



Vayera – "And appeared"

Rick's Notes:

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Lech Vayera/"And appeared"

NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

NOTE: I am now using the Hebraic Roots Bible (HRB) for the scripture references throughout the study, unless otherwise noted. To obtain a free copy of the HRB: www.coYHWH.com



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Multiple Torah Portions

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- We know the Word of YHVH is Yeshua!

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John 1:1



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- When a covenant is entered, it is commemorated with a meal



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- Jewish tradition states Abraham waited "45 minutes" between the meat and milk

Rick's Notes:

The problem is, each rabbi has a different amount of time one must wait between meat and dairy: 1 hour, 3 hours, etc



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Rick's Notes:

This is the first time, after the mention of the three men, the text says YHVH.



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- I will go down [eradah]...

Rick's Notes:

The implied meaning is "I" will go down. It is the "ah" ending that implies this. "erad" is go down.



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