

Gen 12:1-17:27 Lech Lecha Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 12:1-9 Promise of **LAND AND DESCENDANTS**; {p}

1a.1) 12:1-3 Now **YHVH said to Abram**: Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. **3** And I will bless them that bless you, and him that curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed;

1a.2) 12:4-5b **Abram departed** for the land of Canaan/ Lot, Sarai, and his possessions went with him;

1a) 12:4a So **Abram went** as YHVH had spoken to him;

1b) 12:4b And **Lot** went with him;

central axis) 12:4c *And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran;*

2b) 12:5a And Abram took Sarai his wife, and **Lot his brother's son**, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the people whom they had gotten in Haran;

2a) 12:5b And **they went forth** to go to the land of Canaan;

1b) 12:5c And to the **land of Canaan** they came;

central axis) 12:6a And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the terebinth tree of Moreh;

2b) 12:6b And the **Canaanites were then in the land**;

2a.1) 12:7a And **YHVH appeared to Abram, and said**: To your seed I will give this land;

2a.2) 12:7b-9 **Abram journeyed**, building altars to YHVH; {p}

1a.1) 12:7b And he **built there an altar to YHVH**, who had appeared to him;

1a.2) 12:8a And **he moved** from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel;

central axis) 12:8b *And pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai on the east;*

2a.1) 12:8c And he **built there an altar to YHVH**, and called on the name of YHVH;

2a.2) 12:9 And **Abram journeyed**, going on still toward the South; {p}

1B) 12:10-13:13 Abram's **FAITH IN THE PROMISE TESTED** [famine/ Egypt/ Lot];

1a) 12:10 And there was a famine in the land: and **Abram went down into Egypt** to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land;

1b) 12:11-13a And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife: Behold now, I know that you are a fair woman to look upon: **12** Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see you, that they shall say 'This is his wife;' and they will kill me, but you they will keep alive. **13** **Say**, I pray, **that you are my sister**;

1c) 12:13b **That it may be well with me for your sake**; and my soul shall live because of you;

central axis) 12:14-15 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman, that she was very fair. **15** And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her before Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house;

2c) 12:16-18 Pharaoh dealt well with Abram for her sake;

1a) 12:16 And *he dealt well with Abram for her sake*; and he had sheep, and oxen, and male donkeys, and menservants, and maidservants, and female donkeys, and camels;

central axis) 12:17 And YHVH plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife;

2a) 12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said: What is this *that you have done to me*? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

2b) 12:19-20 Why did you say, 'She is my sister?': So I might have taken her to me to wife; now therefore behold your wife; take her, and go your way. 20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had;

2a) 13:1-13 And Abram went up out of Egypt;

1a) 13:1a And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him;

1b) 13:1b Into the South;

central axis) 13:2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold;

2b) 13:3-4 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai; 4 to the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of YHVH;

2a) 12:5-13 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents;

1a) 12:5-6 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, THAT THEY MIGHT DWELL TOGETHER; for their substance was great, so that THEY COULD NOT DWELL TOGETHER;

1b) 12:7A And THERE WAS A STRIFE BETWEEN THE HERDSMEN of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle;

CENTRAL AXIS) 12:7B AND THE CANAANITE AND THE PERIZZITE DWELT THEN IN THE LAND;

2b) 12:8 And Abram said to Lot: LET THERE BE NO STRIFE, I pray you, between me and you, and BETWEEN MY HERDSMEN AND YOUR HERDSMEN; for we are brethren;

2A) 12:9-13 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I pray you, from me; if you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before YHVH destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of YHVH, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east; and THEY SEPARATED THEMSELVES THE ONE FROM THE OTHER. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against YHVH exceedingly;

1C) 13:14-17 PROMISE REAFFIRMED; {p}

1a.1) 13:14 And YHVH said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him: Lift up now your eyes, and **look** from the place where you are, **northward**, and **southward**, and **eastward**, and **westward**;

1a.2) 13:15 for all the land which you see, **to you will I give it**, and to your seed forever;

central axis) 13:16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be numbered;

2a.1) 13:17a Arise, **walk** through the land in **the length of it and in the breadth of it**;

2a.2) 13:17b For **to you will I give it**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 13:18-14:24 SIGNS OF MESSIAH: VICTORY OVER DEATH, MELCHIZEDEK, BREAD AND WINE; {p+s}

1a) 13:18 And Abram moved his tent, and came and **dwelt by the terebinths of Mamre**, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar to YHVH; {p}

1b.1) 14:1-9 War between **four kings and Chedorlaomer** vs. five kings and Bera at the Valley of Siddim;

1a) 14:1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, *Chedorlaomer king of Elam*, and Tidal king of Goiim;

1b) 14:2-3 That they made war with *Bera king of Sodom*, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela—the same is Zoar. 3 All these came as allies unto the vale of Siddim—the same is the Salt Sea;

central axis) 14:4-7 *Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, 6 and the Horites in their Mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. 7 And they turned back, and came to En-mishpat—the same is Kadesh—and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazazon-tamar;*

2b) 14:8 And there went out the *king of Sodom*, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela—the same is Zoar; and they set the battle in array against them in the vale of Siddim;

2a) 14:9 Against *Chedorlaomer king of Elam*, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five;

1b.2) 14:10 Now the **vale of Siddim** was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and they that remained fled to the mountain;

1c) 14:11-12 And they **took all the goods** of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed;

central axis) 14:13-15 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew—now he dwelt by the terebinths of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus;

2c) 14:16 And he **brought back all the goods**, and also brought back his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people;

2b.1) 14:17a And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of **Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him**;

2b.2) 14:17b At the **vale of Shaveh**—the same is the King's Vale;

2a) 14:13-24 Abram, who **dwelt by his allies Mamre, Eschol, and Aner**, recovered the captives;

1a) 14:13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew—now he dwelt by the terebinths of **Mamre** the Amorite, brother of **Eshcol**, and brother of **Aner**; and these were confederate with Abram;

1b) 14:14-15 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his **trained men**, born in his house, **three hundred and eighteen**, and pursued as far as Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus;

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1d) 14:17 And the **king of Sodom went out to meet him**, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, at the vale of Shaveh—the same is the King's Vale;

1e) 14:18 And **Melchizedek** king of Salem **brought forth bread and wine**; and he was priest of God the Most High;

1f) 14:19a And he blessed him, and said: **Blessed be Abram of God Most High**;

central axis) 14:19b **Maker of heaven and earth**;

2f) 14:20a And **blessed be God the Most High**, who has delivered your enemies into your hand;

2e) 14:20b And *he gave him a tenth of all*;

2d) 14:21 And the *king of Sodom said to Abram*: Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself;

2c) 14:22-23 And Abram said to the king of Sodom: I have lifted up my hand to YHVH, God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth, 23 that *I will not take a thread nor a shoelace nor anything that is yours*, lest you should say: 'I have made Abram rich;'

2b) 14:24a Save only that which the [318] *young men* have eaten;

2a) 14:24b And the portion of the men which went with me, *Aner, Eshcol*, and *Mamre*, let them take their portion; {s}

2C) 15:1-21 PROMISE REAFFIRMED by covenant; {s}

1a) 15:1-7 YHVH brought Abram out of Ur **to give him this land**;

1a) 15:1-5 O Lord YHVH, **what will You give me?**

1A.1) 15:1 After these things the word of YHVH came to Abram in a vision, saying: Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be **EXCEEDING GREAT**;

1A.2) 15:2A And Abram said: O Lord YHVH, **WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME**;

1B) 15:2B Seeing I go **CHILDLESS**;

1C) 15:2C And he that shall be possessor of my house is **ELIEZER OF DAMASCUS?**

CENTRAL AXIS) 15:3 **AND ABRAM SAID: BEHOLD, TO ME YOU HAVE GIVEN NO SEED, AND, LO, ONE BORN IN MY HOUSE IS TO BE MY HEIR**;

2C) 15:4A And, behold, the word of YHVH came to him, saying: **THIS MAN** shall not be your heir;

2B) 15:4B But **HE THAT SHALL COME FORTH OUT OF YOUR OWN LOINS** shall be your heir;

2A.1) 15:5A And He brought him forth abroad, and said: Look now toward heaven, and **COUNT THE STARS**, if you are able to count them;

2A.2) 15:5B And He said to him: **SO SHALL YOUR SEED BE**;

central axis) 15:6 And he believed in YHVH; and He counted it to him for righteousness;

2a) 15:7 And He said to him: I am YHVH that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, **to give you this land** to inherit it;

1b) 15:8 And he said: O Lord YHVH, **how shall I know** that I shall inherit it?

1c) 15:9-11 Abram prepared **the animal carcasses**;

1a) 15:9 And He said to him: **Take Me a heifer** of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon;

1b) 15:10a And he took him all these, and **divided them** in the midst;

central axis) 15:10b And laid each half over against the other;

2b) 15:10c But the birds **he divided not**;

2a) 15:11 And the birds of prey came down upon **the carcasses**, and Abram drove them away;

1d) 15:12 And it came to pass, that, **when the sun was going down**, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a dread, even a great darkness, fell upon him;

1e) 15:13a And He said to Abram: Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs;

central axis) 15:13b And shall serve them; and they shall afflict them;

2e) 15:13c-16 Four hundred years;

1a) 15:13c-14a Four hundred years; 14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, *will I judge*;

1b) 15:14b And afterward *they shall come out* with great substance;

1c) 15:15a But *you shall go to your fathers*;

central axis) 15:15b *In peace*;

2c) 15:15c *You shall be buried* in a good old age;

2b) 15:16a And in the fourth generation *they shall come back* hither;

2a) 15:16b For the *iniquity of the Amorite* is not yet full;

2d) 15:17a And it came to pass, that, **when the sun went down**, and there was thick darkness;

2c) 15:17b Behold a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between **these pieces**;

2b) 15:18a In that day **YHVH made a covenant** with Abram, saying;

2a) 15:18b-21 **To your seed have I given this land**, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates; 19 the Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite, 20 and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Rephaim, 21 and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite; {s}

2B) 16:1-16 Abram's **FAITH IN THE PROMISE TESTED** [Hagar and Ishmael]; {s}

1a) 16:1 Now **Sarai**, Abram's wife, **bore him no children**; and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar;

1b) 16:2-5 **Sarai gave her maid Hagar to Abram to be his wife/ she conceived**;

1a) 16:2a And Sarai said to Abram: Behold now, YHVH has restrained me from bearing;

1b.1) 16:2b-4a *Sarai gave her maid Hagar to Abram* to be his wife;

1A) 16:2B **GO IN**, I pray you, **TO MY HANDMAID**; it may be that I shall obtain children through her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:3 AND SARAI, ABRAM'S WIFE, TOOK HAGAR THE EGYPTIAN, HER HANDMAID, AFTER ABRAM HAD DWELT TEN YEARS IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, AND GAVE HER TO ABRAM HER HUSBAND TO BE HIS WIFE;

2A) 16:4A And **HE WENT IN TO HAGAR**, and she conceived;

1b.2) 16:4b And when she saw that she had conceived, *her mistress was despised in her eyes*;

central axis) 16:5a **And Sarai said to Abram: My wrong be upon you**;

2b.1) 16:5b *I gave my handmaid into your bosom*;

2b.2) 16:5c And when she saw that she had conceived, *I was despised in her eyes*;

2a) 16:5d YHVH judge between me and you;

1c) 16:6-9 Hagar fled from Sarai/ **the angel of YHVH** found her by a spring and **spoke to her**;

1a) 16:6a But Abram said to Sarai: Behold, *your maid is in your hand*; do to her that which is good in your eyes;

1b) 16:6b And Sarai dealt harshly with her, and *she fled from her face*; **central axis) 16:7-8a** *And the angel of YHVH found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 8 And he said: Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, from where did you come? And where do you go?*

2b) 16:8b And she said: *I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai*;

2a) 16:9 And the angel of YHVH said to her: Return to your mistress, and *submit yourself under her hands*;

1d) 16:10-11a And the angel of YHVH said to her: I will greatly multiply **your offspring**, that they **shall not be numbered for multitude**. And the angel of YHVH said to her: Behold, **you** are with child, and **shall bear a son**; **central axis) 16:11b** **And you shall call his name Ishmael, because YHVH has heard your affliction**;

2d) 16:12 And **he shall be a wild donkey of a man**: his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the face of **all his brethren**;

2c) 16:13-14 And she called the name of **YHVH who spoke to her**: You Are A God Who Sees; for she said: Have I even here seen Him who sees me? **14** Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered;

2b) 16:15 And **Hagar bore Abram a son**; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael;

2a) 16:16 And Abram was eighty-six years old, when **Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram**; {s}

2A) 17:1-27 Promise of **LAND AND DESCENDANTS**, through Isaac; {s+p}

1a) 17:1-14 The **covenant of circumcision** commanded;

1a) 17:1-7 God makes **His everlasting covenant** with Abraham and his offspring;

1A) 17:1-2A And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, YHVH appeared to Abram, and said to him: I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be wholehearted. **2** And **I WILL MAKE MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU**;

1B) 17:2B And will **MULTIPLY YOU EXCEEDINGLY**;

1C) 17:3-4 And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying: **4** As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the **FATHER OF A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 17:5A **NEITHER SHALL YOUR NAME ANY MORE BE CALLED ABRAM, BUT YOUR NAME SHALL BE ABRAHAM**;

2C) 17:5B For the **FATHER OF A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS** have I made you;

2B) 17:6 And I will make you **EXCEEDING FRUITFUL**, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you;

2A) 17:7 And **I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU** and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your offspring after you;

central axis) 17:8 And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God;

2a) 17:9-14 Abraham and his offspring shall keep **God's covenant**;

1A) 17:9-10A And God said to Abraham: And as for you, **YOU SHALL KEEP MY COVENANT**, you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations. **10** This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your offspring after you;

1B) 17:10B-11A **EVERY MALE** among you **SHALL BE CIRCUMCISED**. **11** And you shall be circumcised **IN THE FLESH OF YOUR FORESKIN**;

1C) 17:11B And it shall be a **TOKEN OF A COVENANT** between Me and you;

1D) 17:12A And he that is eight days old **SHALL BE CIRCUMCISED** among you, every male throughout your generations;

1E) 17:12B He that is **BORN IN THE HOUSE**, or **BOUGHT WITH MONEY** of any foreigner;

CENTRAL AXIS) 17:12C **THAT IS NOT OF YOUR OFFSPRING**;

2E) 12:13A He that is **BORN IN YOUR HOUSE**, and he that is **BOUGHT WITH YOUR MONEY**;

2D) 12:13B **MUST BE CIRCUMCISED**;

2C) 12:13C And My **COVENANT SHALL BE IN YOUR FLESH** for an everlasting covenant;

2B) 12:14A And **THE UNCIRCUMCISED MALE** who is **NOT CIRCUMCISED IN THE FLESH OF HIS FORESKIN**, that soul shall be cut off from his people;

2A) 12:14B **HE HAS BROKEN MY COVENANT**; {s}

1b) 17:15a And **God said to Abraham**;

1c) 17:15b-16 As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. **16** And I will bless her, and moreover **I will give you a son of her**; yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her;

central axis) 17:17-18 Then Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, and said in his heart: Shall a child be born to him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? **18** And Abraham said to God: Oh that Ishmael might live before You!

2c) 17:19-21 Sarah shall bear you a son;

1a) 17:19a And God said: No, but **Sarah your wife shall bear you a son**;

1b) 17:19b And **you shall call his name Isaac**; and **I will establish My covenant with him** for an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him;

central axis) 17:20 **And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation**;

2b) 17:21a But **My covenant I will establish with Isaac**;

2a) 17:21b Whom **Sarah shall bear to you** at this set time in the next year;

2b) 17:22 And **He left off talking with him**, and God went up from Abraham;

2a) 17:23-27 The **covenant of circumcision** performed; {p}

1a) 17:23a And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, **every male among the men of Abraham's house**, and **circumcised the flesh of their foreskin**;

1b) 17:23b **In the selfsame day**, as God had said to him;

central axis) 17:24-25 **And Abraham was ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin**;

2b) 17:26 **In the selfsame day** was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son;

2a) 17:27 And **all the men of his house**, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, **were circumcised** with him. {p}