

Kabbalah, Genesis & Exodus, Part Three.

The Calling



All the land that you see
I will give to you
and to your offspring
forever

(Genesis 13:15)

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Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heavens and earth to
record this day, on your
behalf, that I have placed
before you, life and death;
blessing and cursing.

Therefore, choose life, that
you and what you sow/
your children may
live/quicken/be restored.

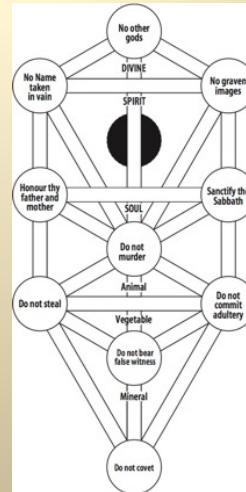


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Genesis and the Ten Commandments

- Genesis is the *formation* of humanity.
- Tribe is very important
- Patriarchs and Matriarchs demonstrate keeping and breaking commandments around Yesod.*
- Karma is clearly discernable.



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Abram: Disobedience

Genesis 12: Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, *and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house*, unto a land that I will show thee.



So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; *and Lot [nephew] went with him.*

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And guess what...? Trouble.

Spiritual work
and family
often fit badly
together.

See Luke 8:19.

⁸ Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no quarreling between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself now from me. If you go to the left, then I'll go to the right, but if you go to the right, then I'll go to the left."



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Abram has to rescue Lot.

Four warring Kings united and took the people and animals of Sodom and Gomorrah captive – guess where Lot was living...

Abram rescues them *all* and brings them back.

The King of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people [of Sodom] and keep the goods for yourself."



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The First Covenant of Bread and Wine

Gen 15:18: Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, And he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tithe of all.



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Abram, Sarai and Fear of the Other

First with Pharaoh and the LORD.

And the LORD touched Pharaoh and his house with great plagues (12:17).

Second with Abimelech and God.

And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. (20:3).



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The Lord, the Elohim and El Shaddhai.

Abram — Abraham. Sarai — Sarah.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Living Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect/upright/sincere.

And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

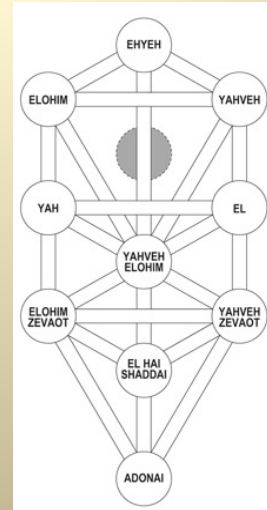
- **Circumcision.**
Literal, allegorical, metaphysical, mystical.

Deuteronomy:

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff necked.

Ezekiel:

Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary.



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Sarah and Hagar – the Origin of the Middle East Conflict?

Karmic patterns begin...

Sarai gives Hagar to Abraham.
Hagar mocks Sarai.
Sarai complains to Abram.
Sarai is mean.
Hagar flees.
The Angel of the **LORD** sends her back.

Ishmael and later Isaac are born.
Ishmael mocks Isaac.
Sarah complains to Abraham and insists Hagar and Ishmael are expelled.
The Angel of **God** saves and prospers them.

Both Ishmael and Isaac found nations.



Hagar and the Angel Allison Clarke.

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Three Angels, Three Messages.

- The 'green shoots of life' will be restored to Abraham and Sarah - Sarah shall have a son.
- Abraham will become the ancestor of a nation
- Sodom and Gomorrah will be destroyed.



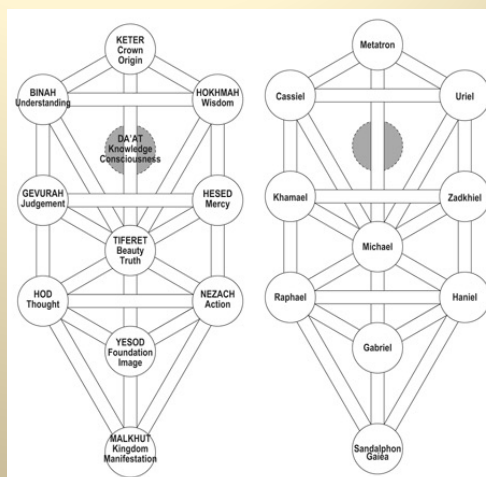
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Which Angels?

Talmud says

- Raphael - healing
- Gabriel - fertility
- Michael - Justice



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Sodom (how many times will the LORD forgive?)*

Abraham's *direct* intercession. From 50 to 10 righteous humans. Two angels go to Lot. The townsmen want them sent out so they can 'know' them Lot offers his two virgin daughters instead.

Angels blind the men "both great and small."
[physical and metaphysical] The men are still so intent on their sin that they "wore themselves out groping for the door."

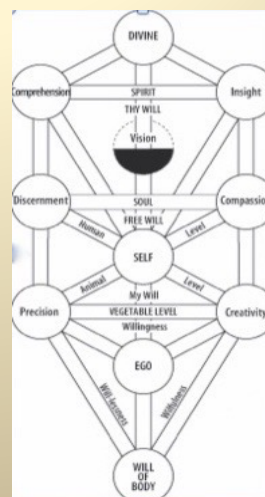
*70x7 - Matthew 18:21.

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Lot is the Negative Lower Face of the Tree.

- My Will: Seeks power - sat in the gate of Sodom.
- Willingness: Offers daughters to appease.
- Will-fullness: Won't go where the angels recommend.
- Will-lessness: Needs to be rescued twice.



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Lot's Wife and Daughters

- Wife turns into a pillar of salt.
- When Lot is rescued from Zoar and is alone with two daughters, they give him wine so they can sleep with him to continue his line.
- Incest was not viewed then as it is now. Sarah *is* Abraham's half-sister.
- The children of Lot's daughters found the Ammonites and Moabites, both of which practised child sacrifice.

All cause and effect: Salt = purification or destruction. Holding on to the past (Natrium Muriaticum – sodium chloride) and incest (Natrium Fluoratum – Sodium fluoride)

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Abraham and Isaac*

Child sacrifice was frequently practised in Biblical times. Cleitarchus, Diodorus Siculus and Plutarch all mention burning of children as an offering to Cronus or Saturn or Baal. Canaanites, Phoenicians, Carthaginians...

Also documented in the South Pacific, ancient Japan, early Southeast Asian societies, ancient Europe, Crete, certain Native American cultures, Babylon, Egypt, China, Greece, Peru...

* Ishmael.

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The End of Child Sacrifice.

Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, **thine only son**, Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.



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Why that way round?

Generally the LORD is the smiting one and God is the holding back one.

But Elohim is also the law ... And child sacrifice was the norm.

Abraham doesn't even question it – he who would have spared Sodom.

And Elohim is also Karma ... And there is the matter of Ishmael.

There is also the matter of post-First Temple editing...

Sacrifice still continued in the Hebrew world though not in the Temple itself. Finally banned after Babylonian exile: Leviticus 18:21, 20:3 and Deuteronomy 12:30-31.

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What Do We Learn From These Stories?

It is all about covetousness (the tenth commandment) just as it still is today.

"I want ... I want ... I want what *you* have because I can't see (appreciate) what I have. And if I can't have it, you shall not have it either."

Abraham is willing to sacrifice and redeem, to intercede and to allow. However, in prostituting Sarah and allowing her to expel Hagar, he also demonstrates that he values his own safety and comfort before integrity and that, too, can be covetousness.

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Next Time: The Jealous Heart.

Commandments: False Witness,
Theft and Adultery.

We see how the same stories happen again and again with tiny ripples in consciousness as humanity strives to grow and learn.

Homework: Where are you covetous? Where are you jealous? Where do you believe that what you have is not enough?



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