

**Overview:****Topic 1 - Avram's Travels:****Hashem Commands Avram to Leave Home:**

1. First Test of Avram
2. Hashem tells Avram to leave his 1) Country, 2) Birthplace, 3) Family - in Charan
3. Hashem does not tell Avram the destination of his journey.
4. Hashem promises Avram: 1) children, 2) wealth, 3) fame
5. Hashem promises Avram that he will have the power to give blessings
6. "I will bless the many who will bless you & those few people who will curse you, I will curse"
7. Hashem promises Avram that the whole world will recognize the benefits of having a Tzaddik in the world.
8. Avram is 75 years old when he decides to leave Charan.
9. Lot wants to join Avram in order to inherit Avram's wealth.

**Avram Leaves Home & Enters Eretz Cana'an:**

1. Avram takes with him: 1) Sarai, 2) Lot, 3) All his possessions, 4) The souls they made in Charan and heads towards the land of Cana'an.
2. Avram enters into Eretz Cana'an until Shechem, which is Eilon Moreh.
3. The Cana'ani are fighting and taking away land from the descendants of Shem.
4. Hashem appears to Avram and tells him that 1) he will have children, 2) Who will receive the land of Cana'an.
5. Avram builds an alter in thanks to Hashem.
6. Avram moves to a mountain which has Beis El to the west & Aiy to the east.
7. He builds an alter there to "call out in the name of Hashem."
8. Avram keeps travelling south spreading the word of monotheism.

**Avram Descends to Egypt:**

1. Second test of Avram
2. There is a very strong hunger only in the land of Cana'an.
3. Avram goes down to temporarily live in Egypt.
4. As he comes to Egypt, Avram is concerned that he will be killed and Sarai taken forcibly by the Egyptians because of her beauty.
5. Avram tells Sarai to say she is Avram's sister so that 1) Avram will live & financially benefit, 2) Sarai will not be forcibly taken

**Hashem Punishes Pharaoh:**

1. No one is able to provide enough gifts in order to marry Sarai
2. Pharaoh's ministers forcibly bring Sarai to the palace of Pharaoh.
3. Third test of Avram.
4. Pharaoh gives Avram 7 different kinds of gifts
5. Pharaoh wants to forcibly live with Sarai - even though he knows she is married to Avram
6. Hashem plaques Pharaoh & those who live in the palace

**Pharaoh Sends Avram Away Unharmmed:**

1. Pharaoh calls in Avram & criticizes him for not telling him the truth
2. Pharaoh tells Avram to take his wife and leave the country.
3. Pharaoh does not take back the 7 gifts he gave to Avram.
4. Pharaoh commands his soldiers to escort Avram and Sarai out of the country