



Parashat Lech Lecha **13 Cheshvan 5784 – October 28, 2023**

What kind of place did HaShem show Abram that HaShem would give him and his offspring? HaShem appears to Abram after he served HaShem, suffered for HaShem, and traveled with HaShem for some 75 years. HaShem appears to Abram here because the land HaShem is showing him is where HaShem's presence will rest on Earth.

The goal and purpose of humanity is to return to the holiness of HaShem's presence. In that place, Adam and Eve wandered about, close to the Garden of Eden. In that place, tradition tells us, the flood of Noah left the soil fertile. HaShem reveals the return of The Holy Presence at this place.

The place will later have to be cleansed of violence. This place is the same place as Mount Eival and Mount Gerizim. On Mt. Gerizim, the Children of Israel heard the blessings for walking HaShem's path. On Mt. Eival they heard the curses for falling off HaShem's path.

Mt. Gerizim was lush and green in contrast to Mt. Eival which was bare from top to bottom. The blessings, symbolic of Mt. Gerizim, are the regeneration of humanity and connectivity to HaShem. The symbolism of the barrenness of Mt. Eival is a society debased and filled with violence.

HaShem is showing Abram the Land of Israel, our homeland. HaShem is telling Abram that he has come out of lands of violence (modern-day Iraq, Jordan, Egypt).

The land of Canaan (Israel) will be a success if the people will have a "faith of fire" in the soul. The children of Israel are stubborn people, but the victory of HaShem's soul was to begin with stubbornness. As one comes through what Avram understands as good and evil one should think of Avram's choice and choose wisely today!

Good Shabbos!

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