

Parshat Lekh L'kha B

Genesis 14:21-15:14

First Aliyah

²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, and take the possessions for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I swear to the Eternal, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth: ²³ I will not take so much as a thread or a sandal strap of what is yours; you shall not say, ‘It is I who made Abram rich.’

²⁴ For me, nothing but what my servants have used up; as for the share of the men who went with me—Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre—let them take their share.”

Second Aliyah

Chapter 15:1 Some time later, the word of the Eternal came to Abram in a vision. God said, “Fear not, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Eternal God, what can You give me, seeing that I shall die childless, and the one in charge of my household is Dammesek Eliezer!” ³ Abram said further, “Since You have granted me no offspring, my steward will be my heir.”

Third Aliyah

⁴ The word of the Eternal came to him in reply, “That one shall not be your heir; none but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ God took him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And God added, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And because he put his trust in the Eternal, God reckoned it to his merit.

Fourth Aliyah

⁷ Then God said to him, “I am the Eternal who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to assign this land to you as a possession.” ⁸ And he said, “O Eternal God, how shall I know that I am to possess it?” ⁹ God answered, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young bird.” ¹⁰ He brought God all these and cut them in two, placing each half opposite the other; but he did not cut up the bird. ¹¹ Birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was about to set, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a great dark dread descended upon him. ¹³ And God said to Abram, “Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years; ¹⁴ but I will execute judgment on the nation they shall serve, and in the end they shall go free with great wealth.