## Limood Bereisheit 17

## A Father Of Many Nations ©

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וַיְהִי אַבְרָם בֶּן־תִּשְׁעִים שְׁנָה וְתֵשַׁע שָׁנִים וַיִּרָא יְהֹוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי־אֵל שַׁדִּי הִתְהַלֵּךְ לְפָנֵי וֶהְיֵה תָמִים:

וְאֵתְנָה בַּרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵךְ וְאַרְבֵּה אוֹתְךְ בִּמְאֹד מָאֹד:

וַיּפַּל אַבְרָם עַל־פָּנָיו וַיְדַבֵּר אִתּו אֱלֹהִים לֵאמר:

אַנִי הַנֵּה בְּרִיתִי אִתָּךְ וְהָיִיתָ לְאַב הְמוֹן גּוֹיִם:

וְלֹא־יִקֶּבֵא עוֹד אֶת־שִׁמְךָ אַבְרָם וְהָיָה שִׁמְךָ אַבְרָהָם כִּי אַב־הֲמוֹן גּוֹיִם נְתַתִּיךָ:

וְהִפְּרֵתִי אֹתְךָ בִּמְאֹד מְאֹד וּנְתַתִּיךָ לְגוֹיִם וּמִלֶּכִים מִמִּךְ יֵצֵאוּ: [שביעי]

וַהֲקִמֹתִי אֶת־<mark>בְּרִיתִי</mark> בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךְ וּבֵין זַרְעֵרָ אַחֲרֵיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם <mark>לִבְרִית</mark> עוֹלֶם לִהְיוֹת

## :לָרֶ לֵאלֹהִים **וּלְזִרְעַרְ** אַחֲרֶירָ

And when Abram was ninety nine years old, [2147 FC] the Lord [Spiritually] appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am the El Shaddai / Almighty God; walk before me, and be perfect.

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

And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying,

As for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be a father to many nations.

And you shall not be called from Aleph to Tav of your name Abram, your name is now Abraham; for a father to many nations I have made you.

And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you.

And I will establish everything from Aleph to Tav of my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you, and to your seed after you.

Originally I was going to share about the Gematria Relationship of 642 between בְּרְכַתֶּךְ Covenant and בָּרְכַתֶּךְ Blessing but felt this subject would be more interesting to Noachides.

## הַמוֹן

Hah Mohn Many Multitude 101 = 50ן 6ו 40 ה

אָנְּה Tzee Vawh Command 101 = 5 ה 6 90צ

Notice the relationship between Hah Mohn, meaning multitude and Tzee Vawh, meaning Command. How does this impact the Noachide. Before reviewing this it is important to note the Covenant made here with Avraham is Brit Milah, Circumcision. Note Verse 11 and Genesis 21.4 And the Torah also makes that the seed is from Avraham.

Genesis 21.4

ַוַיִּמָל אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ בֶּן־שְׁמֹנַת יָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר <mark>צָוָּה</mark> אֹתוֹ אֵלהִים:

And Avraham circumcised everything from Aleph to Tav of Yitzchok, his son, being eight days old, as God had Commanded him.

It here in this weeks Limood that God Commanded Avraham.

Genesis 17.11 - 12

And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from

any stranger, who is not of your seed.

In a book we soon hope to publish entitled, 'Would You Like To Be Jewish' I discuss where we come from. What are our roots...

Now we can ask the question what is meant when the Creator of the Universe said to Avraham, 'you shall be a father to many nations?'

One could argue that Avraham had ten sons in addition to Yitzchok. They were born in his house. Avraham would have circumcised them. Eisov was the grandson of Avraham. Deenah was the great grand daughter of Avraham. What happened to them? They are the seed of Avraham. Are they included in the the multitude of nations spoken of in Genesis 17.4? I think they are. So in theory there are a number of descendants of Avraham that maybe included in the multitude of nations that are not necessarily Jewish. And it is possible you maybe one of them... You would not be B'nei Yisroel. You would be B'nai Avraham. You would also be B'nai Noach. And you would be required to keep some of the 613 Commands of Ha Torah. No one is required to keep all of them.

We who are in search of who we are... may we be blessed with answers.

Blessings, Love and Peace,

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