



*Congregation Notes Torah Portion Lech Lecha  
Faith in Times of the Unknown  
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Genesis 12:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27-41:16; John 8:51-58*

**\*Genesis 11:1** Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

**\*Genesis 11:4** And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

**\*Genesis 11:5-8** But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

**\*Genesis 10:25** Eber had two sons. The first was named Peleg (which means "division"), for during his lifetime the people of the world were divided into different language groups. His brother's name was Joktan.

**\*Genesis 10:1** Now this is the **genealogy** of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

**\*Joshua 24:2** And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods."

**\*Genesis 12:1** Now the Lord had said to Abram: Get out **לְךָ-לְךָ** of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

**\*Genesis 12:2-3** I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those מְבָרְכֶיךָ who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

**\*Galatians 3:6-9** just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

**\*Galatians 3:26-29** For you are all sons of God through faith in Messiah Yeshua. For as many of you as were baptized into Messiah have put on Messiah. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. And if you are Messiah's then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**\*Romans 11:17** Some of these branches from Abraham's tree--some of the people of Israel--have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and His children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree.

**\*Ephesians 2:11-14** Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- that at that time you were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Messiah Yeshua you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ....

**\*Isaiah 66:19-21** I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD.

**\*Genesis 12:5** And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all their possessions they possessed and the souls which they had made in Haran, and they went out to go to the land of Canaan, and they came to the land of Canaan.

**\*Jeremiah 51:25** Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, Who destroys all the earth," says the Lord. "And I will stretch out My hand against you, Roll you down from the rocks, And make you a burnt mountain.

**\*Genesis 12:6** Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

**\*Genesis 12:7** Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

**\*Genesis 13:2-7a** Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord. Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock.

**\*I Corinthians 3:3-5** for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

**\*Genesis 11:28** And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

**\*Genesis 13:8-13** So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

**\*Genesis 14:12-16** They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for

he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; **and they were allies with Abram.** Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, **he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.** He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and **pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.**

**\*Isaiah 41:10-13 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you.** Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' "Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; **They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish.** You shall seek them and not find them-- Those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing. For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, '**Fear not, I will help you.**' So **he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.**

**\*Genesis 14:19-20** Then **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

**\*Hebrews 7:11** Now if perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on this basis the people received the law), why was there still need for another priest to appear--**one in the order of Melchizedek and not in the order of Aaron?**

**\*Hebrews 7:14-17** For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.

**\*John 8:51-58** Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death. Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My Word he shall never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. **Who do You make Yourself out to be?**"

Yeshua answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. **Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him.** And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.**"

Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"  
Yeshua said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."