*Classical Hebrew Composition* **Text II** *Your Name*

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|  | 1 | The Lord appeared unto Abraham in a dream of the night and He spoke unto him, saying: ‘Thou hast been a faithful servant unto Me, for thou hast walked before Me in righteousness and truth all the days of thy life and thou hast done that which is good in My sight. |
|  | 2 | Go thou up, therefore, upon the mountain opposite which are thy tents and lift up thine eyes and see the land of Canaan, for unto thee have I given it and unto they seed for ever.’ |
|  | 3 | And Abraham said: ‘I pray Thee, O Lord, Thou knowest that I have not a son and my wife is exceedingly old and one of my household will inherit me.’ |
|  | 4 | And the Lord said unto him: ‘Wherefore speakest thou thus? Thy wife, Sarah, will bear thee a son and he will walk in thy ways and I shall bless him.’ |
|  | 5 | And it came to pass, in the morning, that Abraham told Sarah all which the Lord had spoken unto him. |
|  | 6 | And Sarah said: ‘Blessed be the Lord, Who hath not forsaken His handmaid for, behold, I am old and I said in my heart: “I shall not have a son”, but I trust in the Lord.’ |
|  | 7 | And Abraham built an altar in that place and he offered up sacrifices to the Lord and he called in the name of the Lord. |
|  | 8 | And it came to pass, after many days, that Sarah bore a son unto Abraham, her husband, according to the word of the Lord, and she called his name Isaac, for she said: ‘I laughed when they said unto me: “Thou wilt bear a son.”’ |
|  | 9 | And the lad grew up and he walked in the ways of his father and he did only that which was good in his eyes. |
|  | 10 | And Abraham rejoiced greatly, for he knew that Lord was with his lad. |
|  | 11 | And he prayed unto the Lord and he said: ‘O Lord, Thou has indeed remembered Thy servant and hast done kindness to me and hast given me a son who will inherit me. |
|  | 12 | Bless, I pray Thee, this lad, that he may be a faithful servant before Thee all the days of his life.’ |
|  | 13 | And the Lord said unto him: ‘Behold, they son shall become a great nation and I shall multiply them as the stars of the heavens and as the dust of the ground, and they shall inherit the land which I have sworn to thee to give unto they seed.’ |
|  | 14 | And Abraham bowed himself before the Lord. |