulfur and fire from YHWH out of the sky.

25 He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground.

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before YHWH!

28 He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and looked, and saw that the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 It happened, when ELOHIM destroyed the cities of the plain, that ELOHIM remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

30 . The Descendants of Lot. .

Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to live in Zoar. He lived in a cave with his two daughters.

31 The firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us in the way of all the earth.

32 Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve our father's seed."

33 They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine again, tonight. You go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve our father's seed."

35 They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and lay with him. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she got up.

36 Thus both of Lot's daughters were with child by their father.

37 The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben Ammi. He is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.

Matthew 14.

1 . John the Immerser Beheaded. .

At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning YESHUA,

2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Immerser. He is risen from the dead. That is why these powers work in him."

3 For Herod had laid hold of John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said to him, "It is not legal for you to have her."

5 When he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

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6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced among them and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask.

8 She, being prompted by her mother, said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Immerser."

9 The king was grieved, but for the sake of his oaths, and of those who sat at the table with him, he commanded it to be given,

10 and he sent and beheaded John in the prison.

11 His head was brought on a platter, and given to the young lady: and she brought it to her mother.

12 His disciples came, and took the body, and buried it; and they went and told YESHUA!

13 . Feeding the Five Thousand. .

Now when YESHUA heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat, to a deserted place apart. When the multitudes heard it, they followed him on foot from the cities.

14 YESHUA went out, and he saw a great multitude. He had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

15 When evening had come, his disciples came to him, saying, "This place is deserted, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food."

16 But YESHUA said to them, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 They told him, "We only have here five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "Bring them here to me."

19 He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

20 They all ate, and were filled. They took up twelve baskets full of that which remained left over from the broken pieces.

21 Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 . YESHUA Walks on the Sea. .

Immediately YESHUA made the disciples get into the boat, and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 After he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening had come, he was there alone.

24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 In the fourth watch of the night, YESHUA came to them, walking on the sea.

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It's a ghost!" and they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately YESHUA spoke to them, saying "Cheer up! It is I! Don't be afraid."

28 Peter answered him and said, "ADONAI, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters."

29 He said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat, and walked on the waters to come to YESHUA!

30 But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "ADONAI, save me!"

31 Immediately YESHUA stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You

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of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, "You are truly the Son of ELOHIM!"

34 . Many Touch Him and Are Made Well. .

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

35 When the people of that place recognized him, they sent into all that surrounding region, and brought to him all who were sick,

36 and they begged him that they might just touch the fringe of his garment. As many as touched it were made whole.

Matthew 15.

1 . Defilement Comes from Within. .

Then Pharisees and scribes came to YESHUA from Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Why do your disciples disobey the tradition of the elders? For they don't wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 He answered them, "Why do you also disobey the commandment of ELOHIM because of your tradition?"

4 For ELOHIM commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.'

5 But you say, 'Whoever may tell his father or his mother, "Whatever help you might otherwise have gotten from me is a gift devoted to ELOHIM,"

6 he shall not honor his father or mother.' You have made the commandment of ELOHIM void because of your tradition.

7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 "These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 And in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine rules made by men."

10 He summoned the multitude, and said to them, "Hear, and understand.

11 That which enters into the mouth doesn't defile the man; but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

12 Then the disciples came, and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying?"

13 But he answered, "Every plant which my heavenly Father didn't plant will be uprooted.

14 Leave them alone. They are blind guides of the blind. If the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit."

15 Peter answered him, "Explain the parable to us."

16 So YESHUA said, "Do you also still not understand?"

17 Don't you understand that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the belly, and then out of the body?"

18 But the things which proceed out of the mouth come out of the heart, and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false testimony, and blasphemies.

20 These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands doesn't defile the man."

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21 . A Gentile Shows Her Faith. .

YESHUA went out from there, and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon.

22 Behold, a Canaanite woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, "Have mercy on me, ADONAI, you son of David! My daughter is severely demonized!"

23 But he answered her not a word. His disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away; for she cries after us."

24 But he answered, "I wasn't sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and worshiped him, saying, "ADONAI, help me."

26 But he answered, "It is not appropriate to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

27 But she said, "Yes, ADONAI, but even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28 Then YESHUA answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you even as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 . YESHUA Heals Great Multitudes. .

YESHUA departed there, and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there.

30 Great multitudes came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others, and they put them down at his feet. He healed them,

31 so that the multitude wondered when they saw the mute speaking, injured whole, lame walking, and blind seeing and they glorified the ELOHIM of Israel.

32 . Feeding the Four Thousand. .

YESHUA summoned his disciples and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away fasting, or they might faint on the way."

33 The disciples said to him, "Where should we get so many loaves in a deserted place as to satisfy so great a multitude?"

34 YESHUA said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35 He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground;

36 and he took the seven loaves and the fish. He gave thanks and broke them, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.

37 They all ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over.

38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 Then he sent away the multitudes, got into the boat, and came into the borders of Magdala.

Matthew 16.

1 . The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign. .

The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

2 But he answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'

3 In the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.'

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Hypocrites! You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you can't discern the signs of the times!

4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and there will be no sign given to it, except the sign of the prophet Jonah." He left them, and departed.

5 . The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. .

The disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread.

6 YESHUA said to them, "Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

7 They reasoned among themselves, saying, "We brought no bread."

8 YESHUA, perceiving it, said, "Why do you reason among yourselves, you of little faith, 'because you have brought no bread?'

9 Don't you yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

10 Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

11 How is it that you don't perceive that I didn't speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12 Then they understood that he didn't tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 . Peter Confesses YESHUA as the Messiah. .

Now when YESHUA came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 They said, "Some say John the Immerser, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living ELOHIM!"

17 YESHUA answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 I also tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my assembly, and the gates of Sheol will not prevail against it.

19 I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven."

20 Then he commanded the disciples that they should tell no one that he was YESHUA the Messiah.

21 . YESHUA Predicts His Death and Resurrection. .

From that time, YESHUA began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

22 Peter took him aside, and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, ADONAI! This will never be done to you."

23 But he turned, and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of ELOHIM, but on the things of men."

24 . Take Up the Tree and Follow Him. .

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Then YESHUA said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?

27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will render to everyone according to his deeds.

28 . YESHUA Transfigured on the Mount. .

Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

Matthew 17.

1 After six days, YESHUA took with him Peter, Jacob, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves.

2 He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light.

3 Behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with him.

4 Peter answered, and said to YESHUA, "ADONAI, it is good for us to be here. If you want, let's make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. Behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

6 When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were very afraid.

7 YESHUA came and touched them and said, "Get up, and don't be afraid."

8 Lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except YESHUA alone.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, YESHUA commanded them, saying, "Don't tell anyone what you saw, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

10 His disciples asked him, saying, "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11 YESHUA answered them, "Elijah indeed comes first, and will restore all things,

12 but I tell you that Elijah has come already, and they didn't recognize him, but did to him whatever they wanted to. Even so the Son of Man will also suffer by them."

13 Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the Immerser.

14 . A Boy Is Healed. .

When they came to the multitude, a man came to him, kneeling down to him, saying, 15 "ADONAI, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic, and suffers grievously; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16 So I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him."

17 YESHUA answered, "Faithless and perverse generation! How long will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me."

18 YESHUA rebuked him, the demon went out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour.

19 Then the disciples came to YESHUA privately, and said, "Why weren't we able to cast it out?"

20 He said to them, "Because of your unbelief. For most certainly I tell you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,'

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and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

21 But this kind doesn't go out except by prayer and fasting."

22 . YESHUA Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection. .

While they were staying in Galilee, YESHUA said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men,

23 and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up." They were exceedingly sorry.

24 . Peter and His Master Pay Their Taxes. .

When they had come to Capernaum, those who collected the didrachma coins came to Peter, and said, "Doesn't your rabbi pay the didrachma?"

25 He said, "Yes." When he came into the house, YESHUA anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from strangers?"

26 Peter said to him, "From strangers." YESHUA said to him, "Therefore the children are exempt.

27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take that, and give it to them for me and you."

Matthew 18.

1 . Who Is the Greatest?. .

In that hour the disciples came to YESHUA, saying, "Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

2 YESHUA called a little child to himself, and set him in their midst,

3 and said, "Most certainly I tell you, unless you turn, and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

4 Whoever therefore humbles himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5 Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me,

6 . YESHUA Warns of Offenses. .

but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him that a huge millstone should be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depths of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! For it must be that the occasions come, but woe to that person through whom the occasion comes!

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehinnom of fire.

10 . The Parable of the Lost Sheep. .

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See that you don't despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

11 For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.

12 "What do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray?"

13 If he finds it, most certainly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 . Dealing with a Sinning Brother. .

"If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother.

16 But if he doesn't listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.

18 Most certainly I tell you, whatever things you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever things you release on earth will have been released in heaven.

19 Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."

21 . The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. .

Then Peter came and said to him, "ADONAI, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?"

22 YESHUA said to him, "I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who wanted to reconcile accounts with his servants.

24 When he had begun to reconcile, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But because he couldn't pay, his master commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down and knelt before him, saying, 'ADONAI, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!'

27 The master of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred denarii, and he grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!'

30 He would not, but went and cast him into prison, until he should pay back that which was due.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told to their master all that was done.

32 Then his master called him in, and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.

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33 Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?

34 His master was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you don't each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds."

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Tuesday. Day 3 before Shabbat Parasha Vayeira - And He Appeared.

Genesis 20.

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1 **. Abraham and Abimelech. .**

Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the South, and lived between Kadesh and Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar.

2 Abraham said about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

3 But ELOHIM came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken. For she is a man's wife."

4 Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said, "ADONAI, will you kill even a righteous nation?"

5 Didn't he tell me, 'She is my sister?' She, even she herself, said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands have I done this."

6 ELOHIM said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me. Therefore I didn't allow you to touch her.

7 Now therefore, restore the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. If you don't restore her, know for sure that you will die, you, and all who are yours."

8 Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ear. The men were very scared.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done!"

10 Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you have done this thing?"

11 Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of ELOHIM is not in this place. They will kill me for my wife's sake.'

12 Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 It happened, when ELOHIM caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to me. Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

14 Abimelech took sheep and cattle, male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah, his wife, to him.

15 Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases you."

16 To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Behold, it is for you a covering of the eyes to all that are with you. In front of all you are vindicated."

17 Abraham prayed to ELOHIM! ELOHIM healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his female servants, and they bore children.

18 For YHWH had closed up tight all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

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Genesis 21.

1 . Isaac Is Born. .

YHWH visited Sarah as he had said, and YHWH did to Sarah as he had spoken.

2 Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which ELOHIM had spoken to him.

3 Abraham called his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

4 Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he was eight days old, as ELOHIM had commanded him.

5 Abraham was one hundred years old when his son, Isaac, was born to him.

6 Sarah said, "ELOHIM has made me laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me."

7 She said, "Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

8 . Hagar and Ishmael Depart. .

The child grew, and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this handmaid and her son! For the son of this handmaid will not be heir with my son, Isaac."

11 The thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son.

12 ELOHIM said to Abraham, "Don't let it be grievous in your sight because of the boy, and because of your handmaid. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For from Isaac will your seed be called.

13 I will also make a nation of the son of the handmaid, because he is your seed."

14 Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder; and gave her the child, and sent her away. She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 The water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 She went and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a bow shot away. For she said, "Don't let me see the death of the child." She sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

17 ELOHIM heard the voice of the boy. The angel of ELOHIM called to Hagar out of the sky, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Don't be afraid. For ELOHIM has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

18 Get up, lift up the boy, and hold him in your hand. For I will make him a great nation."

19 ELOHIM opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, filled the bottle with water, and gave the boy drink.

20 ELOHIM was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer.

21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

22 . A Covenant with Abimelech. .

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It happened at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, "ELOHIM is with you in all that you do.

23 Now, therefore, swear to me here by ELOHIM that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. But according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have lived as a foreigner."

24 Abraham said, "I will swear."

25 Abraham complained to Abimelech because of a water well, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26 Abimelech said, "I don't know who has done this thing. You didn't tell me, neither did I hear of it, until today."

27 Abraham took sheep and cattle, and gave them to Abimelech. Those two made a covenant.

28 Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves mean?"

30 He said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well."

31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba, because they both swore there.

32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech rose up with Phicol, the captain of his army, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and called there on the name of YHWH, the Everlasting ELOHIM!

34 Abraham lived as a foreigner in the land of the Philistines many days.

Mark 10.

1 . Marriage and Divorce. .

He arose from there and came into the borders of Judea and beyond the Jordan. Multitudes came together to him again. As he usually did, he was again teaching them.

2 Pharisees came to him testing him, and asked him, "Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife?"

3 He answered, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses allowed a certificate of divorce to be written, and to divorce her."

5 But YESHUA said to them, "For your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of the creation, ELOHIM made them male and female.

7 For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will join to his wife,

8 and the two will become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore ELOHIM has joined together, let no man separate."

10 In the house, his disciples asked him again about the same matter.

11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery against her.

12 If a woman herself divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery."

13 . YESHUA Blesses Little Children. .

They were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who were bringing them.

14 But when YESHUA saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said to them, "Allow the little children to come to me! Don't forbid them, for the Kingdom of ELOHIM

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belongs to such as these.

15 Most certainly I tell you, whoever will not receive the Kingdom of ELOHIM like a little child, he will in no way enter into it.”

16 He took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

17 . YESHUA Counsels the Rich Young Ruler. .

As he was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Rabbi, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

18 YESHUA said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one ELOHIM!

19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not give false testimony,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and mother.’”

20 He said to him, “Rabbi, I have observed all these things from my youth.”

21 YESHUA looking at him loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross.”

22 But his face fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one who had great possessions.

23 . With ELOHIM All Things Are Possible. .

YESHUA looked around, and said to his disciples, “How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM!”

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But YESHUA answered again, “Children, how hard is it for those who trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM!”

26 They were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, “Then who can be saved?”

27 YESHUA, looking at them, said, “With men it is impossible, but not with ELOHIM, for all things are possible with ELOHIM!”

28 Peter began to tell him, “Behold, we have left all, and have followed you.”

29 YESHUA said, “Most certainly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my sake, and for the sake of the Good News,

30 but he will receive one hundred times more now in this time, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal life.

31 But many who are first will be last; and the last first.”

32 . YESHUA a Third Time Predicts His Death and Resurrection. .

They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and YESHUA was going in front of them, and they were amazed; and those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were going to happen to him.

33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles.

34 They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

35 . Greatness Is Serving. .

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Jacob and John, the sons of Zebedee, came near to him, saying, "Rabbi, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask."

36 He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

37 They said to him, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory."

38 But YESHUA said to them, "You don't know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and to be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with?"

39 They said to him, "We are able." YESHUA said to them, "You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and you shall be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with;

40 but to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard it, they began to be indignant towards Jacob and John.

42 YESHUA summoned them, and said to them, "You know that they who are recognized as rulers over the nations master it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 But it shall not be so among you, but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant.

44 Whoever of you wants to become first among you, shall be bondservant of all.

45 For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

46 . YESHUA Heals Blind Bartimaeus. .

They came to Jericho. As he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road.

47 When he heard that it was YESHUA the Nazarene, he began to cry out, and say, "YESHUA, you son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, "You son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 YESHUA stood still, and said, "Call him." They called the blind man, saying to him, "Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!"

50 He, casting away his cloak, sprang up, and came to YESHUA!

51 YESHUA asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabboni, that I may see again."

52 YESHUA said to him, "Go your way. Your faith has made you well." Immediately he received his sight, and followed YESHUA in the way.

Mark 11.

1 . The Triumphal Entry. .

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethsphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

2 and said to them, "Go your way into the village that is opposite you. Immediately as you enter into it, you will find a young donkey tied, on which no one has sat. Untie him, and bring him.

3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'ADONAI needs him;' and immediately he will send him back here."

4 They went away, and found a young donkey tied at the door outside in the open street, and they untied him.

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5 Some of those who stood there asked them, “What are you doing, untying the young donkey?”

6 They said to them just as YESHUA had said, and they let them go.

7 They brought the young donkey to YESHUA, and threw their garments on it, and YESHUA sat on it.

8 Many spread their garments on the way, and others were cutting down branches from the trees, and spreading them on the road.

9 Those who went in front, and those who followed, cried out, “Hoshia'na! Blessed is he who comes in the name of ADONAI!

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of ADONAI! Hoshia'na in the highest!”

11 YESHUA entered into the temple in Jerusalem. When he had looked around at everything, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

12 . The Fig Tree Withered. .

The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he was hungry.

13 Seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came to see if perhaps he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 YESHUA told it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” and his disciples heard it.

15 . YESHUA Cleanses the Temple. .

They came to Jerusalem, and YESHUA entered into the temple, and began to throw out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves.

16 He would not allow anyone to carry a container through the temple.

17 He taught, saying to them, “Isn't it written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations?’ But you have made it a den of robbers!”

18 The chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him. For they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

19 When evening came, he went out of the city.

20 . The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree. .

As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.

21 Peter, remembering, said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered away.”

22 YESHUA answered them, “Have faith in ELOHIM!

23 For most certainly I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and doesn't doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening; he shall have whatever he says.

24 Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.

25 . Forgiveness and Prayer. .

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your transgressions.

26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions.”

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27 . YESHUA'S Authority Questioned. .

They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders came to him,

28 and they began saying to him, "By what authority do you do these things? Or who gave you this authority to do these things?"

29 YESHUA said to them, "I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The immersion of John was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me."

31 They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we should say, 'From heaven;' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

32 If we should say, 'From men'" they feared the people, for all held John to really be a prophet.

33 They answered YESHUA, "We don't know." YESHUA said to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Mark 12.

1 . The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers. .

He began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the winepress, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went into another country.

2 When it was time, he sent a servant to the farmer to get from the farmer his share of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 They took him, beat him, and sent him away empty.

4 Again, he sent another servant to them; and they threw stones at him, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.

5 Again he sent another; and they killed him; and many others, beating some, and killing some.

6 Therefore still having one, his beloved son, he sent him last to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7 But those farmers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

8 They took him, killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

9 What therefore will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers, and will give the vineyard to others.

10 Haven't you even read this Scripture: "The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner.

11 This was from ADONAI, it is marvelous in our eyes?"

12 They tried to seize him, but they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. They left him, and went away.

13 . The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar?..

They sent some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to him, that they might trap him with words.

14 When they had come, they asked him, "Rabbi, we know that you are honest, and don't defer to anyone; for you aren't partial to anyone, but truly teach the way of ELOHIM! Is it legal to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give?" But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it."

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16 They brought it. He said to them, “Whose is this image and inscription?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.”

17 YESHUA answered them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to ELOHIM the things that are ELOHIM’s.” They marveled greatly at him.

18 . The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection? .

There came to him Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection. They asked him, saying,

19 “Rabbi, Moses wrote to us, ‘If a man’s brother dies, and leaves a wife behind him, and leaves no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up offspring for his brother.’

20 There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and dying left no offspring.

21 The second took her, and died, leaving no children behind him. The third likewise;

22 and the seven took her and left no children. Last of all the woman also died.

23 In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be of them? For the seven had her as a wife.”

24 YESHUA answered them, “Isn’t this because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of ELOHIM?

25 For when they will rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26 But about the dead, that they are raised; haven’t you read in the book of Moses, about the Bush, how ELOHIM spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the ELOHIM of Abraham, the ELOHIM of Isaac, and the ELOHIM of Jacob’?

27 He is not the ELOHIM of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken.”

28 . The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All? .

One of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together. Knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?”

29 YESHUA answered, “The greatest is, ‘Hear, Israel, ADONAI our ELOHIM, ADONAI is one:

30 you shall love ADONAI your ELOHIM with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

31 The second is like this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

32 The scribe said to him, “Truly, Rabbi, you have said well that he is one, and there is none other but he,

33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 When YESHUA saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of ELOHIM!” No one dared ask him any question after that.

35 . YESHUA: How Can David Call His Descendant Master? .

YESHUA responded, as he taught in the temple, “How is it that the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David?

36 For David himself said in the Holy Spirit, ‘ADONAI said to my ADONAI, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.”’

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37 Therefore David himself calls him ADONAI, so how can he be his son?" The common people heard him gladly.

38 **. Beware of the Scribes. .**

In his teaching he said to them, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and to get greetings in the marketplaces,

39 and the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts:

40 those who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

41 **. The Widow's Two Mites. .**

YESHUA sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much.

42 A poor widow came, and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin.

43 He called his disciples to himself, and said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury,

44 for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on."

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Thursday. Day 5 before Shabbat Parasha Vayeira - And He Appeared.

Genesis 22.

Genesis 22:1-24.

1 . **Abraham's Faith Confirmed.** .

It happened after these things, that ELOHIM tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" He said, "Here I am."

2 He said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, even Isaac, and go into the land of Moriah. Offer him there for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will tell you of."

3 Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which ELOHIM had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place far off.

5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go yonder. We will worship, and come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. He took in his hand the fire and the knife. They both went together.

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "ELOHIM will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they both went together.

9 They came to the place which ELOHIM had told him of. Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on the wood.

10 Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son.

11 The angel of YHWH called to him out of the sky, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" He said, "Here I am."

12 He said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear ELOHIM, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

13 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and saw that behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 Abraham called the name of that place YHWH Will Provide. As it is said to this day, "On YHWH's mountain, it will be provided."

15 The angel of YHWH called to Abraham a second time out of the sky,

16 and said, "I have sworn by myself, says YHWH, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 that I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your seed greatly like the stars of the heavens, and like the sand which is on the seashore. Your seed will possess the gate of his enemies.

18 In your seed will all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba. Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20 . **The Family of Nahor.** .

It happened after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah, she also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,

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22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.”

23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother.

24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

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Friday. Day 6 before Shabbat Parasha Vayeira - And He Appeared.

2 Kings 4:1-37.

2 Kings 4:1-37.

1 . Elisha and the Widow's Oil. .

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead. You know that your servant feared YHWH! Now the creditor has come to take for himself my two children to be slaves."

2 Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me: what do you have in the house?" She said, "Your handmaid has nothing in the house, except a pot of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow containers from of all your neighbors, even empty containers. Don't borrow just a few.

4 You shall go in, and shut the door on you and on your sons, and pour out into all those containers; and you shall set aside that which is full."

5 So she went from him, and shut the door on her and on her sons; they brought the containers to her, and she poured out.

6 It happened, when the containers were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another container." He said to her, "There isn't another container." The oil stopped flowing.

7 Then she came and told the man of ELOHIM! He said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

8 . Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son. .

It fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman; and she persuaded him to eat bread. So it was, that as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

9 She said to her husband, "See now, I perceive that this is a holy man of ELOHIM, that passes by us continually.

10 Please let us make a little room on the wall. Let us set for him there a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp stand. It shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there."

11 One day he came there, and he turned into the room and lay there.

12 He said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." When he had called her, she stood before him.

13 He said to him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have cared for us with all this care. What is to be done for you? Would you like to be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army?'" She answered, "I dwell among my own people."

14 He said, "What then is to be done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Most certainly she has no son, and her husband is old."

15 He said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 He said, "At this season, when the time comes around, you will embrace a son." She said, "No, my master, you man of ELOHIM, do not lie to your handmaid."

17 The woman conceived, and bore a son at that season, when the time came around, as Elisha had said to her.

18 When the child was grown, it happened one day that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 He said to his father, "My head! My head!" He said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

20 When he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees until noon, and then died.

21 She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of ELOHIM, and shut the door on

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him, and went out.

22 She called to her husband, and said, "Please send me one of the servants, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of ELOHIM, and come again."

23 He said, "Why would you want go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "It's alright."

24 Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Drive, and go forward! Don't slow down for me, unless I ask you to."

25 So she went, and came to the man of ELOHIM to Mount Carmel. It happened, when the man of ELOHIM saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, there is the Shunammite.

26 Please run now to meet her, and ask her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?'" She answered, "It is well."

27 When she came to the man of ELOHIM to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of ELOHIM said, "Leave her alone; for her soul is troubled within her; and YHWH has hidden it from me, and has not told me."

28 Then she said, "Did I desire a son of my master? Didn't I say, Do not deceive me?"

29 Then he said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand, and go your way. If you meet any man, don't greet him; and if anyone greets you, don't answer him again. Then lay my staff on the face of the child."

30 The mother of the child said, "As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." He arose, and followed her.

31 Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened."

32 When Elisha had come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid on his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door on them both, and prayed to YHWH!

34 He went up, and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. He stretched himself on him; and the flesh of the child grew warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house once back and forth; and went up, and stretched himself on him. Then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 He called Gehazi, and said, "Call this Shunammite!" So he called her. When she had come in to him, he said, "Take up your son."

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out.

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Luke 13.

1 . Repent or Perish. .

Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 YESHUA answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way.

4 Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the men who dwell in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."

6 . The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree. .

He spoke this parable. "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none.

7 He said to the vine dresser, 'Behold, these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down. Why does it waste the soil?'

8 He answered, 'ADONAI, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it.

9 If it bears fruit, fine; but if not, after that, you can cut it down."

10 . A Spirit of Infirmity. .

He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

11 Behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bent over, and could in no way straighten herself up.

12 When YESHUA saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity."

13 He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight, and glorified ELOHIM!

14 The ruler of the synagogue, being indignant because YESHUA had healed on the Sabbath, said to the multitude, "There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!"

15 Therefore ADONAI answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each one of you free his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath, and lead him away to water?"

16 Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound eighteen long years, be freed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were disappointed, and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 . The Parable of the Mustard Seed. .

He said, "What is the Kingdom of ELOHIM like? To what shall I compare it?"

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and put in his own garden. It grew, and became a large tree, and the birds of the sky lodged in its branches."

20 . The Parable of the Leaven. .

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Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of ELOHIM?"

21 It is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

22 . The Narrow Way. .

He went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and traveling on to Jerusalem.

23 One said to him, "ADONAI, are they few who are saved?" He said to them,

24 "Strive to enter in by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter in, and will not be able.

25 When once the master of the house has risen up, and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside, and to knock at the door, saying, 'ADONAI, ADONAI, open to us!' then he will answer and tell you, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'

27 He will say, 'I tell you, I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.'

28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of ELOHIM, and yourselves being thrown outside.

29 They will come from the east, west, north, and south, and will sit down in the Kingdom of ELOHIM!

30 Behold, there are some who are last who will be first, and there are some who are first who will be last."

31 On that same day, some Pharisees came, saying to him, "Get out of here, and go away, for Herod wants to kill you."

32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I complete my mission.

33 Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, for it can't be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem.'

34 . YESHUA Laments over Jerusalem. .

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, like a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you refused!

35 Behold, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of ADONAI!'"

Luke 14.

1 . A Man with Dropsy Healed on the Sabbath. .

It happened, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him.

2 Behold, a certain man who had dropsy was in front of him.

3 YESHUA, answering, spoke to the Torah scholars and Pharisees, saying, "Is it legal to heal on the Sabbath?"

4 But they were silent. He took him, and healed him, and let him go.

5 He answered them, "Which of you, if your son or an ox fell into a well, wouldn't immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

6 They couldn't answer him regarding these things.

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7 **. Take the Lowly Place. .**

He spoke a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the best seats, and said to them,

8 “When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, don’t sit in the best seat, since perhaps someone more honorable than you might be invited by him,

9 and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, ‘Make room for this person.’ Then you would begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he may tell you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

12 He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, don’t call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, or perhaps they might also return the favor, and pay you back.

13 But when you make a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind;

14 and you will be blessed, because they don’t have the resources to repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

15 **. The Parable of the Great Supper. .**

When one of those who sat at the table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is he who will feast in the Kingdom of ELOHIM!”

16 But he said to him, “A certain man made a great supper, and he invited many people.

17 He sent out his servant at supper time to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’

18 They all as one began to make excuses. “The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please have me excused.’

19 “Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them out. Please have me excused.’

20 “Another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I can’t come.’

21 “That servant came, and told his master these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.’

22 “The servant said, ‘ADONAI, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room.’

23 “The master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste of my supper.”

25 **. Leaving All to Follow Messiah. .**

Now great multitudes were going with him. He turned and said to them,

26 “If anyone comes to me, and doesn’t disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can’t be my disciple.

27 Whoever doesn’t bear his own cross, and come after me, can’t be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 Or perhaps, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, everyone who sees begins to mock him,

30 saying, ‘This man began to build, and wasn’t able to finish.’

31 Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and

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consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an envoy, and asks for conditions of peace.

33 So therefore whoever of you who doesn't renounce all that he has, he can't be my disciple.

34 . Tasteless Salt Is Worthless. .

Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat and tasteless, with what do you season it?

35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 15.

1 . The Parable of the Lost Sheep. .

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him.

2 The Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

3 He told them this parable.

4 "Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it?

5 When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

7 I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

8 . The Parable of the Lost Coin. .

Or what woman, if she had ten drachma coins, if she lost one drachma coin, wouldn't light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she found it?

9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost.'

10 Even so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of ELOHIM over one sinner repenting."

11 . The Parable of the Lost Son. .

He said, "A certain man had two sons.

12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of your property.' He divided his livelihood between them.

13 Not many days after, the younger son gathered all of this together and traveled into a far country. There he wasted his property with riotous living.

14 When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need.

15 He went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

16 He wanted to fill his belly with the husks that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any.

17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough to spare, and I'm dying with hunger!

18 I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, "Father, I have sinned against

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heaven, and in your sight.

19 I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.”

20 “He arose, and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe, and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat, and celebrate;

24 for this, my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.’ They began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field. As he came near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 He called one of the servants to him, and asked what was going on.

27 He said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and healthy.’

28 But he was angry, and would not go in. Therefore his father came out, and begged him.

29 But he answered his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed a commandment of yours, but you never gave me a goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this, your son, came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.’

31 “He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 But it was appropriate to celebrate and be glad, for this, your brother, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.”

Luke 16.

1 . The Parable of the Unjust Steward. .

He also said to his disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

2 He called him, and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

3 “The manager said within himself, ‘What will I do, seeing that my master is taking away the management position from me? I don’t have strength to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

4 I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from management, they may receive me into their houses.’

5 Calling each one of his master’s debtors to him, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my master?’

6 He said, ‘A hundred batos of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

7 Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred cors of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

8 “His master commended the dishonest manager because he had done wisely, for the children of this world are, in their own generation, wiser than the children of the light.

9 I tell you, make for yourselves friends by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when you fail, they may receive you into the eternal tents.

10 He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

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11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 If you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You aren't able to serve ELOHIM and mammon."

14 **. The Torah, the Prophets, and the Kingdom. .**

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him.

15 He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but ELOHIM knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of ELOHIM!

16 The Torah and the Prophets were until John. From that time the Good News of the Kingdom of ELOHIM is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tiny stroke of a pen in the Torah to become void.

18 Everyone who divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery. He who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

19 **. The Rich Man and Lazarus. .**

"Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day.

20 A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 It happened that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried.

23 In Sheol, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom.

24 He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue! For I am in anguish in this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now here he is comforted and you are in anguish.

26 Besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

27 "He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house;

28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, so they won't also come into this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

30 "He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

31 "He said to him, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead.'"

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