God’s Agreement with Abraham

1 After these things, the Word of the Always-Present One came to Abram in a vision. God said, “Don’t be afraid, Abram. I am your Shield. Your reward will get bigger and bigger!”

2-3 Abram said, “O Lord, the One Who Is Always Present, what can You give me? I still have no children. Listen, since You have not given me a descendant, one of my slaves will become my heir. He is Eliezer, from the city of Damascus. Look, when I die, HE will be the one who inherits everything I own!”

4 But then, look, the Word of the Always-Present One came to Abram, saying, “Eliezer will NOT inherit your property. No, a real son, one who comes from your own body, will be your heir!”

5 Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky now and try to count the stars. Can you count them all? Of course not. Well, you will have just as many descendants as there are stars!” 6 Abram believed the Always-Present One, and so God declared him to be a righteous man.