

Weekly Noachide Limood  
Genesis 15.1 - 21

You Shall Go To Your Fathers in Peace  
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Our Torah Discussion is in the loving memory of Channah bat Sarah, Michael ben Sarah, Martha bat Sarah, Idah bat Chavah, Will ben Chavah, George ben Idah, Ethel Channah bat Channah, Stephen ben Martha, Carrie bat Brachah Rivkah. May they rest in peace. May they be elevated in the Heavens. May their memory be for good.

Dear Ones,  
Genesis 15 is known as the chapter with the 'Covenant between the Pieces.' Avram is seventy years old. Sari is Sixty years old. This was in year 2,018 From Creation. It was there first venture into Eretz Canaan. They would visit then return to Charan. They would leave Charan for the last time in 2,023 From Creation. That is five years away.

In Chapter 15 we learn:

The Lord is Avram's shield - **יְיָ**

Avram and Sari were childless

Avram is told he would have children - Look to the Heavens ... so shall your seed be...

The Lord tells Avram that He delivered him from the fires of the Chaldees...

Avram is instructed to sacrifice...

Avram is informed his seed as strangers in a land that is not their's will be afflicted four hundred years...

The Lord will Judge the nation responsible...

His Descendants would come forth with great wealth.

In the fourth Generation they will return to the land...

The Lord and Avram made a covenant.

Avram was informed,

Genesis 15.16

וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל־אֲבֹתֶיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקָּבֵר בְּשֵׂיבָה  
טוֹבָה:

And you shall go to your fathers in peace;  
you shall be buried in a good old age.

Genesis 15 Teaches us about death.

The Lord God offers comfort to Avram. '[Your Soul] shall go to your fathers in peace.'

Shalom is representative of Success, of Contentment, of Comfort, of Well-Being and of Tranquility. In other Word Avram was going to the World after. He was going to Heaven... There are many wonderful words for Heaven.

Avram is informed that others he knew in this live would also be there in Heaven, i.e. 'Your Fathers.'

He was '[lovingly] gathered to his people.' Who were his people? The righteous. The Observant. He was NOT rejected... He was NOT done away with. He was lovingly gathered. He was brought into his people.

We know that Terach, Avraham's Father, a former Idol maker repented repented from Idol making because Avraham joined his father in heaven. [Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz and Rabbi Nosson Scherman, The\\_Artscroll\\_Tanach\\_Series - Bereishis Vol. I\(a\)](#), (Brooklyn, New York: Mesorah Publications, Ltd. 3rd Impression, 1989), p 531

'Your Fleshly body will be buried.'

This will happen when you are old.

You will be at a 'Good Old Age.' It is not going to be tragic.

We know that the issues between Avraham and Yishmael were resolved because his sons buried him.

Genesis 25.7-9

*And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred and seventy five years.*

*8 Then Abraham expired, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.*

Genesis 25.9

'...his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpeilah...'

Dear Ones what we observe here is that Avraham's soul went to Heaven. He joined other souls already in Heaven. Heaven is a very good place.

May our study be for good!

Blessings, Love and Peace,

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