

C.C. 101

DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY – PART 3

I. Quick re-cap

- Give a quick review of what we have covered up to this point
 - Ruth – Proof that it doesn't matter what you were... once you choose to become an Yisraelite... you are only an Yisraelite.
 - We defined the difference between a native-born, stranger and ger or proselyte
 - There is one Torah for the native-born and the ger
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II. Elohim's promises to the Patriarchs

- **Gen 12:1-8**
 - Promise – Go out (trust me and do what I say) and I shall make you a great nation
 - Great nation - L'goy gadol
 - Promise – I will bless you and make your name great
 - Promise – I shall bless those who bless you and curse him who curses you
 - Promise – In you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed
 - Clans – Mishpachot (families)
 - Promise – To your seed (descendants – Zar'acha) I give this land
- **Gen 13:14-18**
 - Promise – For all the land... I shall give to you and your seed (descendants) **forever**
 - Promise – Seed (descendants) as dust of the earth
- **Gen 15:1-6**
 - Your reward is exceedingly great – WHY? See **Gen 14:18-24**
 - The significance of **“heirs”** introduced



- Promise – Seed (descendants) as the stars of the heavens
 - He believed in Yahweh, and He reckoned it to him for righteousness
 - He believed and left his home – **Gen 12:1**
 - He gave tithe to Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High El
 - He kept his vow to the Most High El – **Gen 14:22-24**
 - **Heb 11:8-12** – By “BELIEF”...
- **Gen 17:1-16**
- Admonition – I am El Shaddai (El Almighty) – Walk before Me (Hit’haleich l’fnai)
 - **Holeich** – Halacha = Walk
 - **L’fnai** – “L” as a prefix means “for” or “to” **fnai** comes from pnay = face
 - So, this could read “walk to my face” or “walk for my face (for me to see)”
 - Admonition – Walk before Me and be “perfect” from the Hebrew “tamim”
 - **Tamim** – honest, simple, innocent, complete, upright / honorable,
filled with integrity
 - Promise – I give My covenant between Me and You and shall greatly increase you
 - **Verses 4-6** – Avram becomes Avraham
 - Avram – origin possibilities
 - Av-Ram - Father of Height or High/Lofty Father or Exalted
 - Av Aram – Father of/from Aram
 - Avram came from Harran / Which many believe is also Paddan-aram (**Gen 25:20 – Lavan the Aramean**)
 - **Gen 24:1-7** – Abraham sends his servant to Aram to find Yitschaq a wife



- **Verse 10** - The servant goes to **Aram**
Naharayim the City of
Nahor to find a wife for Yitschaq
 - **Gen 28:1-5** – Ya’aqov sent to Paddan Aram to find a wife
 - **Deut 26:1-11** – This could refer to either Ya’aqov or Yoseph
 - Av Hamon – Father Hamon – a noisy tumultuous multitude
 - Hamon Goyim — multitude of nations
 - It is believed that Avraham is a conjunction of Av-ram and Av-hamon because of the Resh that is maintained in the change
- Promise – **I shall establish** My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and your seed after you
- Admonition – As for you, guard My covenant, you and your seed after you...
- Admonition – The covenant and circumcision of the flesh
- **Verse 15-16** – Sarai becomes Sarah and goes from being “My Princess” to “Princess”
 - The name change is followed by the promise to have a son and to have sovereigns and nations be from her
- **Gal 3:26-29** – “...then you are seed of Avraham, and heirs according to the promise.”