



Genesis 18 (NKJV)

1Then the LORD (יהוה) appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

3and said, “My Lord (אֱלֹהִים), if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Do as you have said.”

6So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes.”

7And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?"

So he said, "Here, in the tent."

10And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) 11Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

12Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

13And the LORD (יהוה) said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' 14Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

15But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

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16Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. 17And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing..."

Genesis 19

1Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.



14-15TH Century - Rublev's famous icon showing the three Angels being hosted by Abraham at Mambré.





The Old Testament with the Deeds, the 17th century icon. The composition includes a scene of Abraham's meeting the angels, washing their feet, Sarah cooking dough, the servant killing the calf. The angel takes [Lot](#) and [his daughters](#) out of [Sodom](#), and [Lot's wife](#) turns into a pillar of salt, then Lot is depicted with his daughters. There is none of these details in Rublev's icon.