

Lech Lecha  
“Go Out”

**Torah Reading:** Genesis 12:1 – 17:27

**Haftarah Reading:** Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

Be sure to read all of the listed scripture. The way the Haftarah readings connect can be amazing.

**Verse to memorize**

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

Genesis 15:1b

**Questions**

1. What did it mean to Abraham to leave his homeland for the land of Canaan?
2. What kind of spiritual background did Abraham come from?
3. What is a covenant?
4. What are some of the features of ancient Near Eastern covenants found in this parasha?
5. Why do you think the author inserted the story of Melchizedek into the text?
6. Who was Melchizedek? Read Psalm 110. What do you think is the relationship between Melchizedek and Yeshua?
7. Why do you think the Lord walked between the animal pieces in Genesis 15?
8. What declaration did God make upon Abraham in chapter 15? Why? What do you think it means? What are its implications for believers in Yeshua?
9. What prophecy did God speak in chapter 15? Why do you think He revealed it in this particular context?
10. How would you describe the apparent spiritual state of Hagar?
11. Why do you think Sarai treated her as she did in Gen. 16?
12. What did the Lord do to minister to Hagar?
13. What is the significance of Ishmael to the overall story of Israel?
14. How many times does the word covenant appear in Gen. 17? Based on this, what do you think is the intended message of the chapter?
15. What is the significance of God being revealed as “El Shaddai”?
16. Why did the Lord change Abram’s and Sarai’s names?
17. What was the sign of the covenant?
18. Why do you think circumcision is an appropriate sign of the covenant?
19. According to Deut. 30 and Colossians 2, what else does circumcision picture? How?