

*“and He appeared”*

Then *Adonai* appeared to him at Mamre’s large trees  
while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:1



*Vayera* is the first word of our parsha this week—“and He appeared”. The LORD appeared to Abraham while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent on a hot day. Abraham was recuperating after his *brit milah*, circumcision. Having just established His covenant with Abraham, God comes to see how he is doing. Amazingly, as the Torah commentaries point out, Abraham gave precedence to waiting on his “guests” (who were actually angels, though he didn’t know it), and asked the LORD to wait! Abraham always looked to show kindness to strangers and share God’s love. His actions teach us, as the scripture says, “not to neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.” (Hebrews 13:2)

On a personal note, when reading these first verses, I felt an almost startling awareness of God, the Holy One, who “appeared” so lovingly to Abraham. When we enter into the new covenant with Him, through Yeshua, we too enter into a personal relationship with the God of Creation. The LORD appears to us in the everyday situations of our lives here on earth! God seeks those who will follow His ways. Nothing is impossible for Him! As we see with Sarah, who gave birth to Isaac at her old age!

As we walk with, and seek Him, may He appear to us all in new and wondrous ways in this week of parsha *Vayera*. As we intercede for our loved ones, may they too know that nothing is impossible with God!

(Note that the *Akedah* ~ binding of Isaac ~ is in this parsha, as well as the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham’s intercession for his nephew Lot)

*Praise*

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

He determines the number of the stars. He gives them all their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power— His understanding is infinite! ADONAI upholds the humble. He brings the wicked to the ground.

Psalms 147:4~6

Now to Him who is able to do far beyond all that we ask or imagine, by means of His power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the community of believers and in Messiah Yeshua throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20

*Confession*

Now anyone you forgive, I also forgive. For indeed, what I have forgiven (if I have forgiven anything), I did it for you in the presence of Messiah,

2Corinthians 2:10

*Thanksgiving*

Sing to ADONAI with thanksgiving. Sing praises to our God on the harp.

Psalms 147:7

## Intercession

..... can do all things through Messiah who strengthens him/her.

Philippians 4:13

May ..... know that nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:37

May ..... walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice.

Proverbs 8:20

Open .....’s eyes, that he/she may behold the wonders from Your Torah.

Psalms 119:18

Protect ..... like the pupil of the eye. Hide ..... in the shadow of Your wings.

Psalms 17:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8



## Teachers

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

## Schools

For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37\* (\*cf: Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:26)

## Congregation

You see that a man is proved righteous by works and not by faith alone. James 2:24

## Israel

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation.

Romans 10:1

Our help is in the name of the LORD, maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

No weapon formed against you shall prosper.

Isaiah 54:17

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you. For he was only one when I called him, then I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion. He will comfort all her ruins; He will make her wilderness like Eden, Her desert like the Garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her. Thanksgiving and the sound of music. Isaiah 51:2~3

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— May those who love you be at peace! Psalms 122:6

## Blessing to go

And coming to her, the angel said, “Shalom, favored one! ADONAI is with you.” Luke 1:28