

The Torah Project

Genesis 12

Genesis 2:4

This is the account of the heavens and the earth **when they were created**, in the day that Adonai Elohim made earth and heaven.

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"for Abraham"

Joshua 24:2

And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says Adonai, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.’”

Galatians 3:7-9

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations shall be blessed in you.” So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

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Romans 4:16

... For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...

Genesis 12:1

Adonai said to Abram...

#1
“Go forth...”

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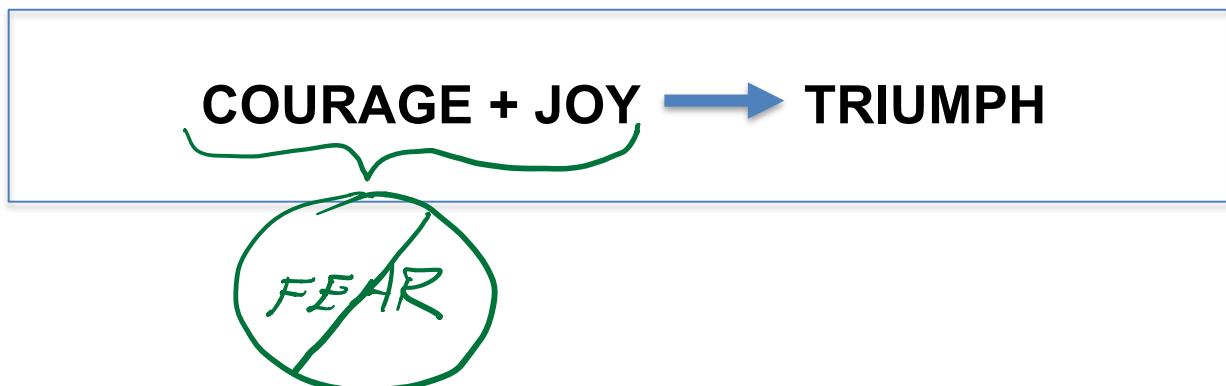
(lech lecha)

“Go FOR yourself”
or
“Go TO yourself”

- Dare to be alone.
- Dare to be an individual
 - **WARNING: EGO AHEAD!!**

#2
“... from your country ...”

- Do not be dominated by your culture.
- Do not be addicted to the familiar..the mundane..the mediocre.



#3

“... And from your kindred ...”

- Our identity must not be in our history and traditions.
- Our identity must not be in our parents.
- Our identity must not be in our children.

#4

“... And from your father’s house ...”

- Our security must not be in an earthly inheritance.
- We must leave our “father’s house” to arrive at our “Father’s House”.

Matthew 10:37

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

#5

“... To the land which I will show you ...”

- We must put our trust in the One who leads us, not in our imaginations.
- Our confidence is in our Shepherd, not in the landscape.

Nimrod vs. Abraham

Hunted for souls (10:9)

Made souls (12:5)

Desired to make a name for himself (11:4)

Name made by God (12:2)

Migrated from the east (11:2)

Migrated from the east (12:8)

Settled in a valley (11:2)

Settled on a mountain (12:8)

Built a city... (11:4)

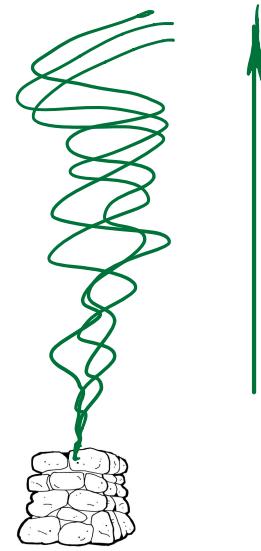
Sought a city (Hebrews 11:10)

...and a tower (11:4)

Built an altar (12:8)



Man's Religion



Spiritual Walk

Genesis 12:2-3

“And I will make you a great nation...

“And I will bless you...

“And make your name great...

“And you shall be a blessing ...

“And I will bless those who bless you...

“And the one who curses you I will curse...

“And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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The Sins of the Righteous

EVENT	+	-
• Descent to Egypt		✓
• Advises Sarah to lie		✓
• Sarah taken by Pharaoh		✓
• Abraham treated well...	✓	
• ... receives riches ...	✓	
• ... and handmaids	✓	
• God afflicts Pharaoh	✓	
• Abraham rebuked		✓
• Sarah returned	✓	
• Escorted out of Egypt	✓	
• (Isaac imitates Abraham's behavior)		✓

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