i.iii. vii. Punishment of Terah (8)

8:1 And as I was thinking about these things, here is what happened to my father Terah in the courtyard of his house: The voice of the Mighty One came down from heaven in a stream of fire, saying and calling, “Abraham, Abraham!”
8:2 And I said, “Here am I!”
8:3 And he said,

“In the wisdom of your heart you are searching for the God of gods and the Creator. I am he!
8:4 Leave Terah your father, and leave the house, so that you too are not slain for the sins of your father’s house!”

8:5 And I went out. And it came to pass as I was going out, that I had not even gotten as far as going beyond the doors of the courtyard
8:6 when the sound of thunder came forth and burned him and his house and everything in the house, down to the ground [to a distance of] forty cubits.

ii. Revelation (9–32)

ii.i. Sacrifice (9–14)

ii.i. Command on Sacrifice (9)

9:1 Then came a voice saying to me twice, “Abraham, Abraham!”
9:2 And I said “Here am I!”
9:3 And he said,

“Behold, it is I!
Fear not, for I am the primordial and mighty God, who initially created the two luminaries of the world.
9:4 I protect you and I am your helper.

9:5 Go, take for me a heifer in her third year, and a she-goat in her third year, and ram in his third year, and a turtledove, and a pigeon, and set out for me a pure sacrifice.
9:6 And in this sacrifice I shall set before you the ages
and make you know secrets, and you will see great things which you have not seen, since you loved to search for me, and I called you ‘my friend.’
9:7 But for forty days abstain from every food which issues from fire, and from the drinking of wine, and from anointing [yourself] with oil.
9:8 And then you shall set out for me the sacrifice which I have commanded you, in the place which I shall show you on a high mountain.
9:9 And there shall I show you the ages: things built and firmed, made and renewed by my word.
9:10 And I shall make you know what will come to pass in them on those who have done evil and [those who have done] just things among the race of men.”

ii.i. ii. Angel Yahoeel (10–11)

10:1 And it came to pass, when I heard the voice announcing such words to me, and I looked hither and thither.
10:2 And behold, there was no breath of man, and my spirit was afflicted, and my soul fled from me, and I became like a stone, and fell down upon the earth, for there was no longer strength in me to stand up on the earth.
10:3 And when I was still face down on the earth, I heard the voice of the Holy One, saying, “Go, Yahoeel, the namesake of the mediation of my ineffable name, sanctify this man and strengthen him from his trembling!”
10:4 And the angel whom he sent to me in the likeness of a man came, and he took me by my right hand and stood me on my feet.
10:5 And he said to me,
“Stand up, <Abraham>, the friend of God who has loved you, let human trembling not enfold you.

10:6 For behold, I am sent to you to strengthen you and to bless you in the name of God, the creator of heavenly and earthly things, who has loved you.

10:7 Be bold and hasten to him.

10:8 I am Yahoeel named by him who shakes those which are with me on the seventh vault, on the firmament. I am a power in the midst of the Ineffable who put together his names in me.

10:9 I am appointed according to his commandment to reconcile the rivalries of the Living Creatures of the Cherubim against one another, and teach those who bear him [to sing] the Song in the middle of man’s night, at the seventh hour.

10:10 I am made in order to rule over the Leviathans, since the attack and the threat of every reptile are subjugated to me.

10:11 I am ordered to unlock Hades and to destroy those who worship the dead things.

10:12 I am ordered to burn your father’s house with him, for he honored the dead things.

10:13 I am sent to you now to bless you and the land which the Eternal One, called by you, has prepared for you.

10:14 And for your sake I have indicated the way of earth. And I am with you, since an honorable portion has been prepared for you by the Eternal One.

10:15 Stand up, Abraham, go boldly, be very joyful and rejoice! And I am with you, for your sake I have indicated the way of earth.

10:16 Go, fulfill your sacrifice of the command! For behold, I am appointed to be with you and with the progeny which is due to be born from you.

10:17 And Michael is with me in order to bless you forever. Be bold, go!”

ii.iii. Journey to Horeb (12)

11:1 And I stood and saw him who had taken my right hand and set me on my feet.

11:2 The appearance of the griffin’s body was like sapphire, and the likeness of his face like chrysolite, and the hair of his head like snow, and a turban on his head like the appearance of the bow in the clouds, and the closing of his garments like purple, and a golden staff was in his right hand.

11:4 And he said to me “Abraham!” and I said, “Here is your servant!” And he said,

“Let my appearance not frighten you, nor my speech trouble your soul!

11:5 Come with me and I shall go with you, visible until the sacrifice, but after the sacrifice invisible forever.

11:6 Be bold and go!”

12:1 And we went, the two of us alone together, forty days and nights.

12:2 And I ate no bread and drank no water, because [my] food was to see the angel who was with me, and his speech with me was my drink.

12:3 And we came to the glorious God’s mountains—Horeb.

12:4 And I said to the angel, “Singer of the Eternal One, behold, I have no sacrifice with me, nor do I know a place for an altar on the mountain, so how shall I make the sacrifice?”

12:5 And he said, “Look behind you.”

12:6 And I looked behind me, and behold, all the prescribed sacrifices were following us: the calf, the she-goat, the ram, the turtledove, and the pigeon.

12:7 And the angel said to me, “Abraham!” And I said, “Here am I!”

12:8 And he said to me, “Slaughter and cut all this, putting together the two halves, one against the other. But do not cut the birds.

12:9 And give them [halves] to the two men whom I shall show you standing beside you, since they are the altar on the mountain, to offer sacrifice to the Eternal One.

12:10 The turtledove and the pigeon you will give me, and I shall ascend in order to show to you [the inhabited world] on the wings of two birds, in heaven and on the earth: the sea, and the abysses, and the depths, and the garden of Eden, and its rivers and the fullness of the inhabited world and round about it you will see everything.”

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