

# *Shabbat Shalom!*

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## **Torah Portion VaYeira - And Appeared**

Genesis 18:1-22:24;2 Kings 4:1-37; Luke 17:28-37

**\*Genesis 18:1** Then the LORD appeared to him (Abraham) by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

**\*Genesis 18:2** So he lifted his eyes and looked and behold, three men were standing by him, and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the ground.

**\*Genesis 18:6,7** So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes. And Abraham ran to the herd took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

**\*Genesis 18:8** So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and **he stood** by them under the tree as they ate.

**Genesis 18:9-12** Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. Therefore, Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" Then the LORD (Yood, Hey, Vav, Hey) said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' **Is anything too hard for the LORD?** I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

**\*Luke 1:26-38** During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin girl who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. The

angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him." But Mary was very confused about what the angel said. She wondered, "What does this mean?" The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am still a virgin." The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High God will cover you. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God. And here's something else: Your relative Elizabeth is pregnant. She is very old, but she is going to have a son. Everyone thought she could not have a baby, but she has been pregnant now for six months. For with God nothing will be impossible, Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!"

**\*Luke 1:39,40,42 and 45** Then Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and this was part of their conversation: Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ...Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.

**\*Genesis 18:16-18** Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

**\*Amos 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**\*John 15:15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you.

**\*Jeremiah 23:22** But if they had stood in My council, they would have proclaimed My words to My people and turned them back from their evil ways and deeds.

**\*Genesis 18:19** For I have known him in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do

**righteousness and justice**, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.

**\*Genesis 17:1** God spoke to Abram saying: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, I am Almighty God;; walk before Me and be blameless.

**\*Genesis 18:22** Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

**\*Genesis 18:23-25** Abraham came forward and he said, Will it also be that You will destroy the righteous along the wicked? Perhaps there are fifty righteous people in the midst of the city? Will it also be that You will destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people who are within it? It would be sacrilegious to You to have done such a thing as this, to kill the righteous along with the wicked; that it will be just as to the righteous so the wicked. It would be sacrilegious to You! Shall it be that the Judge of all the earth will not do justice?

**\*Genesis 19:4,5** Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said, to him, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.

**\*Genesis 19:11** And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

**\*Genesis 19:15,16** When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city. And while he lingered the men took hold of his hand his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

**\*Genesis 19:22,24** Hurry escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there. Therefore, the name of the city was called Zoar (meaning "little one.") ..... Then the **LORD** rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the **LORD** out of the heavens.

**\*Luke 17:26-36** And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise, the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. **Remember Lot's wife.** Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.

**\*Genesis 19:31** Now the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth.

**\*Nehemiah 13:2** The Ammonites and Moabites had not welcomed the Israelites with and water. Instead, they had hired Balaam to put a curse on Israel.

**\*I Samuel 13:14** But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord has sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him (David) to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

**\*Genesis 22:1** And the God tested אֱבְרָם Abraham, and He said to him, Abraham, and he replied Here I am.

**\*Genesis 22:2** And He said, Take please. אֶתְּךָ your son, your only one whom you love - Isaac - and get yourself to the land of Moriah; and bring him up there as an offering upon one of the mountains which I shall indicate to you.

**\*II Chronicles 3:1** we read: Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

**\*Isaiah 2:3** And many peoples will come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways so that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**\*Matthew 2:11** And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**\*Luke 24:1** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared [to finish anointing the body].

**\*Genesis 22:3** Abraham rose early in the morning, and he saddled his donkey; he took his two servants with him, and Isaac, his son. He split wood for the offering, then he rose and went toward the place which God indicated (God showed him or told him) to him.

**\*Genesis 22:4** On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and perceived the place מִמְקוֹמָהּ from afar.

**\*Genesis 22:5** Said Abraham to his young men, Stay by yourselves here with the donkey, while I and the lad will go there; we will worship, and we will return to you.

**\*Genesis 22:6-14** Abraham took the wood of the offering and placed it on Isaac, his son. He took in his hand the fire and the knife, and they went, the two of them together. Then Isaac spoke to Abraham, his father, and he said, My father! And he said, Here I am my son. And he said, Here are the fire and the wood but where is the lamb for the offering? Said Abraham: God will seek out for Himself the lamb for the offering, my son. And they went, the two of them together. They arrived at the place that God had indicated to him, and he built, there, Abraham did, the altar and he arranged the wood; then he bound Isaac, his son, and he placed him on the altar atop the wood. Abraham sent forth his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. And there called to him an angel of HASHEM from heaven, and he said, Abraham! Abraham! And he said, Here I am. And he said, Do not send forth your hand against the lad nor do to him anything for now I know that a fearer of God you are since you have not withheld your son, your only one from Me.

Abraham raised his eyes and saw, and there was a ram behind him caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went, and he took the ram and he brought it as an offering instead of his son. He called, did Abraham, the name of that site, The LORD sees as it is said this day, on the mountain of the LORD He will be seen.