

# *The Torah Project*

## **Genesis 15a**

### **First Steps Toward Trust in God**

**1 – “Do not fear...**

**2 – “I am a shield to you...**

**3 – “Your reward is very great.”**

## Hearing...Experiencing...Knowing

**13:14** – “And Adonai **said** to Abram...”

**15:1** – “...the word of Adonai **happened to** Abram...”

**15:4** – “Behold, the word of Adonai **to** him, saying...”

### Romans 4:19-24

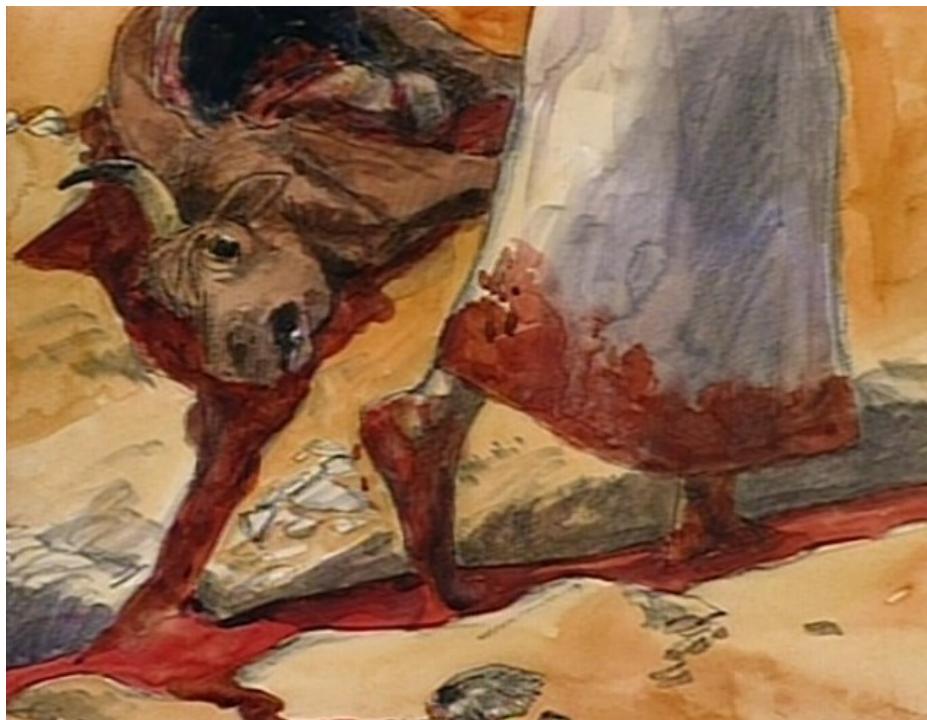
And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore also it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Yeshua our Master from the dead...

### Romans 3:31

Do we then nullify the Torah through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we confirm the Torah.

## Genesis 13:14-16

And Adonai said to Abram, **after Lot had separated** from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. And **I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth**; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.”



# THE SEMITIC BLOOD COVENANT

- Mutual desire for a covenant
- Covenant made in the presence of witnesses
- An animal is cut in half & they walk together between the pieces. (Jeremiah 34:18-20/ Hebrews 10:19-20)
- Blood is drawn and exchanged (Gen.17:9-11/ Matt.26:27-28)
- A covenantal scar is maintained (Gen.17:10/ Luke 24:38-40)
- The covenant is signed/sealed in blood (Ex.24:7-8 /Matt.26:27-28)
- Exchange of armor (Gen.15:1/ Eph.6:13-17/ Is.59:17)
- Exchange of names (Gen.17:2,5,15/ Is.62:1-2/ Rev.2:17)
- Exchange of property (Gen.15:7/ Rom.12:1-2)
- Exchange of sons (Gen.22/ John3:16)
- Written copies were sealed and worn (Deut.6:8/ Rom.12:1)
- Covenant meal (Ex.24:3,9-11/ Luke 22:14-19)

## 2 Chronicles 20:7

You, our God, drove out those living in the land ahead of your people Israel and gave it forever to the descendants of **Abraham your friend.**

## John 15:12-15

This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. **You are My friends**, if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.