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# *Genesis*

## *How God Created the Universe and Everything in It*

1:1-2:3

At first<sup>2</sup> .began: God created the heavens and the earth This is how everything<sup>1</sup> 1  
on it. It was living form, and there was nothing its present the earth did not have ,after that  
and God's Spirit was moving above the ,everywhere dark, there was deep water totally  
light started immediately Then God said, "I command light to start shining!" And<sup>3</sup> .water  
excellent. Then he divided the light from the was God observed that the light<sup>4</sup> .shining  
He named the light Daytime, and the darkness he<sup>5</sup> .so that each had its own time darkness  
the the end of and that was ,morning came later named Nighttime. Then evening came, and  
.first day

Then God said, "I command there to be a large space in the middle of the water, so<sup>6</sup>  
That is how God made a large space<sup>7</sup> ".that it divides the water into two separate places  
.above it was below the space from the water that was and used it to divide the water that  
and he named the space Sky. Then<sup>8</sup> ,as he commanded exactly Everything happened  
.the second day the end of and that was ,morning came later evening came, and

below the sky to come together in one that is Then God said, "I command the water<sup>9</sup>  
Then God named<sup>10</sup> .what happened exactly place so that there is dry ground." And that is  
the ground that had dried off Land, and he named the water which had gathered together  
.excellent what he had made was Ocean. And he observed that

,plants all over the earth green Then God said, "I command the land to produce<sup>11</sup>  
fruit trees that produce their all types of and plants that produce seeds all types of including  
The land started<sup>12</sup> .what happened exactly own type of fruit with seeds inside." And that is  
plants that produce their own type of seeds and all types of including ,plants green producing  
trees that produce their own type of fruit with seeds inside. God observed that all types of  
and that ,morning came later Then evening came, and<sup>13</sup> .excellent what he had made was  
.the third day the end of was

Then God said, “I command there to be sources of light in the sky that divide the<sup>14</sup>  
 they They must also mark when important things happen, and .timefrom the night timeday  
 They must function as lights in<sup>15</sup> .and end show when seasons, days and years begin must  
 That is how<sup>16</sup> .what happened exactly on the earth.” And that is light the sky that shine  
 and the ,timeGod made the two bright lights, the brighter light to shine during the day  
 He put<sup>17</sup> .the stars when he made also That is .timeweaker light to shine during the night  
 or during timeto shine during the day<sup>18</sup> ,those lights in the sky to shine light on the earth  
 what he had and to divide the light from the darkness. God observed that ,timethe night  
 the end of and that was ,morning came later Then evening came, and<sup>19</sup> .excellent made was  
 .the fourth day

animals that live water Then God said, “I command there to be large groups of<sup>20</sup>  
 everywhere in the water. I also command there to be birds that fly in the sky above the  
 animals types of the other That is how God made the huge sea animals and all<sup>21</sup> ”.earth  
 how also That is .having its own type of young each ,that live all over the place in the water  
 having its own type of young. God observed each ,birds the different types of all he made  
 You“ ,to them by saying all Then he blessed them<sup>22</sup> .excellent what he had made was that  
 and live all in number greatly must have many young so that you increase water animals  
 all over the in number greatly increase also birds must You .over the place in the ocean  
 the fifth the end of and that was ,morning came later Then evening came, and<sup>23</sup> ”.earth  
 .day

having its each ,animals all types of Then God said, “I command the land to produce<sup>24</sup>  
 the all animals that crawl and all types of ,domestic animals including ,own type of young  
 what exactly having its own type of young.” And that is each ,wild animals other types of  
 having its each ,wild animals all the different types of That is how God made<sup>25</sup> .happened  
 having its own type of young, and all each ,the domestic animals all own type of young, and  
 having its own type of young. God each ,animals that crawl on the ground different types of  
 .excellent what he had made was observed that

we should make human beings to be like us and act Now“ ,to himself Then God said<sup>26</sup>  
 like us, and let us put them in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, the  
 ”.domestic animals, and the entire earth, including all the animals that live on the earth  
 .he made them to be like himself ,Yes .So God created human beings to be like himself<sup>27</sup>  
 .male or female to be created them also He

and Then God blessed them by saying to them, “Have many children so that you<sup>28</sup>  
 .and live all over the earth and take control of it in number greatly increase your descendants  
 You are in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that live

the all for food giving to you now Listen, I am“ ,to them said also Then he<sup>29</sup> ”.on the land plants that produce seeds and grow anywhere on the earth, as well as all different types of them are yours to eat All of .fruit with seeds inside it produce trees that different types of the animals wild green plant for food to all the type of every I give ,In the same way<sup>30</sup> .from that live animals other in the sky, and all the that fly on the earth, and all the birds that live .And that is how it was ”.air on the land and breathe

all Then God looked at everything that he had made, and he observed that it was<sup>31</sup> the the end of and that was ,morning came later very excellent. Then evening came, and .sixth day

the heavens and the earth, including all the creating That is how God finished<sup>1</sup> 2 By the seventh day he had finished the work he had been<sup>2</sup> .many things that are in them Then God established the seventh day<sup>3</sup> .doing, so he rested on that day from all that work He did .to rest and worship him by setting it apart as a special time ,people to bless as a day because on that day he no longer did the work that he had been doing, creating that .everything

## *How Yahweh Created the First Man and First Woman*

2:4-25

did when he created the God the history of what more details about What follows tells<sup>4</sup> God made the earth and the who is Yahweh when heavens and the earth: During the time in the fields on the earth, and growing there were not yet any bushes for a while<sup>5</sup> ,heavens yet because God had not That was .plants that had sprouted yet other there were not any .to cultivate the ground yet sent rain to water the earth, and human beings did not exist mist kept seeping up from the earth and supplied water to the entire During that time<sup>6</sup> and dirt from the ground some took God who is Then Yahweh<sup>7</sup> .surface of the ground Then he blew his breath into the man’s nostrils to make him live, so .out of it formed a man .that the man became alive

in the which was ,Eden the region of garden in large Now Yahweh God had planted a<sup>8</sup> Yahweh had caused There<sup>9</sup> .east, and that is where he put the man whom he had formed that grow fruit trees to grow from the ground that are beautiful to look at and types of all

good to eat. In the middle of the garden was the tree whose fruit makes people live **that is** .evil **what is** good and **what is** as well as the tree whose fruit enables people to know ,**forever**

Eden that provided water for the **the region of** There was a river flowing through<sup>10</sup>  
the **was river** The first<sup>11</sup> .rivers **smaller** garden. From there the river divided into four  
where **a place** ,which flowed around through the entire region of Havilah ,**River** Pishon  
fragrant **type of** pure. A **very was** In fact, the gold from that region<sup>12</sup> .gold **much there was**  
the **was** The second river<sup>13</sup> .in that region **also were** onyx gemstones **valuable** resin and  
The third river<sup>14</sup> .which flowed around through the entire region of Cush ,**River** Gihon  
the **was** Assyria, and the fourth river **the region of** which flowed east of ,**River** the Tigris **was**  
.**River** Euphrates

,After Yahweh God put the man in Eden Garden to cultivate it and take care of it<sup>15</sup>  
from any tree in the **to eat** as you want **fruit** he commanded him, “You may eat as much<sup>16</sup>  
from the tree whose fruit enables people to **any fruit** except I forbid you to eat<sup>17</sup> ,garden  
day you will **same** from that tree, on that **fruit** evil. If you eat **what is** good and **what is** know  
”.definitely die

I **So** .the man to live by himself **for** not good **It is**“ ,God said **who is** Then Yahweh<sup>18</sup>  
**dirt** Yahweh had used ,**previously** Now<sup>19</sup> ”.will create a suitable companion to help him  
**the different types of** wild animals and all **the different types of** from the ground to form all  
to the man to hear what he would name **them all** in the sky. So he brought **that fly** birds  
the name for that **became** animal, that **kind of** them. Whatever name the man gave to each  
the **all** livestock and to **different kinds of** The man gave names to all the<sup>20</sup> .kind of animal  
wild animals, but **different kinds of** in the sky, and to all the **that fly** birds **different kinds of**  
.none of them was a suitable companion to help him

,So Yahweh God caused the man to sleep deeply. Then while the man was asleep<sup>21</sup>  
**and** and filled in the place where it had been with flesh **out of the man’s body** God took a rib  
Next Yahweh God made a woman from the rib which he had taken out of the<sup>22</sup> .**healed it**  
,he exclaimed ,**When the man saw her**<sup>23</sup> .and he took her to the man ,**s body**’man

**like me** Finally! Here is someone“

!who has bones and flesh from me

,I will call her ‘woman

”.took her **God that** a man **the body of** from it was because

his father and **the home of** he must leave ,**when a man gets married** ,Because of that<sup>24</sup>  
.mother, and he must unite with his wife, so that they become completely united



they were not yet the man and his wife did not wear any clothes, but During that time<sup>25</sup>  
.about it ashamed

## *Adam and Eve Sin against Yahweh, and He Judges Them*

3:1-24

.Now the snake was the craftiest of all the animals that Yahweh God had created<sup>1</sup> 3  
from any of fruit he asked the woman, “Did God really command you to not eat One day  
we may eat fruit God said that ,No“ ,The woman answered him<sup>2</sup> ”?the trees in the garden  
except fruit from the tree that is in the center of the<sup>3</sup> ,in the garden s the tree any of from  
to not eat that fruit or even touch it, because if we do, we will us garden. He commanded  
,Actually<sup>5</sup> .You will not die .That is not true“ ,But the snake said to the woman<sup>4</sup> ”!die  
from that tree, you will understand new things, so fruit God knows that as soon as you eat  
The woman saw<sup>6</sup> ”.wrong just like God does what is right and what is that you will know  
beautiful. She also very was itself good to eat and that the tree looked s fruit’t that the tree  
off the fruit so that it would make her wise. So she picked some of the fruit to eat wanted  
,with her there who was ,to her husband some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave the tree  
Suddenly they both understood new things, and they realized that their<sup>7</sup> .too it and he ate  
leaves together and made clothes for tree fig some bare. So they sewed were bodies  
.to cover their nakedness themselves

during the cool time of the day, the man and his wife heard ,Late that afternoon<sup>8</sup>  
s Yahweh God’s voice as he walked in the garden, but they hid from him behind some tree  
The<sup>10</sup> ”?where are you ,Adam“ ,to the man out So Yahweh God called<sup>9</sup> .in the garden  
in the garden, but I was afraid because I was walking man replied, “I heard the sound of you  
Then Yahweh God asked, “Who told you that you were<sup>11</sup> ”.from you naked, so I hid  
from the tree that I commanded you not to eat fruit eat disobey me and naked? Did you  
is the one with me, she to be The man replied, “The woman whom you put here<sup>12</sup> ”?from  
Then Yahweh God asked the woman, “What<sup>13</sup> ”.it gave me some of that fruit, so I ate who  
So<sup>14</sup> ”.some of the fruit did you do?” The woman replied, “The snake tricked me, so I ate  
,Yahweh God said to the snake, “Because you did that

than all the livestock severely I am cursing you more

!and all the animals in the fields  
,on your belly **along the ground** you must crawl ,**As a result**  
**with your food** and you will eat dust  
.for as long as you live

Besides that, I will cause you and your descendants to be enemies<sup>15</sup>  
.with the woman and her descendants  
,her descendant will crush your head ,**In fact**  
”.and you will bite his heel

,God said to the woman **Then**<sup>16</sup>

,I will greatly increase how much you suffer when you bear children“  
.when you give birth **much pain** you will suffer ,**yes**  
,your husband **to be with** desire **still** But you will  
”.and he will dominate you

from the tree **fruit** Then God said to Adam, “You did what your wife said and ate<sup>17</sup>  
.from **any fruit** that I commanded you not to eat

.Because of what you did, I have cursed the ground  
,for as long as you live ,**As a result**  
.to eat **to grow enough food** hard and suffer **very** you will have to work  
will grow from the ground **and other weeds** In fact, thorn plants and thistle plants<sup>18</sup>  
.crops in your fields for food **enough** for you to grow **and make it difficult**

sweat a lot **work hard and** You will have to<sup>19</sup>

,food to eat **enough produce** in order to  
,again become dirt **die and** until you  
.which I created you from  
,you out of dirt **I created** ,Yes  
”.after you die so dirt is what you will become again

because she would be the ”,**which means** “**living** ,Then Adam named his wife Eve<sup>20</sup>  
clothes out of **some** Then Yahweh God made<sup>21</sup> .mother of everyone who would ever live  
.skins for Adam and his wife, and he put the clothes on them **animal**

have become like **and his wife** Look! The man“ ,**to himself** Then Yahweh God said<sup>22</sup>  
evil. So now we must do something **what is** good and **what is** one of us, so that they know  
life, which **eternal** from the tree that gives people **fruit** so that they do not also pick and eat

from **and his wife** Then Yahweh God expelled the man<sup>23</sup> ”!will make them live forever  
After he expelled<sup>24</sup> .Eden Garden to work the ground which he had made them from  
and a **angels cherubim powerful some** of the garden **side** them, he stationed to the east  
burning sword that was swinging around in all directions to keep everyone away from the  
.forever path to the tree whose fruit makes people live

## *Cain Kills Abel — the First Murder*

4:1-16

relations with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant **marital** Then Adam had<sup>1</sup> 4  
They named him that ”.which means “obtained ,Cain a son they named and gave birth to  
Then Eve also gave birth to<sup>2</sup> ”!because she said, “Yahweh has enabled me to obtain a son  
Abel became a shepherd, and ,**When they grew up** .Abel **whom they named** Cain’s brother  
**that** As time went by, one day Cain gave some of the crops<sup>3</sup> .farmer **crop** Cain became a  
to a gift Abel also gave<sup>4</sup> .to **honor him** in his fields to Yahweh as a gift **he had grown**  
including some ,**some of the firstborn animals from his flock but what he gave was** ,Yahweh  
However, he was not<sup>5</sup> .of their best parts. Yahweh was pleased with Abel and his gift  
Then<sup>6</sup> .pleased with Cain or his gift. So Cain became extremely angry, and he frowned  
**what** If you do<sup>7</sup> ?Yahweh asked him, “Why are you so angry? And why are you frowning  
**is like** right, then sin **what is** But if you do not do .**and your offering you** right, I will accept it  
you, but **to control** It wants .to **attack you** is waiting outside your door **a fierce animal that**  
”.so that you do not sin you must control it

to work Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field ,**after that** But<sup>8</sup>  
to the field, and while they were there, Cain attacked his brother **they went out** So ”.together  
.and murdered him

your brother Abel?” Cain responded, “I don’t **is** Later Yahweh asked Cain, “Where<sup>9</sup>  
,to him Then Yahweh said<sup>10</sup> ”?Is it my job to take care of my brother .**where he is** know  
You have done a terrible thing! I see your brother’s blood on the ground, and I must“  
so that you will not be able So from now on I am cursing you<sup>11</sup> !for **killing him** punish you  
from the ground, which is where your brother’s blood spilled out when you **to grow food**  
farm the ground, it will no longer produce good **try to** Whenever you<sup>12</sup> .murdered him  
you will be an outcast who wanders around on the earth ,**From now on** .crops for you  
”.without a permanent home

.than I can endure **severely** Cain replied to Yahweh, “You are punishing me more<sup>13</sup>  
the ground, and I will be far away from **farming** Look, you have now banished me from<sup>14</sup>  
”!you. I will be a homeless fugitive on the earth, so that whoever sees me will kill me  
I will take vengeance on I will warn everyone that ,Yahweh replied to him, “So then<sup>15</sup>  
Then ”!than I am punishing you severely seven times more and punish him whoever kills you  
Then Cain left<sup>16</sup> .he put a mark on Cain to warn everyone who met him not to kill him  
which was ”,which means “wandering ,Yahweh’s presence and lived in the region of Nod  
.Eden the region of east of

## *Cain’s Descendants*

4:17-24

relations with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave **marital** Then Cain had<sup>17</sup>  
Cain was building a city, so he named the city **At that time** .Enoch a son they named birth to  
a son Irad. Then Irad had a son named he had ,grew up When Enoch<sup>18</sup> .after his son Enoch  
a son Methushael. Then Methushael had a son named Mehujael. Then Mehujael had named  
.Lamech named

he married two wives. His first wife’s name was Adah, and ,grew up When Lamech<sup>19</sup>  
grew up and Jabal. He a son named Adah gave birth to<sup>20</sup> .his other wife’s name was Zillah  
His<sup>21</sup> .for a living tents and raise livestock in those who live all became the first of  
.who play harps and flutes those brother’s name was Jubal. He became the first of all

was the first Tubal Cain. He a son named Zillah also gave birth to Lamech’s other wife<sup>22</sup>  
out of bronze and iron. Tubal Cain and other things of tools kinds make all of all those who  
.Naamah whose name was had a sister

,wives two Lamech bragged to his ,One day<sup>23</sup>

.Adah and Zillah, listen to what I have to say“

:My wives, listen to this

!I killed a young man for wounding me

.because he bruised me just that man I killed ,In fact

,God will avenge Cain seven times<sup>24</sup>

”!times 77 avenge myself Lamech ,I but

# *People Start to Worship God Using His Name*

## *Yahweh*

4:25-26

,relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son **marital** Then Adam had<sup>25</sup>  
when he was because She named him that ”.which means “given ,and she named him Seth  
”.God has given me another child to replace Abel, whom Cain killed“ ,she had said ,born  
.Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh<sup>26</sup>

.by using His name Yahweh **God** During that time people began to worship

## *The Descendants from Adam to Noah*

5:1-32

**Chronicles 1:1-4 1**

record of Adam and his descendants: On the day when God **family** the **is** Here<sup>1</sup> **5**  
male **to be** created them **also** He<sup>2</sup> .created human beings, he made them to be like himself  
day that he created them, he blessed them and named them **same** and female, and on the  
”.human beings“  
who was like him in many ways, and he **a son** When Adam was 130 years old, he had<sup>3</sup>  
sons **other** had **also** years. He 800 **another** After Seth’s birth, Adam lived<sup>4</sup> .named him Seth  
.he died **then** So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and<sup>5</sup> .as well as daughters  
After Enosh’s birth, Seth<sup>7</sup> .Enosh **a son named** When Seth was 105 years old, he had<sup>6</sup>  
So Seth lived a total<sup>8</sup> .sons as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 807 **another** lived  
.he died **then** of 912 years, and  
After Kenan’s<sup>10</sup> .Kenan **a son named** When Enosh was ninety years old, he had<sup>9</sup>  
So<sup>11</sup> .sons as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 815 **another** birth, Enosh lived  
.he died **then** Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and

After<sup>13</sup> .Mahalalel a son named When Kenan was seventy years old, he had<sup>12</sup>  
sons as well as other had also years. He 840 another Mahalalel's birth, Kenan lived  
.he died then So Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and<sup>14</sup> .daughters

After Jared's<sup>16</sup> .Jared a son named When Mahalalel was sixty-five years old, he had<sup>15</sup>  
So<sup>17</sup> .sons as well as daughters other had also years. He 830 another birth, Mahalalel lived  
.he died then Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and

,After Enoch's birth<sup>19</sup> .Enoch a son named When Jared was 162 years old, he had<sup>18</sup>  
So Jared<sup>20</sup> .sons as well as daughters other had also years. He 800 another Jared lived  
.he died then lived a total of 962 years, and

After<sup>22</sup> .Methuselah a son named When Enoch was sixty-five years old, he had<sup>21</sup>  
years. He 300 another with God for in a close relationship Methuselah's birth, Enoch lived  
Then<sup>24</sup> .So Enoch lived a total of 365 years<sup>23</sup> .sons as well as daughters other had also  
,on earth he was no longer suddenly ,with God in a close relationship living still while he was  
.to be with him because God had taken him away

After<sup>26</sup> .Lamech a son named When Methuselah was 187 years old, he had<sup>25</sup>  
sons as well as other had also years. He 782 another Lamech's birth, Methuselah lived  
.he died then So Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and<sup>27</sup> .daughters

which and he named him Noah<sup>29</sup> ,When Lamech was 182 years old, he had a son<sup>28</sup>  
will give us rest from the difficult work that we son he said, "This because ",means "rest  
After Noah's birth, Lamech lived<sup>30</sup> ".have to do because Yahweh has cursed the ground  
So Lamech lived a total<sup>31</sup> .sons as well as daughters other had also years. He 595 another  
.then he died and ,of 777 years

Shem, Ham, and sons whose names were After Noah was 500 years old, he had<sup>32</sup>  
.Japheth

## *God Destroys the World with a Flood*

6:1-9:29

# *People on the Earth Become More and More Evil*

6:1-8

all over the earth, and **in number** Now it happened that people began to multiply<sup>1</sup> **6**  
were the sons of God saw that they ,**When those girls grew up**<sup>2</sup> .they were having daughters  
Then Yahweh<sup>3</sup> .that they wanted and married them **of them** beautiful, so they chose any  
very **are** My Spirit will not put up with human beings forever, because they“ ,**to himself** said  
”.**to repent** corrupt. I will give them 120 years

**That** .the Nephilim lived on the earth during that time and also later on **People called**<sup>4</sup>  
when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of human beings, and **happened**  
**the Nephilim, who were** those women gave birth to children for them. Their children were  
.the famous mighty men who lived long ago

Yahweh saw that the people on the earth had become very evil, and that everything<sup>5</sup>  
As a result, he regretted<sup>6</sup> .completely evil all the time **was** they thought about and desired  
I“ ,**to himself** So he said<sup>7</sup> .on the earth, and he felt very sad **to live** that he had made them  
**I will destroy ,In fact** .the people whom I created **all** will completely destroy from the earth  
**on the** the animals, including the creatures that crawl **all** the people, but also **all not only**  
But<sup>8</sup> ”.made them **ever** in the sky, because I regret that I **that fly** and the birds **ground**  
.Yahweh was pleased with Noah

## *Noah Prepares for the Flood*

6:9-22

a man who did **was** the history about Noah and his descendants: Noah **more of** Here is<sup>9</sup>  
**whom God** what was right. Out of all the people living at that time, he was the only one  
Eventually Noah<sup>10</sup> .he lived in a close relationship with God **and** ,blameless **considered**  
.Shem, Ham, and Japheth **whose names were** ,three sons **his** had

the earth had become wicked according to God’s standards, and **the people on** Now<sup>11</sup>  
the **everyone on** God saw how wicked<sup>12</sup> .all over the earth they were doing violent things

behaving in evil continually earth had become, because all the people on the earth were So he said to Noah, “I am going to destroy all people, because all over the earth<sup>13</sup> .ways the everything else on they are doing violent things. In fact, I am going to destroy them and out of and your family large boat for yourself very build a you must Therefore<sup>14</sup> .too earth Build rooms inside the boat, and seal it inside and outside .for building boats the best wood ,meters long 140 must be You must make the boat like this: It<sup>15</sup> .to keep water out with tar Make a half-meter high opening<sup>16</sup> .twenty-three meters wide, and fourteen meters high .to let light and air in ,all the way around between the top of the walls of the ark and its roof to carefully Listen<sup>17</sup> .on the inside Put a door in the side of the boat, and build three levels earth, which will destroy all the creatures whole me: I am going to bring a flood over the But I<sup>18</sup> !on land will die is thing that living every ,As a result .air under the sky that breathe agreement between me and you, so you must get on board the boat, and special will make a You must also take into the<sup>19</sup> .your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you take animal, so that they stay kind of living creature, including every kind of boat two of every Pairs of every kind of<sup>20</sup> .female one male and one alive with you. Each pair must include ,bird and every kind of animal, including every kind of creature that moves on the ground gather all the also You must<sup>21</sup> .in the boat will come to you so that you keep them alive with you, so that on the boat different kinds of food that people and animals eat and store it that is ,So<sup>22</sup> ”.the animals all and for and your family food for you enough there will be .to do Noah did; he did everything exactly as God had commanded him what

## *Yahweh Sends the Flood*

7:1-23

Yahweh commanded Noah, “You ,after they had finished building the boat Then<sup>1</sup> 7 the only one are you that and your entire family must go into the boat, because I know Take with<sup>2</sup> .living rightly according to my standards who is among the people living today male and female one pure animal, and kind of you seven male and female pairs of every every kind seven male and female pairs of take Also<sup>3</sup> .impure animal every kind of pair of You<sup>4</sup> .their offspring will live all over the earth later in the sky, so that that flies bird of over the all continuously because seven days from today I will make it rain ,must do that forty days and nights. In that way, I will completely destroy from the earth every for earth as Yahweh had exactly Then Noah did everything<sup>5</sup> ”.living creature that I have made .to do commanded him



he and his **That is when**<sup>7</sup> .Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth<sup>6</sup>  
wife, and his sons and their wives went together into the boat so that they would not die in  
**every kind** impure animal and **every kind of** pure animal and **every kind of** ,Also<sup>8</sup> .the flood  
**and went** came in pairs to Noah<sup>9</sup> ,that lives on land **kind of creature** every **including** ,bird of  
which was exactly what God had ,**pairs** male and female **They were** .into the boat  
.to take along commanded him

,had passed **that God had spoken about** when the seven days **that** So it happened<sup>10</sup>  
When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day<sup>11</sup> .water started to flood the earth  
day all the springs in the deep ocean started **very** on that ,**of the year** of the second month  
the water in the sky to start pouring down, as if he had **God also caused** .pouring out water  
**for** over the earth **all continuously** so that it rained<sup>12</sup> ,**in the sky** floodgates **huge** opened  
.forty days and nights

,Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham ,**that the flood started** on the same day **So it was that**<sup>13</sup>  
They had<sup>14</sup> .entered the boat **all** and Japheth, along with his wife and his sons' three wives  
**other** with them every kind of living creature, including every kind of livestock and every  
.that flies **else** everything **and** kind of creature that lives on the land, and every kind of bird  
.into the boat **and went** came to Noah **air** living thing that breathes **kind of** Pairs of every<sup>15</sup>  
living **kind of** from every **pairs** male and female **were the boat** The animals that went into<sup>16</sup>  
**after they** Then .to take along thing, which was exactly what God had commanded Noah  
.behind them **of the boat** Yahweh closed the door ,**were all inside**

over the **all** the flood kept getting deeper and deeper **and forty nights** forty days **For**<sup>17</sup>  
above the **on the water** earth, and as the water rose, it lifted up the boat so that it floated  
,over the earth **all** So the floodwaters continued to rise and get much deeper<sup>18</sup> .ground  
Eventually the water became so deep on the<sup>19</sup> .on the water **safely** while the boat floated  
**In**<sup>20</sup> .all the highest mountains everywhere under the sky were under water **even** earth that  
mountains, so that **highest the the tops of** seven meters above **at least** the water rose ,**fact**  
**That** .Then all the creatures that lived on land died<sup>21</sup> .under water **completely** they were  
**kind of** living creatures, including every **other** the birds, the livestock, and the **all** included  
Every living<sup>22</sup> .creature that lived in large groups on the earth, as well as all the people  
That is how Yahweh completely<sup>23</sup> .on dry land died **lived** creature that breathed air and  
people and livestock **all** on the earth, including **were** destroyed all the living creatures that  
,in the sky. Yes **that flew** and also the birds **on the land** creatures that lived **all the other** and  
on the earth, so that the only ones who were **that lived** he completely destroyed everything  
.still alive were Noah and his family and the animals that were with them in the boat

# God Causes the Flood to Go Away

7:24-8:19

.days 150 for world entire water continued to cover the Deep<sup>24</sup>

and all the animals, both wild and and his family But God never forgot Noah<sup>1</sup> 8  
the water that was with them in the boat. So he caused a wind to blow over were tame, that  
the springs in the He also caused<sup>2</sup> .go down started to the earth, so that the water covering  
,the water to stop pouring from the sky he caused and ,gushing out water to stop ocean deep  
.the land the surface of Then the water steadily went down from<sup>3</sup> .so that it stopped raining  
that on the seventeenth much so<sup>4</sup> the water had gone down ,had passed After the 150 days  
the mountains in the one of the boat came to rest on ,of the year day of the seventh month  
of the day The floodwaters continued to go down until on the first<sup>5</sup> .mountain range Ararat  
above the mountains became visible surrounding the peaks of the ,of the year tenth month  
.water

Noah opened a window in the boat that he had ,had passed days more After forty<sup>6</sup>  
and he released a raven, which kept flying back and forth until the water had dried<sup>7</sup> ,made  
released a dove from the boat to find out if also Meanwhile Noah<sup>8</sup> .from the land more up  
covering the entire earth, so still But water was<sup>9</sup> .the water had gone down from the land  
the dove did not find anywhere to land and rest. Then it returned to Noah in the boat, and  
Noah waited seven more<sup>10</sup> .into the boat back Noah reached out, caught it, and brought it  
That evening the dove returned to<sup>11</sup> .days, then he released the dove from the boat again  
leaf in its beak! That is how Noah tree a fresh green olive it had him, and he saw that  
Then he waited seven more<sup>12</sup> .from the land further realized that the water had gone down  
.it did not come back to him again this time but ,again days and he released the dove

of the of the first month day years old, on the first 601 Noah was So it was, when<sup>13</sup>  
the roof of the part of dried up from the land. So Noah took off almost the water had ,year  
.dry almost the land's surface was much of and he saw that ,around boat and looked  
.the land had dried off ,of the year Then by the twenty-seventh day of the second month<sup>14</sup>

,Come out of the boat, together with your wife<sup>16</sup> ,Then God commanded Noah<sup>15</sup>  
,with you, all of them are Bring out all the animals that<sup>17</sup> .your sons, and your sons' wives  
animal that moves on land. Then they other including the birds, tame animals, and every  
over all in number they will have many young and increase ,yes ;can live all over the earth

along with his wife and his sons and their ,of the boat So Noah came out<sup>18</sup> ”.the earth  
and all the animals that crawl and all the birds including ,All the animals<sup>19</sup> .wives  
.came out of the boat in groups of their own kind also ,that lives on land else everything

## *Yahweh Makes a Covenant with Mankind and All Other Living Things*

8:20-9:17

to Yahweh. Next he to offer sacrifices out of large stones Then Noah made an altar<sup>20</sup>  
killed animal and bird that is acceptable to sacrifice, and he kind of of every some chose  
.to worship him to Yahweh on the altar as an offering their bodies burned them and  
,and was pleased, and he thought to himself of the offerings Yahweh smelled the aroma<sup>21</sup>  
though everything even ,s sins”Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind“  
evil from the time they are children. And never again will I is they desire and think about  
.did just the way I creatures destroy all living

,exists still As long as the earth<sup>22</sup>  
,crops there will always be a season to plant seeds and a season to harvest each year  
,as well as cold weather and hot weather  
,summer and winter  
”.and day and night

Then God caused Noah and his sons to prosper by saying to them, “Have many<sup>1</sup> 9  
.will become numerous and live all over the earth and your descendants children so that you  
Every living creature on the earth will be afraid and terrified of you, including every bird<sup>2</sup>  
with every creature that moves on land, and all the fish in the along ,in the sky that flies  
every creature that is alive From now on<sup>3</sup> .under your authority all ocean. I have put them  
,for food green plants I provided you as food. In the same way that to eat and moves is yours  
However, you must never eat meat that still has its<sup>4</sup> .for food I provide you everything now  
Also, I definitely require that anyone who murders<sup>5</sup> .which made it live ,in it blood  
That .I require that it must die ,kills a human being if any animal ,In fact .someone must die  
.another person, I require that he must die murders for human beings: If anyone is also true

you must put to death ,That’s right<sup>6</sup>

,anyone who murders a human being  
because God made human beings  
.to be like himself

will become **and your descendants** you, have many children so that you **as for** Now<sup>7</sup>  
”.numerous. Spread out all over the earth and become numerous everywhere

to me: I am making my **carefully** Listen<sup>9</sup> ,Then God said to Noah and his sons<sup>8</sup>  
**are** also with all the living creatures that **It is**<sup>10</sup> .agreement with you and your descendants  
living creatures on the earth **other** with you, including the birds, the livestock, and all the  
that came out of the ark and all the living creatures **those** all **That includes** .with you **that are**  
My agreement that I’m establishing with you is that never<sup>11</sup> .on the earth **that will ever live**  
a flood to **I use** again will all living things die from a flood. “That’s right, never again will  
”.the earth **everything on** destroy

that I have made this **everyone** how I will show **is** Then God continued, “This<sup>12</sup>  
with you, as well as with all **are** agreement with you and with all the living creatures that  
**in the** I will put my rainbow among the clouds<sup>13</sup> :the people and animals that will ever live  
the **every creature that lives on** that I have made this agreement with **everyone** to remind **sky**  
above the earth and a rainbow **in the sky** So whenever I cause clouds to form<sup>14</sup> .earth  
my agreement that I have established **to keep** then I will not forget<sup>15</sup> ,appears in the clouds  
that I will never again use a flood **I promise** .with you and all living creatures of every kind  
Yes, whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see<sup>16</sup> .to destroy all living creatures  
permanent agreement which I have established with all people and all **my** it and keep  
”.on the earth **live** animals that

what I will use to remind **is** by saying to Noah, “A rainbow **concluded** Then God<sup>17</sup>  
on the **live** that I have made this agreement with all the people and animals that **everyone**  
”.earth

## *Noah and His Three Sons After the Flood*

9:18-29

;were Shem, Ham, and Japheth **after the flood** Noah’s sons who came out of the boat<sup>18</sup>  
It was the descendants of Noah’s three sons who<sup>19</sup> .Canaan’s father **was** it was Ham who  
.again populated the entire earth

and made wine grape vines some After a while, Noah, who was a farmer, planted<sup>20</sup>  
the wine, so that he became drunk too much of he drank one day Then<sup>21</sup> .from the grapes  
Canaan's father, saw that his father who was ,Ham<sup>22</sup> .naked inside his tent lying and was  
However, Shem and<sup>23</sup> .about it was naked, and he went outside and told his two brothers  
into at shoulder level and walked backward between them Japheth took a robe, and held it  
they kept their faces ,As they did that .with it and covered their father's naked body the tent  
.so that they would not see him naked from him turned away

Ham Later Noah woke up from being drunk, and he found out that his youngest son<sup>24</sup>  
,about him So he exclaimed<sup>25</sup> .had dishonored him

!Canaan Ham's son curse ask God to I"  
".Canaan will be the lowest servant for his relatives

,Then Noah said<sup>26</sup>

!of Shem who takes care the God who is ,Praise Yahweh"

.May God cause Canaan to be Shem's servant

land ask God to give Japheth much also I<sup>27</sup>

.with Shem in peace and enable him to live together

".cause Canaan to be Japheth's servant also May God

so that he lived<sup>29</sup> ,years 350 another Noah lived ,began the flood the time that From<sup>28</sup>  
.a total of 950 years before he died

## *The Descendants of Noah's Sons*

10:1-32

Chronicles 1:4-23 1

Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and the names of This is the record of<sup>1</sup> 10

.was over the descendants they had after the flood

## *Japheth's Descendants*

.Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras were Japheth's sons<sup>2</sup>

.Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah were Gomer's sons<sup>3</sup>

the Kittites and the and he was the ancestor of ,Elishah and Tarshish were Javan's sons<sup>4</sup>

.Dodanites

near the in regions came the people groups who lived descendants From Japheth's<sup>5</sup>  
territories, and own in their and settled Sea. They moved to different places Mediterranean  
grew and families, which own spoke its own language. They each had their group each  
.became their own people groups

## *Ham's Descendants*

.Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan were Ham's sons<sup>6</sup>

Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtecah. And Raamah's sons were Cush's sons<sup>7</sup>  
on person Nimrod, who was the first a son named had also Cush<sup>8</sup> .Sheba and Dedan were  
a great hunter whom Yahweh blessed. That is also He was<sup>9</sup> .ruler earth to be a powerful  
like Nimrod, a great hunter whom That man is“ ,about other great men why people say  
,Babel, Erech, Akkad the cities of over Nimrod started ruling as king<sup>10</sup> ”.Yahweh blessed  
the From there he went to<sup>11</sup> .in the region of Shinar located all which were ,and Calneh  
,and Resen<sup>12</sup> ,Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah the cities of Assyria, where he built region of  
.Nineveh and the great city of Calah the cities of between which is located

,Mizraim was the ancestor of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites<sup>13</sup>  
.Pathrusites, Casluhites, and Caphtorites. The Philistines descended from the Casluhites<sup>14</sup>

,the Hittites the ancestor of also He was .son his firstborn who was Canaan had Sidon<sup>15</sup>  
,Arvadites, Zemarites<sup>18</sup> ,Hivites, Arkites, Sinites<sup>17</sup> ,Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites<sup>16</sup>  
so that the<sup>19</sup> ,from Canaan spread out that descended and Hamathites. Later, those families  
south all the way ,in the north Sidon the city of territory where they lived reached from  
,Sodom, Gomorrah the cities of as east as far then ,Gaza the city of Gerar to the city of toward  
.Lasha the city of Admah, and Zeboiim, all the way to

Ham's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family were people Those<sup>20</sup>  
became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own grew and  
.territory

## *Shem's Descendants*

the ancestor of all the descendants of Eber, and his **was** sons. He **some** Shem also had<sup>21</sup>  
.Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram **were** Shem's sons<sup>22</sup> .older brother was Japheth

.Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash **were** Aram's sons<sup>23</sup>

Then<sup>25</sup> .Eber **a son named** Shelah, then Shelah had **a son named** Arpachshad had<sup>24</sup>  
because ",which means "division ,Peleg **was one** Eber had two sons. The name of the first  
**and spread out into separate groups** the earth divided **the people on** during his lifetime  
**sons named** Joktan had<sup>26</sup> .Joktan **was** brother's name **younger** Peleg's .everywhere  
,Obal, Abimael<sup>28</sup> ,Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah<sup>27</sup> ,Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah  
The region where<sup>30</sup> .all Joktan's sons **were** Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. Those<sup>29</sup> ,Sheba  
**the all the way to in the west** Mesha **the city of** lived reached from **and their descendants** they  
.the hill country in the east **which is in** ,Sephar **city of**

Shem's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family **are people** Those<sup>31</sup>  
became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own **grew and**  
.territory

those family groups descended from Noah's sons. Each family group had its own **All**<sup>32</sup>  
the people groups **all** descendants and became its own people group. In fact, after the flood  
.on the earth descended from them and spread out everywhere

## *The Tower of Babel*

11:1-9

the earth spoke the same language, so that **the people on all ,at first** Now<sup>1</sup> **11**  
**regions** As time passed, they moved from the eastern<sup>2</sup> .everyone understood each other  
Then<sup>3</sup> .came to a wide, flat valley in the region of Shinar and stayed there **eventually** and  
and put **from clay** make bricks **work together** and they urged each other, "Come on, let us  
instead of stone, and they **to build with** them in fire to make them hard." They used bricks  
Come on, we",**each other** Then they urged<sup>4</sup> .instead of mortar **between the bricks** used tar  
tall building that **very** that has a **to live in** build a city for us **work together** and should

we will become famous, and we will not separate from **That way** .reaches high into the sky  
”.all over the earth **and live** each other

tall **very** and looked at the city and the **from heaven** Yahweh came down **one day** But<sup>5</sup>  
 ,**group** Then he said, “Look, they are one people<sup>6</sup> .building that the people were building  
the beginning of what they can do **only is** and they all speak the same language. This  
we must go down **So**<sup>7</sup> .Soon they will be able to do anything they plan to do .**together**  
and mix up their language so that they are not able to understand what they say to **now** there  
In that way, Yahweh caused the people to leave from there and live in<sup>8</sup> ”.each other  
**and the tall** different places all over the world, so that they had to stop building the city  
because that ”,**which means “mixed up** ,That is why the name of the city is Babel<sup>9</sup> .**building**  
**in that way** is where Yahweh mixed up the language that everyone on the earth shared, and  
.he made them spread out from there all over the earth

## *The History about Abraham 11:10-25:18*

### *Shem's Descendants down to Abram*

11:10-26

**Chronicles 1:24-27 1**

:This is the record of Shem's descendants<sup>10</sup>

**a son named** when Shem was 100 years old, he had ,**began** Two years after the flood  
had **also** years. He 500 **another** After Arpachshad was born, Shem lived<sup>11</sup> .Arpachshad  
.sons, as well as daughters **other**

After<sup>13</sup> .Shelah **a son named** When Arpachshad was thirty-five years old, he had<sup>12</sup>  
sons, as well as **other** had **also** years. He 403 **another** Shelah was born, Arpachshad lived  
.daughters

After Eber was<sup>15</sup> .Eber **a son named** When Shelah was thirty years old, he had<sup>14</sup>  
.sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 403 **another** born, Shelah lived

After Peleg was<sup>17</sup> .Peleg **a son named** When Eber was thirty-four years old, he had<sup>16</sup>  
.sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 430 **another** born, Eber lived



,After Reu was born<sup>19</sup> .Reu **a son named** When Peleg was thirty years old, he had<sup>18</sup>  
 .sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 209 **another** Peleg lived

After Serug was<sup>21</sup> .Serug **a son named** When Reu was thirty-two years old, he had<sup>20</sup>  
 .sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 207 **another** born, Reu lived

After Nahor was<sup>23</sup> .Nahor **a son named** When Serug was thirty years old, he had<sup>22</sup>  
 .sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 200 **another** born, Serug lived

After Terah<sup>25</sup> .Terah **a son named** When Nahor was twenty-nine years old, he had<sup>24</sup>  
 .sons, as well as daughters **other** had **also** years. He 119 **another** was born, Nahor lived

Abram, Nahor, and **sons whose names were** After Terah was seventy years old, he had<sup>26</sup>  
 .Haran

## *Terah's Children, including Abram*

11:27-32

,Here is the history about Terah and his descendants: Terah's sons were Abram<sup>27</sup>  
 ,While his father was still alive<sup>28</sup> .Lot **whose name was** Nahor, and Haran. Haran had a son  
 Ur where the Chaldean people **the city of** Haran died in the land where he was born, in  
 Meanwhile Abram and Nahor each married a wife. Abram's wife was named<sup>29</sup> .lived  
 Iscah were the daughters of **her sister** Sarai, and Nahor's wife was Milcah. Milcah and  
 she did not have **so** ,But Sarai was not able to become pregnant<sup>30</sup> .Haran **Nahor's brother**  
 .any children

Haran's **who was** ,Terah gathered his son Abram and his grandson Lot ,**one day** Then<sup>31</sup>  
**the city of** left from **all** son, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, who was Abram's wife, and they  
 Ur where the Chaldean people lived to travel to the region of Canaan. But when they  
 ,**many years later** Then<sup>32</sup> .**instead** Haran, they decided to live there **the city of** arrived at  
 .Haran **the city of** in **there** when Terah was 205 years old, he died

## *God Tells Abram to Move to Canaan*

12:1-9

Yahweh commanded Abram, “You must move away from your **One day**<sup>1</sup> **12**  
to the land that I will **and move** ,homeland and your relatives, including your father’s family  
,guide you to  
,become an important people group **and your descendants** I will make you<sup>2</sup>  
,to prosper **all** and I will cause you  
,I will make you well-known  
**.many people** will bless **and your descendants** and you  
,I will bless everyone who blesses you<sup>3</sup>  
,but I will curse anyone who curses you  
**and your descendants** I will use you  
”.to bless all the people on the earth

**his** and ,to **do** exactly as Yahweh had commanded him **the city of Haran** So Abram left<sup>4</sup>  
.Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left from there **nephew**  
, his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot and everything that they owned **with him** He took<sup>5</sup>  
**all** Haran, and they **the city of** they had acquired in **and everything else** including servants  
they traveled through<sup>6</sup> ,started traveling to the region of Canaan. When they arrived there  
that region as far as the city of Shechem, to Moreh’s oak tree. At that time the Canaanites  
I will give this“ ,to **him** but Yahweh came to Abram and said<sup>7</sup> ,in that land **still living** were  
**and** in that place **out of large stones** land to your descendants.” So Abram built an altar  
**.there** to worship Yahweh, because Yahweh had appeared to him **burned sacrifices on it**

to the hill country that **south** moved **and his family** Shechem, Abram **the city of** From<sup>8</sup>  
**the** Bethel. They set up their tents between Bethel to the west and **the town of** was east of  
to worship **and burned sacrifices on it** Ai to the east. There Abram built another altar **town of**  
**and** Then Abram<sup>9</sup> .name as he worshiped him **his** Yahweh, and he addressed Yahweh by  
**.Desert** until they reached the Negev **southward** moved from place to place **his family**

## *Egypt the Country of Abram and Sarai Go to to Escape a Famine*

12:10-20

Now there was a serious food shortage in that region, that was so severe that Abram<sup>10</sup> Just<sup>11</sup> .Egypt to live for a while the country of went down to left there and and his family a are you :to me before they arrived in Egypt, Abram said to his wife Sarai, “Please listen they will say that you ,with me When the people in Egypt see you<sup>12</sup> .very beautiful woman please So<sup>13</sup> .so that they can take you are my wife. Then they will kill me and let you live my sister so that they will treat me well because of you and let me are you that tell people ”.live

the country of arrived in and his family what happened: When Abram exactly That is<sup>14</sup> When some officers<sup>15</sup> .very beautiful truly Egypt, the people there noticed that Sarai was noticed her, they highly recommended her to him. So he the king of Egypt under Pharaoh The king thought that Abram was<sup>16</sup> .to be one of his wives had them bring her to his palace Sarai’s brother, so he treated him well. He gave him many sheep and cattle, as well as men .and women servants, male and female donkeys, and camels

Pharaoh had taken Abram’s wife Sarai, Yahweh afflicted the king and King But since<sup>17</sup> to and said before him So the king summoned Abram<sup>18</sup> .severe illnesses with his family !your wife is You have treated me very badly! You should have told me that Sarai“ ,him your sister, so that I ended up taking her to be my is You should not have said that she<sup>19</sup> Pharaoh King Then<sup>20</sup> ”!my country and leave her wife! So now, here is your wife. Take the his soldiers to make sure that Abram left, so they forced him to leave some of ordered .along with his wife and everything that he owned ,country

## *Abram and Lot Go Separate Ways*

13:1-13

He .Desert to the Negev back and traveled Egypt the country of So Abram left<sup>1</sup> 13 By that<sup>2</sup> .Lot his nephew with him his wife and everything that they owned, and also took silver and much livestock and many very rich, so that he owned had become Abram time northward traveled from place to place and his family he Desert From the Negev<sup>3</sup> .gold ,Bethel, to the place where he had lived in tents before the town of to until they came place where he had previously same the That was<sup>4</sup> .Bethel and Ai the towns of between .worshiped Yahweh by name sacrificed animals on the altar and he again built an altar. There

also owned many sheep and his family Abram, and he his uncle Lot was traveling with<sup>5</sup>  
In fact, there was not enough land to have enough food<sup>6</sup> .tents many and cattle, as well as  
if they lived in the same area. They each and their animals and water for both families  
live near each all owned so many servants and animals that it was not possible for them to  
As a result, the men who took care of Abram's livestock and the men who took<sup>7</sup> .other  
care of Lot's livestock started to argue with each other. Besides that, the Canaanites and the  
.living in that land at that time also Perizzites were

close relatives, we need to are Abram said to Lot, "Please, since we one day Finally<sup>8</sup>  
Look, the entire land is<sup>9</sup> .do something so that you and I and our herdsmen will not argue  
let's live in choose where you want to live, and Please .to choose from available to you  
.the right the land to then I will take ,of here the left the land to you choose separate places. If  
".the left the land to then I will take ,of here the right the land to you choose Or if

Valley, all the way River around and he noticed that the entire Jordan all Lot looked<sup>10</sup>  
like the garden that Yahweh It was lush and green .Zoar, had plenty of water the town of to  
before Yahweh destroyed That is what it was like .had planted or like the country of Egypt  
So Lot chose the entire<sup>11</sup> .which were also in that valley Sodom and Gomorrah the cities of  
That .to live there moved to the east left Abram and Valley for himself. Then he River Jordan  
in where he was Abram stayed<sup>12</sup> .is how Abram and Lot ended up living in different places  
among the cities in the in another part of the region the region of Canaan, while Lot lived  
.and stayed there Sodom the city of moved his tents to eventually valley and Jordan River  
always extremely wicked and were were Sodom the city of in who lived But the people<sup>13</sup>  
.sinning against Yahweh

## *the Land of God Promises to Give Abram Canaan and Many Descendants*

13:14-18

around you from the all After Lot had left Abram, Yahweh said to Abram, "Look<sup>14</sup>  
All the land that you see I will<sup>15</sup> .Look north, south, east, and west .live place where you  
In fact, I will give you so many<sup>16</sup> .forever to own give to you and your descendants  
dust on the earth. No one will be specks of the numerous as descendants that they will be as  
specks able to count how many descendants you have, just as no one can count how many  
Go throughout .in all directions start walking through the land ,So now<sup>17</sup> .dust there are of

obeyed Then Abram<sup>18</sup> ".to you all because I am giving it ,and look it over the entire land  
a man owned by on the land moved his tents and settled near the oak trees Yahweh and  
and burned out of stones Hebron. There he built an altar the city of Mamre, near named  
.worship Yahweh thank and to sacrifices on it

## *Abram Rescues Lot from Four Kings*

14:1-16

Shinar, Arioch was the land of During that time Amraphel was the king over<sup>1</sup> 14  
Elam, and the land of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer was the king over the city of the king over  
went to war joined forces and kings four Those<sup>2</sup> .people Tidal was the king over the Goyim  
who Sodom, Birsha the city of the king over who was Bera five other kings, including against  
,Admah the city of the king over who was Gomorrah, Shinab the city of the king over was  
,Bela the town of Zeboyim, and the king over the city of the king over who was Shemeber  
and fought as allies all united their armies five kings Those<sup>3</sup> .Zoar is also called which  
.is now in the Siddim Valley, where the Salt Sea against the four kings

Chedorlaomer, but in the King twelve years the five kings had paid tribute to For<sup>4</sup>  
King Then during the fourteenth year<sup>5</sup> .against him thirteenth year they started to rebel  
to war went united their armies and his allies were kings who three Chedorlaomer and the  
,Ashteroth-Karnaim the city of they defeated the Rephaites in First .against all their enemies  
and the<sup>6</sup> ,Shaveh-Kiriathaim the city of Ham, the Emites in the city of then the Zuzites in  
is located El Paran, which the city of to all the way in the Seir Mountains who lived Horites  
the city turned around and went to and their armies kings four Next those<sup>7</sup> .near the desert  
Kadesh. They conquered the entire territory where the is also called En Mishpat, which of  
.Hazezon Tamar the city of Amalekites lived, as well as the Amorites, who lived in

Gomorrah, the king the city of Sodom, the king over the city of Then the king over<sup>8</sup>  
the town of Zeboyim, and the king over the city of Admah, the king over the city of over  
into the Siddim Valley and got with their armies Zoar, marched out is also called Bela, which  
who Elam, Tidal the land of the king over who was against Chedorlaomer<sup>9</sup> ready to fight  
Shinar, and the land of the king over who was the king over the Goyim, Amraphel was  
the four kings attacked the five Then .Ellasar the kingdom of the king over who was Arioch  
.and started defeating them kings

the cities of Now there were many tar pits in the Siddim Valley. As the kings over<sup>10</sup> of their some ,from the battle were running away and their soldiers Sodom and Gomorrah .to hide Those who escaped ran away to the mountains .in the tar pits died there soldiers Sodom and the cities of belongings in people's Then the four kings seized all the<sup>11</sup> They also carried off Abram's<sup>12</sup> .Gomorrah, including all their food, and carried it away .Sodom the city of nephew Lot and his belongings, since he was living in and went to Abram the Hebrew from the battle escaped from Sodom But someone<sup>13</sup> living near the oak still Abram was At that time .what had happened to him and reported .the brother of Eshcol and Aner who was ,trees that were owned by Mamre the Amorite When Abram heard that<sup>14</sup> .to be his allies men had made a pact with Abram three Those he called together 318 of his servants who had ,Lot had captured his nephew the four kings they together with his allies been born in his household and were skilled warriors. Then There during<sup>15</sup> .Dan the town of all the way to the four kings and their armies chased after and their kings four attacked the surprise ,into groups the night Abram and his men divided is Hobah, which the town of and defeated them. Then they chased them as far as ,soldiers people's As a result, Abram recovered all the<sup>16</sup> .Damascus the city of north of located He also rescued his nephew Lot and his .that the four kings had taken belongings .whom the kings had captured the other people all belongings, as well as the women and

## *Melchizedek Blesses Abram*

14:17-24

kings who were three other Chedorlaomer and the King After Abram defeated<sup>17</sup> ,When he reached the Shaveh Valley .home Chedorlaomer's allies, he started to return Sodom came there and the city of the King's Valley, the king over is also called which ,also came there Salem the city of the king over who was Melchizedek<sup>18</sup> .welcomed him Melchizedek King .for Abram and his men to eat and drink brought food and wine and he So he blessed<sup>19</sup> .than all other gods a priest who served the God who is greater was also ,to him Abram by saying

.May the greatest God, who owns heaven and earth, bless you“

,Praise the greatest God<sup>20</sup>

”!because he enabled you to defeat your enemies

that he had recovered in the Melchizedek ten percent of everything King Then Abram gave return to me the Please“ ,Sodom said to Abram the city of After that, the king over<sup>21</sup> .battle But<sup>22</sup> ”.that you recovered belongings their but keep for yourself ,whom you rescued people and the greatest God who is ,to Yahweh and swear Abram replied to him, “I raise my hand or your anything that is yours accept I will not that<sup>23</sup> ,the One who owns heaven and earth string or the strap from a sandal. That way you can never say piece of not even a ,people’s what my warriors ate and keep only will I So<sup>24</sup> .made me rich were the one who that you let Please .that Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre deserve for being my allies of the plunder the part ”.of the plunder them have their part

## *God Makes a Covenant with Abram*

15:1-21

,After that, Yahweh said to Abram in a vision<sup>1</sup> 15

.Abram, do not be afraid“

,I will protect you

Yahweh my“ ,to him But Abram said<sup>2</sup> ”.I will give you a very great reward and since I still have no ,that will not benefit me ,Master, even if you reward me greatly Eliezer my servant is the one who will inherit all that I have ,when I die children. So

Then Abram continued, “That’s<sup>3</sup> ”.Damascus the city of from a foreigner who is my one of ,when I die right, you have not given me any children, so that now But immediately Yahweh said<sup>4</sup> ”!household servants will inherit everything I own will not inherit your property, rather it will be Eliezer your servant ,No“ ,to Abram

Then Yahweh took Abram<sup>5</sup> ”.son who will inherit it biological your very own sky and count how many stars night at the up Look“ ,to him and said his tent outside While Abram was looking at the ”.all you are able to count them in fact there are, if ”.Yahweh said to him, “That is how many descendants you will have ,stars

.Abram trusted Yahweh, and because of that, Yahweh considered him to be righteous<sup>6</sup> Ur that the city of from here Then Yahweh said to him, “I am Yahweh who brought you<sup>7</sup> Yahweh my“ ,him But Abram asked<sup>8</sup> ”.the Chaldeans rule, to give this land to you to own Yahweh replied, “Bring me a<sup>9</sup> ”?Master, how can I be sure that this land will be mine heifer, a female goat and a male sheep, each of which is three years old, as well as a dove and to Yahweh animals Abram brought all those the next day So<sup>10</sup> ”.and a young pigeon

Then he cut the animals' bodies in half lengthwise and placed each half a short .killed them except for the birds, which he did not cut in ,in two rows space across from the other half but ,to eat them bodies animal on the and landed vultures flew down some Then<sup>11</sup> .half .Abram chased them away

Later as the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly, it<sup>12</sup> Then Yahweh said to him, "I want<sup>13</sup> .became completely dark, and he became terrified .you to know that your descendants will live as foreigners in a country that is not their own and those people will treat them cruelly ,as slaves of that country They will serve the people

But I will punish those people whom they serve. After that, your<sup>14</sup> .for 400 years ,As for you<sup>15</sup> .and take many possessions with them that country descendants will leave who after you have lived a good long life, you will die peacefully and join your ancestors to Then four generations later, your descendants will return here<sup>16</sup> .have died before you before I because that is when the Amorites will have sinned as much as I will allow ,live .take away their land and give it to your descendants

that appeared pot clay dark. Then suddenly a very When the sun had set, it became<sup>17</sup> of burning coals and had smoke coming from it, and also a blazing torch, and they was full agreement special At that time Yahweh made a<sup>18</sup> .halves animal went between the both from Egypt's which extends ,with Abram and said, "I am giving your descendants this land the land which That includes<sup>19</sup> .in the north to the great Euphrates River in the south river the Hittites, the Perizzites, the<sup>20</sup> ,the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites belongs to ".the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites<sup>21</sup> ,Rephaim

## *a Son Hagar Have Sarai's Servant Abram and Ishmael Named*

16:1-16

for him, but to any children not given birth still Now Abram's wife Sarai had<sup>1</sup> 16 ,So she told Abram<sup>2</sup> .she owned an Egyptian servant woman whose name was Hagar so ,children any Yahweh has not allowed me to have ,As you know :to this Please listen" maybe I can have a so that Hagar relations with my servant woman marital please have So Abram's wife<sup>3</sup> .Abram agreed to do what Sarai requested ".children family through her



This wife second Sarai gave her Egyptian servant Hagar to her husband Abram to be his  
.had lived in the region of Canaan for ten years and Sarai after Abram happened

relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when marital Then Abram had<sup>4</sup>  
So Sarai<sup>5</sup> .Sarai she realized that she was pregnant, she started to disrespect her mistress  
to sleep complained to Abram, “It is your fault that I am suffering! I gave my servant to you  
but now that she realizes that she is pregnant, she disrespects me! I ask Yahweh to ,with  
,Abram replied to her, “Listen<sup>6</sup> ”!for this judge whether it is you or I who is responsible  
you think is best.” Then Sarai every you are in charge of your servant. Do with her what  
.from her from home to get away treated Hagar so harshly that she ran away

Then one of Yahweh’s angels came to Hagar by a spring of water in the desert. It was<sup>7</sup>  
Hagar, who serves“ ,her And the angel asked<sup>8</sup> .Shur the city of the spring by the road to  
I am“ ,him Sarai, where are you coming from, and where are you headed?” She answered  
to home But Yahweh’s angel told her, “Go back<sup>9</sup> ”.running away from my mistress Sarai  
”.as her servant obey her humbly your mistress and

will give you so many descendants that no one will Yahweh Then the angel added, “I<sup>10</sup>  
”.be able to count them all, because there will be so many of them

,told her also Then the angel<sup>11</sup>

.you are pregnant ,as you know ,Listen“

,You will have a son

”,which means “God listens ,and you are to name him Ishmael  
.and has helped you because Yahweh listened to you when you were suffering

.a wild donkey like proud and free he will be ,When Ishmael grows up<sup>12</sup>

,He will fight against everyone

.and everyone will fight against him

be hostile even In fact, he will

”.toward all his relatives

which means “the God who ,After Yahweh spoke to Hagar, she called him El Roi<sup>13</sup>  
I just now saw the back of“ ,to herself because she had exclaimed ,She named him that ”.sees  
which means ,That is why the name of that well is Beer Lahai Roi<sup>14</sup> ”!sees me God who  
.Kadesh and Bered the cities of there between still It is ”.Well of the Living One, who sees me“

gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named his returned home and Then Hagar<sup>15</sup>

.years old when Hagar had Ishmael for him 86 was Abram<sup>16</sup> .son Ishmael

# *More Details about God's Agreement with Abram, including Circumcision*

17:1-27

later, when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh came to him and **Years**<sup>1</sup> **17**  
all-powerful. Live in a way that pleases me so that you will be **who is God** **am** told him, “I  
your **the number of** I will establish my agreement with you, and I will increase<sup>2</sup> .blameless  
”.descendants so that they are very numerous

**to show before God** bowed with his face to the ground **heard that, he Abram When**<sup>3</sup>  
Listen, this is what I will do to fulfill my<sup>4</sup> ,and God continued speaking to him ,**respect**  
So your name<sup>5</sup> .agreement with you: I will make you the ancestor of many people groups  
it will be Abraham, because you will be the **from now on** ,will no longer be Abram. Rather  
Yes, I will give you many, many descendants, so that<sup>6</sup> .ancestor of many people groups  
people groups. In fact, some of your descendants will **the ancestor of many** you will become  
after **who live** your descendants **all** I will establish my agreement with you and<sup>7</sup> .be kings  
generations to come. It will be an agreement that never ends, that I will be your **all** you for  
I will also give to you and your descendants<sup>8</sup> .your descendants **all of the God** God and  
the entire region of Canaan. They ,**yes** ,this land where you have been living as a foreigner  
”.will own it forever, and I will be their God

.you must obey me ,**in this agreement** Then God continued, “Now as for your part<sup>9</sup>  
This is<sup>10</sup> .generations to come **all** your descendants for **all** you as well as **That applies to**  
:must obey **all** my agreement with you and your descendants, which you **what I require in**  
Yes, you must circumcise the<sup>11</sup> .among you **who live** You must circumcise all males  
this **I made that you all** will remind **custom** you, and that **all the males among** foreskins of  
baby boy who **every** generations you must circumcise **future** For all<sup>12</sup> .agreement with you  
males from **That includes** .males among your people **other all as well as** ,is eight days old  
**are servants whom you** not your descendants but **are** your own family as well as those who  
**regardless of** ,them **all of** you must definitely circumcise ,**Yes**<sup>13</sup> .bought from foreigners  
they are sons from your own family or servants whom you have bought. That is **whether**  
how you must mark my agreement on your bodies to show that it is an agreement that  
**send him** In fact, if any man refuses to let you circumcise him, you must<sup>14</sup> .never ends

what I he has disobeyed because ,not allow him to associate with my people away and  
".my agreement require in

.anymore your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai As for“ ,told Abraham also God<sup>15</sup>  
I will bless her, and I will definitely enable<sup>16</sup> .her name will be Sarah from now on ,Rather  
have many descendants that her to bear a son for you. In fact, I will bless her so that she will  
who rule be kings even people groups, and some of her descendants will many become will  
".over people groups

to before God bowed with his face to the ground heard that, he Abraham When<sup>17</sup>  
and thought to himself, “How can a hundred-year-old silently but he laughed ,respect him  
”?have a baby still father a child? And how can Sarah who is ninety years old like me man  
"!as my heir So Abraham said to God, “Please let Ishmael be the one whom you bless<sup>18</sup>  
will give birth to a son for you. You who your wife Sarah it is God replied, “Yes, but<sup>19</sup>  
I will establish my agreement with, as a permanent is the one must name him Isaac. He  
.after him who live his descendants all with that I will also keep agreement

this is what I will do: I will So .I also heard what you asked me to do for Ishmael“<sup>20</sup>  
his the number of bless him, and I will give him many children and greatly increase also  
leaders, and I powerful sons who become he will be the father of twelve ,In fact .descendants  
But I will establish my agreement<sup>21</sup> .a large people group the ancestor of will make him  
After he had<sup>22</sup> ”.Isaac. Sarah will give birth to him at this time next year your son with  
.to heaven finished talking to Abraham, God left him and ascended

males who were born in other Then Abraham gathered his son Ishmael and all the<sup>23</sup>  
every male in his ,yes ,whom he had bought his male servants his household and all  
household. Then on that same day he circumcised them, exactly as God had commanded  
and his son Ishmael<sup>25</sup> ,years old when he was circumcised 99 was Abraham<sup>24</sup> .to do him  
both on that same day ,So it was<sup>26</sup> .circumcised him Abraham was thirteen years old when  
males in Abraham’s other And all the<sup>27</sup> .Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised  
whom he born in his household as well as those who had been those including ,household  
.from foreigners, were also circumcised as servants bought had

## *Yahweh Promises to Abraham and Sarah That They Will Have a Son*

to Abraham at the oak trees on Mamre's again Yahweh appeared **one day** Then<sup>1</sup> 18

.the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day **at land**, while he was sitting Abraham looked up and saw that there were three men standing a short distance away. As<sup>2</sup> to greet them. Then he bowed **to them** hurried **jumped up and** he **,them** soon as he saw Sirs, if you“ **,to them** and he said<sup>3</sup> **,to show respect to the ground with his face before them** as please do not leave here without letting me serve you **,to be your host** consider me worthy your **the dust off** can wash **all** some water, so that you **you** Please let me bring<sup>4</sup> **.my guests also** Since you are here with me, let me<sup>5</sup> **.this tree the shade of feet**, and then rest under That way you can regain your strength before you continue **.to eat for you** bring some food ”.Okay, do what you have proposed“ **,to him** on your way.” They replied

three **get** So Abraham quickly went to Sarah inside their tent and told her, “Quickly<sup>6</sup> **of cattle** to his herd **outside** Then he ran<sup>7</sup> ”.bread **some** batches of our best flour and bake and chose one of his best calves that would be good to eat. Then he took it to one of his **some** Then Abraham brought<sup>8</sup> **.servants**, and the servant quickly butchered it and cooked it **three** before his **all** yogurt and milk and the meat that his servant had prepared, and he put it **and served** under the tree **where they were sitting** Then he stood nearby them **.to eat** guests **.while they ate them**

your wife Sarah?” Abraham **is** the men asked Abraham, “Where **one of** Then<sup>9</sup> I will definitely“ **,to Abraham** Then the man said<sup>10</sup> ”.there in the tent **She is**“ ,answered to visit you at this time next year. When I do, your wife Sarah will have a **here** come back son.” Now Sarah was listening inside the entrance of the tent, which was behind the **baby** past the age that she **far** very old, so that Sarah was **already** She and Abraham were<sup>11</sup> **.man** It doesn't“ **,to herself** and said **in disbelief** So she laughed to herself<sup>12</sup> **.could have children to** now that I am too old **of having a child** seem possible that I could experience the pleasure **,But** Yahweh asked Abraham<sup>13</sup> ”!old **very also** Besides that, my husband is **.conceive** !that she is too old to have a child **to herself** Sarah should not have laughed and said“ At the time that I have set, I will return to you **!to do** Nothing is too difficult for Yahweh<sup>14</sup> **When**<sup>15</sup> ”.have a son **already** at this time next year, and Sarah will **Yes, I will come .here** and said, “I did not laugh.” But Yahweh **to him** she was afraid, so she lied **,Sarah heard that** ”.replied, “That is not true. You did laugh

## *Abraham Tries to Save the People of Sodom from Being Destroyed by Yahweh*

and started walking to leave men got up three the ,When they had finished eating<sup>16</sup>  
 to see them on their for a while Sodom. Abraham escorted them the city of down toward  
 Should I keep secret from Abraham what I am“ ,to himself Then Yahweh thought<sup>17</sup> .way  
 will definitely become and his descendants After all, he<sup>18</sup> ?to the city of Sodom about to do  
 a great and powerful people group, and through them I will bless all the people groups in

In fact, I have chosen him so that he will train his children and his<sup>19</sup> .the world  
 descendants, so that they will live the way I want them to live and do what is right and treat  
 ”.that I will do people justly. Therefore I will do for him everything I have promised him

Sodom and the cities of the people of I have heard that“ ,to Abraham So Yahweh said<sup>20</sup>  
 to I must go down<sup>21</sup> .Gomorra have become very evil, and they are sinning very terribly  
 they are guilty of everything that I have heard or not now to determine whether those cities  
 ”.and I will not punish them it I will know then ,guilty not they are against them. If

Sodom, while the city of men left and continued walking toward other two Then the<sup>22</sup>  
 and to Yahweh Then Abraham stepped closer<sup>23</sup> .with Yahweh there Abraham remained  
 will ,people with wicked along people Certainly you will not destroy righteous“ ,him asked  
 Will ?of Sodom in the city living people if there are fifty righteous will you do What<sup>24</sup> ?you  
 the city rather than let them all live because of the all the people in destroy still you really  
 Certainly you would never do such a thing as kill<sup>25</sup> ?who live there people fifty righteous  
 !so that you are treating them both the same way ,people with evil together people righteous  
 ,Certainly you would never do such a thing! As the Judge over everyone on the earth  
 If there are fifty“ ,to him Yahweh replied<sup>26</sup> ”.certainly you will treat people justly  
 and everyone in the city of Sodom, then I will spare the whole city living people righteous  
 ”.because of them who lives there

My Lord, please excuse me for“ ,Yahweh and asked again Then Abraham spoke up<sup>27</sup>  
 compared to dirt and ashes as insignificant as speaking to you so boldly, even though I am  
 instead in the city people if there are only forty-five righteous will you do what But<sup>28</sup> .you  
 if there are five people too few and everyone in it of fifty? Will you destroy the whole city  
 Yahweh answered, “I will not destroy the city if there are forty-five ”?who are righteous  
 ”.there living righteous people

only if there are will you do Then Abraham spoke again to Yahweh and asked, “What<sup>29</sup>  
 Yahweh answered, “I will not ”?Will you destroy it then ?in the city righteous people forty  
 ”.righteous people in order to save the forty ,the city destroy

but let ,with me My Lord, please do not be angry“ ,with him Then Abraham pleaded<sup>30</sup>  
living righteous people thirty only if there are will you do What :another question you me ask  
”.there righteous people if there are thirty the city there?” He replied, “I will not destroy

My Lord, please excuse me for speaking to you so“ ,him Then Abraham asked<sup>31</sup>  
in the city?” Yahweh living righteous people twenty only if there are will you do boldly. What  
”.righteous people replied, “I will not destroy the city, in order to save the twenty

you but let me ask ,with me Then Abraham said, “My Lord, please do not be angry<sup>32</sup>  
”?in the city righteous people ten only if there are will you do just one more thing: What  
”.righteous people in order to save the ten ,the city I will not destroy“ ,him Yahweh answered  
and Abraham returned ,him When Yahweh had finished talking with Abraham, he left<sup>33</sup>  
.home

## *Yahweh Destroys Sodom and Gomorrah*

19:1-29

Sodom, while Lot was sitting the city of That evening the two angels arrived at<sup>1</sup> 19  
bowed then at the gate of the city. When Lot saw them, he stood up and greeted them and  
Sirs, please“ ,to them Then he said<sup>2</sup> .to show respect face to the ground his with before them  
Please come to my house so that I can serve you and you can lodge for the :to this listen  
you tomorrow morning your feet. Then the dust off wash you can too That way .there night  
can get up early and continue traveling.” But the two angels replied, “Thank you, but we  
However Lot continued to urgently invite<sup>3</sup> ”.stay in the public square tonight just will  
went with him to his house. Then Lot prepared a big meal finally agreed and them until they  
.the meal ate sat down and flat bread, and they some for them, including

the men in the city of Sodom all ,to sleep before they could lie down ,after supper But<sup>4</sup>  
of all the people from every part ,In fact .surrounded Lot’s house, including men of all ages  
men who came to lodge two the are Then they shouted to Lot, “Where<sup>5</sup> .the city were there  
But<sup>6</sup> ”!with you tonight? Bring them outside to us so that we can have relations with them  
of the house to them, and he closed the door to talk Lot went outside near the doorway  
I beg you, my friends, do not do such an evil“ ,with them Then he pleaded<sup>7</sup> .behind him  
relations with a marital please: My two daughters have never had to this Listen<sup>8</sup> !thing  
so that you can do with them whatever you instead man. Allow me to bring them out to you  
want. But do not harm these men, because they are my guests and I am responsible for their

Get out of our way!” Then they“ ,at him But the men of Sodom shouted<sup>9</sup> ”.safety as a foreigner, and now he thinks that he can here This guy came“ ,to each other complained two to your we do We will do worse things to you than“ ,Then they shouted at Lot ”!us judge guests!” Then they started shoving hard against Lot and surged forward to break through quickly reached outside and ,opened the door guests two But Lot’s<sup>10</sup> .of his house the door who Then those two men<sup>11</sup> .into the house with them and closed the door back pulled him the door of the house to be blind, including every were at caused the men who were angels .trying to find the door groping around last one of them, so that they exhausted themselves

If ?angels asked Lot, “Do you have any other relatives here in Sodom two Then the<sup>12</sup> then ,members of your family here other sons-in-law or sons or daughters or any you have because we are about to destroy it. Yahweh has<sup>13</sup> ,get them away from this city quickly heard that the people of this city are guilty of serious sins, so he has sent us to destroy the sons-in-law who were engaged to his daughters, and he future So Lot went to his<sup>14</sup> ”.city leave this city, because Yahweh is about to destroy it!” But his and warned them, “Hurry up .so they ignored him ,sons-in-law thought that he was joking

take your wife and and angels urged Lot, “Hurry up two Early the next morning, the<sup>15</sup> the people of punishes God so that you will not die when out of the city your two daughters men took two Lot hesitated, but Yahweh was being merciful to him, so the<sup>16</sup> ”.the city .hold of Lot’s hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and led them out of the city

Run“ ,to Lot one of them said ,the city the angels had taken them outside soon as As<sup>17</sup> away from here as fast as you can! Do not look behind you, and do not delay in the valley But Lot replied to<sup>18</sup> ”!for any reason! Go quickly to the hill country, or else you will die please: You have treated me to me Listen<sup>19</sup> .make us do that them, “I beg you, sirs, do not .well even though I am unimportant, and you have been very kind to me and saved my life .to the mountains before the disaster occurs and kills me all the way But I am not able to run just is and it ,in time to run to enough near is please: That town up ahead to this listen So<sup>20</sup> it is very small. Then we ,After all .and do not destroy it ,Please let us run there .town a small small The angel replied to Lot, “Alright, I will allow you to go to the<sup>21</sup> ”.can stay alive ,run there now and hurry up But<sup>22</sup> .town that you’re talking about, and I will not destroy it ,because I cannot destroy anything until you get there.” Since Lot said the town was small .”which means “small the name of the town is Zoar

.Zoar the town of reached and his family The sun was rising over the land as Lot<sup>23</sup> the rain from the sky on heavy Then Yahweh caused fire and burning rocks to fall like<sup>24</sup> cities and two destroyed those completely In that way, he<sup>25</sup> .Sodom and Gomorrah cities of the plants in the all the rest of the valley, including everyone who lived in the cities and

and ,at the city behind him, glanced back walking who was ,But Lot's wife<sup>26</sup> .area  
.rock salt solid she turned into a statue of immediately

Early that same morning, Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had<sup>27</sup>

Sodom and the cities of He looked down at<sup>28</sup> .the previous day stood with Yahweh  
smoke lots of thick the valley. There in front of him, he saw that the rest of Gomorrah and all  
When God destroyed the<sup>29</sup> .fire huge was billowing up over the land like smoke from a  
So he saved Lot from the .or his request cities in the valley, he did not forget Abraham  
.destroy the cities where Lot had been living completely catastrophe that he had sent to

## *Lot's Descendants from His Daughters*

19:30-38

Zoar, so he and his two daughters the town of After that, Lot was afraid to stay in<sup>30</sup>  
older his one day Then<sup>31</sup> .moved from there to the mountains, where they lived in a cave

Our father is elderly, and there are not any men“ ,daughter younger his said to daughter  
.everywhere else in the world that people have the custom is around here to marry us, which  
relations sexual come on, we should get our father drunk on wine. Then we can have So<sup>32</sup>

So that night Lot's<sup>33</sup> ”.with him so that we can continue our family line with him  
and had to him went daughter daughters got their father drunk on wine. Then the older  
with aware that she got in bed even he was not he was so drunk that relations with him. But  
.or that she left him

Listen, last night I“ ,daughter younger his said to daughter older Lot's The next day<sup>34</sup>  
relations with our father. Tonight we should get him drunk on wine again. Then sexual had  
have relations with him so that we can continue our family line with and should go also you

So that night Lot's daughters got their father drunk on wine again. Then the<sup>35</sup> ”.him  
he was so drunk once again and had relations with him. And to him went daughter younger  
.or that she left with him he was not aware that she got in bed that

their having relations with In that way, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant from<sup>36</sup>  
which ,gave birth to a son, and she named him Moab daughter Later his older<sup>37</sup> .father  
who are still living the ancestor of the Moabite people became He ”.means “from my father  
,also gave birth to a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi daughter Lot's younger<sup>38</sup> .today  
who are the ancestor of the Ammonite people became He ”.which means “son of my people  
.today still living



# *King Abimelech Takes Sarah to Be His Wife*

20:1-18

left from the place where they were living and his family Meanwhile Abraham<sup>1</sup> 20  
Kadesh and the cities of area. There they lived between Desert to the Negev and moved south  
Abraham told ,While they were there<sup>2</sup> .Gerar the city of Shur, and they stayed for a while in  
the king of Gerar who was ,Abimelech one day his sister. So was that his wife Sarah people  
But that night God<sup>3</sup> .to be his wife to his home bring Sarah some of his servants had  
Abimelech in a dream and warned him, “Listen, you are about to die King appeared to  
married to someone already is to be your wife because the woman whom you have taken  
Lord, will you“ ,God slept with Sarah, so he asked yet However Abimelech had not<sup>4</sup> ”!else  
Abraham himself told me that Sarah was<sup>5</sup> ?innocent we are my people even if me and kill  
with to be my wife I took her So .his sister. And she herself also said that he was her brother  
God replied to<sup>6</sup> ”!a pure conscience, and I did not know that I was doing anything wrong  
to be with a pure conscience that you took Sarah it was him in the dream, “Yes, I realize that  
kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not am the one who In fact, I .your wife  
He is a .to him Now then, you must give Abraham’s wife back<sup>7</sup> .let you sleep with her  
.so he will ask me to be merciful to you, so that you will not die ,for me spokesman  
you can be sure that you and all your ,to him However, if you refuse to give Sarah back  
”!people will definitely die  
.Abimelech got up and called together all of his officials King Early the next morning<sup>8</sup>  
that God would He told them everything that had happened, and they were very afraid  
You have“ ,by saying Then the king summoned Abraham and scolded him<sup>9</sup> .punish them  
treated us very badly! I never did anything wrong to you, and yet you have caused me and  
the people whom I rule to be guilty of sinning terribly! You have wronged me in ways that  
Abimelech asked him, “What motivated King ,Finally<sup>10</sup> ”!to anyone should never be done  
because I thought that there ,I did it“ ,him Abraham answered<sup>11</sup> ”?you to do what you did  
they would kill me to get I was afraid was certainly no one in this city who revered God, so  
my half-sister. We have the same is Besides that, Sarah actually<sup>12</sup> .for themselves my wife  
later when God Years<sup>13</sup> .we got married ,after we grew up father, but different mothers, and  
told me to leave my father’s family, I asked her to do me a favor and tell people wherever  
”!her brother am we go that I

sheep and cattle and male and female servants **many** Abimelech brought **King** Then<sup>14</sup>  
 .gave Abraham's wife Sarah back to him **also** to him. He **them all** and gave to Abraham  
**wherever** available to you. Live is Look, my land“ ,**to him** Abimelech said **King** Then<sup>15</sup>  
**pieces** said, “Listen, I have given 1,000 **and** to Sarah **turned** Then he<sup>16</sup> ”.best is you decide  
 silver to your brother. I'm doing this so that everyone knows you did nothing wrong, and of  
 Then Abraham asked God<sup>17</sup> ”.that has happened to you to compensate you for everything  
 Abimelech, as well as his wife and his female **King** So God healed .**to be merciful to the king**  
 Yahweh had kept all the **Previously**<sup>18</sup> .again servants, and they were able to have children  
 women in Abimelech's household from conceiving because he had taken Abraham's wife  
 .Sarah

## *Isaac's Birth and Circumcision*

21:1-7

Yes, he did for her .**he would** as he had said **just** Then Yahweh blessed Sarah<sup>1</sup> **21**  
**God had** So Sarah became pregnant and at the time<sup>2</sup> .**to do** what he had promised **exactly**  
 appointed, she gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, just as God had promised  
 whom Sarah had given **the son** ,Then Abraham named his son Isaac<sup>3</sup> .**that she would** him  
 Also, when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, which was<sup>4</sup> .birth to  
 .**to do** exactly what God had commanded him

Sarah ,**When he was born**<sup>6</sup> .years old when his son Isaac was born 100 **was** Abraham<sup>5</sup>  
**for will laugh about this** Everyone who hears !**for joy** exclaimed, “God has made me laugh  
 telling Abraham **even thought of** She also exclaimed, “No one would have<sup>7</sup> ”!with me **joy**  
 ”!when he is old **for him** I would have children. Yet I have given birth to a son **that**

## *Sarah Has Abraham Send Hagar and Ishmael Away*

21:8-21

.Isaac grew as a child and reached the age when his mother stopped nursing him<sup>8</sup>  
 Sarah during the feast But<sup>9</sup> .to celebrate When that happened, Abraham held a big feast  
 Hagar and Abraham, was making **handmaid** Egyptian her the son of ,**Ishmael** noticed that  
 told Abraham, “Get rid of that servant woman and **was angry and** So she<sup>10</sup> .**Isaac** fun of  
 ”!**from you** what my son Isaac inherits **any part of** her son! Her son must never share  
 and he cared about his son also was **Ishmael** Abraham was very upset about that, because<sup>11</sup>  
 .But God told him, “Do not be upset about the boy or your servant woman<sup>12</sup> .**him too**  
 because Isaac is the one who ,**and do it** ,**to do** listen to everything Sarah tells you ,**Rather**  
 But I will also make<sup>13</sup> .**whom I promised to you** will be the ancestor of your descendants  
 people group, because he is your **large a the ancestor of** your servant woman’s son become  
 ”.**son**  
  
 food and a leather container **some** Early the next morning Abraham got up, brought<sup>14</sup>  
 put them on her back. Then he sent her off with the boy, and they **and** of water to Hagar **full**  
 When they had<sup>15</sup> .**Beersheba the city of** in the desert near **around** left and wandered  
 She<sup>16</sup> .a bush **the shade of** the water in the container, she left her son under **all** finished  
 and sat **away from him** watch my son die.” So she went **bear to I cannot**“ ,**to herself** thought  
 down by herself, about as far away as someone can shoot an arrow. Then she started crying  
 .loudly  
  
 heard the boy crying, so one of his angels called to Hagar from heaven and **also** God<sup>17</sup>  
 said, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid. God has heard the boy crying over there  
 go help the boy to get up, and take care of him, because I **So**<sup>18</sup> .**and will take care of him**  
 Then God enabled<sup>19</sup> ”.**a large people group the ancestor of** will make him become **Yahweh**  
 with container **water** filled her ,**to the well** Hagar to see a water well. So she went over  
 .water, and gave her son some water to drink  
  
 Desert **Paran** He lived in the .**and helped him** As the boy grew up, God was with him<sup>20</sup>  
 While he was there, his mother<sup>21</sup> .**and arrows** and learned to hunt skillfully with a bow  
 .from the country of Egypt **who was** found a wife for him

## *King Abimelech Makes a Treaty with Abraham*

21:22-34

with his army captain Phicol to Abraham came Abimelech King Meanwhile, one day<sup>22</sup>  
in everything that you and helps you with you is God I have noticed that“ ,said to him and  
again vow to me here in God’s presence that you will never please ,Now then<sup>23</sup> .do  
just as I have treated you kindly ,Instead .deceive me or my children or my descendants  
”.this country where you are living my people in be kind to me and also you will vow that  
”.that I will do those things I vow“ ,to him Abraham replied<sup>24</sup>

Abimelech about a water well that Abimelech’s King confronted also Then Abraham<sup>25</sup>  
But Abimelech responded, “I<sup>26</sup> .from Abraham’s servants servants had taken control of  
and so today is ,before about it have no idea who did that. Besides that, you did not tell me  
”.the first that I have heard about it

sheep and cattle to Abimelech, and he and some of his Then Abraham gave<sup>27</sup>  
separated seven female also Abraham<sup>28</sup> .with one another treaty peace Abimelech made a  
So Abimelech asked him, “Why did you separate those<sup>29</sup> .lambs from the rest of the flock  
Abraham replied, “Because I want you to accept<sup>30</sup> ”?from the rest of the flock seven lambs  
and it belongs to that you agree with me that I dug this well everyone them from me, to show  
which ,so Abraham named that place Beersheba ,Abimelech accepted the lambs<sup>31</sup> ”.me  
to live because that’s where they both vowed ”,means “Well of the Seven” or “Well of the Vow  
.at peace with one another

,treaty at Beersheba peace Abimelech made their King After Abraham and<sup>32</sup>  
the their homes in and went back to from there Abimelech and his army captain Phicol left  
tree evergreen Then Abraham planted an<sup>33</sup> .that Abimelech ruled over Philistines’ territory  
the who is ,Beersheba, and there he worshiped Yahweh the place called tamarisk at named  
in the Philistines’ territory for there After that, Abraham lived<sup>34</sup> .God who lives forever  
.many years

## *God Tests Abraham’s Trust in Him*

22:1-19

,test Abraham. So he called to him decided to Sometime later God<sup>1</sup> 22  
Take your son“ ,him Then God commanded<sup>2</sup> ”?Lord ,Abraham!” Abraham replied, “Yes“  
to the region of with him your only son Isaac whom you love, and travel ,yes ,with you

on one of the ,to me as a sacrifice on an altar Moriah. There you are to burn him up  
”.mountains that I will show to you

to get saddle on his donkey pack So the next morning Abraham got up early and put a<sup>3</sup>  
Then he got his son Isaac and two of his servants, and they chopped .for the trip it ready  
Then .and loaded it on the donkey wood that they would use to burn the sacrificefire some  
Three days later<sup>4</sup> .to go to they started traveling to the place that God had told Abraham  
where they were and in the distance he could see the mountain ahead Abraham looked  
stay here with the donkey, while my son and two Then he told his servants, “You<sup>5</sup> .headed  
”.Then we will come back to you .God over there and worship to the mountain I go

on it and loaded off the donkey Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering<sup>6</sup>  
and a knife with hot coals in it pot carried a fire himself He .to carry s shoulder’his son Isaac  
Isaac said to ,As they walked<sup>7</sup> .Then the two of them walked on together .to kill the sacrifice  
that we I see“ ,him Abraham, “Father?” Abraham replied, “Yes, my son?” Then Isaac asked  
to will burn as a sacrifice we the lamb that is wood, but wherefire and the coals the fire have  
My son, God himself will provide a lamb for us to burn“ ,him Abraham answered<sup>8</sup> ”?God  
.toward the mountain Then they continued walking together ”.to him as a sacrifice

stone Abraham built a ,to go to When they reached the place that God had told him<sup>9</sup>  
with rope s arms and legs’Then he tied his son Isaac .on top of it altar there and put the wood  
to kill in order Then he picked up the knife<sup>10</sup> .and laid him on top of the wood on the altar  
”!But one of Yahweh’s angels called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham<sup>11</sup> .his son  
Do not harm your son or do“ ,him Then the angel told<sup>12</sup> ”?Lord ,And he replied, “Yes  
did not obeyed me and to him. Now I know that you revere me, since you else anything  
”.your only son even though he is ,refuse to sacrifice your son to me

he saw a ram that had its horns him Then Abraham looked around and there behind<sup>13</sup>  
Then he killed it .and untangled it over to the ram went ,released Isaac stuck in a bush. So he  
That is why Abraham<sup>14</sup> .in place of his son to God as a sacrifice on the altar and burned it  
still today people Even .”which means “Yahweh will provide ,named that place Yahweh-Yireh  
”.say, “On Yahweh’s mountain he will provide what you need

He said, “This is<sup>16</sup> .Then Yahweh’s angel called to Abraham from heaven again<sup>15</sup>  
that since you to you I vow ,as my own witness With myself :to you what Yahweh declares  
I will<sup>17</sup> ,your only son ,yes ,from me have obeyed me and did not hold back your son  
as that they will be abundantly bless you. In fact, I will give you so many descendants  
sand on the seashore. They grains of as the as numerous as the stars in the sky and numerous

will bless all I Through your descendants<sup>18</sup> .will defeat their enemies and rule over them  
” ’.because you obeyed me I will do that .the people groups on the earth

all servants. Then together they two to his with Isaac After that, Abraham returned<sup>19</sup>  
.stayed there and his family Beersheba, and Abraham the city of to home back traveled

## *Abraham's Brother Nahor's Twelve Sons*

22:20-24

Your brother Nahor :for you Sometime later someone told Abraham, “I have news<sup>20</sup>  
the Buz, and the second is ,Uz is The oldest son<sup>21</sup> ,sons some Milcah also have his wife and  
,Kesed, Hazo They also have sons named<sup>22</sup> .the father of Aram who is ,Kemuel third is  
the are Rebekah. Those a daughter named Bethuel had<sup>23</sup> ”.Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel  
Besides that, Nahor and his<sup>24</sup> .Milcah had for Abraham's brother Nahor that sons eight  
.Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah some sons, including servant-wife Reumah also had

## *Sarah Dies and Abraham Buys Some Land to Bury Her Body*

23:1-20

when she died in<sup>2</sup> Sarah lived to be 127 years old. That is how old she was<sup>1</sup> 23  
Hebron, in the region of Canaan. Abraham went now called Kiriath Arba, which is the city of  
beside her and mourning Later he stood up from<sup>3</sup> .and cried and mourned for her to her  
a am I ,As you know<sup>4</sup> ,and said to them at the city gates the Hittites the leaders of to went  
sell me some of Please .so I do not own any property here foreigner who is living among you  
the The leaders of<sup>5</sup> ”.my wife who has died the body of your land so I have a place to bury  
listen to what we propose: You are a powerful please ,Sir<sup>6</sup> ,Hittites responded to Abraham  
one of our any your wife who has died in the body of bury you may So .among us living man  
”.our burial sites to bury her any of best burial sites. All of us are willing for you to use

the Hittites, who the leaders of in front of in respect Abraham stood up and bowed<sup>7</sup>  
to bury my for me Then he said to them, “If you are willing<sup>8</sup> .in the area owned the land

to sell me his cave<sup>9</sup> help me by asking Ephron the son of Zohar please ,here wife deceased  
Ask him to sell it to me for its full .area that is at the edge of his field in the Machpelah  
That way I will have a place where I can bury .the sale to witness here you all of price, with  
among there at the meeting Now Ephron the Hittite was sitting<sup>10</sup> ”.my wife who has died  
leaders listened, including other Hittite leaders, so he replied to Abraham as the other the  
.That’s not necessary, sir“<sup>11</sup> ,at the city gate. He said there everyone who had gathered  
in it. I is field, including the cave that entire give you the hereby accept this offer: I Please  
bury your deceased You may .as the leaders of my people watch now am giving it to you  
”.there wife

.in the area before the leaders who owned the land again Then Abraham bowed<sup>12</sup>  
to let me since you are willing ,than that As they listened, he said to Ephron, “Rather<sup>13</sup>  
let Please .price for the field full the you please accept my offer. I want to pay ,have the field  
”.there who has died my wife I can bury it will be mine and me buy it from you, so that  
400 is worth listen to me. The land please ,Sir“<sup>15</sup> ,Ephron responded to Abraham<sup>14</sup>  
Go ahead .since you and I are friends, there is no need for that However .shekels of silver  
Abraham agreed with Ephron’s price, and he paid<sup>16</sup> ”.there wife bury your deceased and  
.the Hittites listened the rest of silver that he had suggested while amount of Ephron the  
at shekels of silver using the standard weights that sellers used 400 Abraham weighed the  
.that time

in the field, as well was including the cave that ,to Abraham So Ephron sold his field<sup>17</sup>  
the near area inside its boundaries. The field was in the Machpelah were as all the trees that  
to Abraham, and it became his property while the<sup>18</sup> Ephron sold that field .Mamre city of  
,After that<sup>19</sup> .Hittites watched, including everyone who had gathered at the city gate  
east area his wife Sarah in the cave in that field in the Machpelah the body of Abraham put  
,that field that is how So<sup>20</sup> .Mamre, that is, Hebron, in the region of Canaan the city of of  
sold to Abraham by the Hittites, so officially in the field, was was including the cave that  
.his wife who had died that he had a place where he could bury

## *Abraham Finds a Wife for Isaac*

24:1-67

old, and Yahweh had very now Abraham had lived a long time and was<sup>1</sup> 24  
Abraham said to his chief household servant, who One day<sup>2</sup> .blessed him in every way

to show that you managed his entire estate for him, “Please put your hand under my thigh with Yahweh the God who rules the heavens ,to me I want you to vow<sup>3</sup> .will do what I ask the any of to marry Isaac and the earth as your witness, that you will not arrange for my son Rather, you must go to the country where I<sup>4</sup> .Canaanite women who live around us here ”.from there and find a wife for him ,who live there grew up, to my relatives

I find woman young if the should I do servant asked him, “What Abraham’s But<sup>5</sup> Do you want me to take your son back ?to live with me to this land back refuses to come be ,No“ ,Abraham answered him<sup>6</sup> ”?and live there to marry her to your home country there Yahweh, the God who rules because<sup>7</sup> ,to live sure that you never take my son back there the rest from my father’s household and from the land where here the heavens, brought me my relatives live, and he vowed to me that he will give this land to my descendants. He of so that you will find a woman from my ,to help you will send one of his angels ahead of you here refuses to come back you find But if the woman<sup>8</sup> .to marry home land for my son But .now this vow that you are making to me keeping with you, then you will be free from ”!never take my son back to my home country ,no matter what happens

servant put his hand under his master’s thigh and vowed to him that he Abraham’s So<sup>9</sup> Then he got ten of his master’s<sup>10</sup> .would do what Abraham had requested him to do and after he loaded them with all kinds of valuable things from ,for the trip camels ready the region trip to long and made the with some other servants he left ,to use as gifts his master Abraham’s ,When they arrived there<sup>11</sup> .Aram Naharaim, to the city where Nahor lived of It .that was there outside the city near the well to rest servant had the camels kneel down to to the well were starting to come out of the city women young was evening time, when the .draw water

of who takes care the God who is ,Yahweh Dear“ ,Then Abraham’s servant prayed<sup>12</sup> .be kind to my master in that way my master Abraham, please help me succeed today and here As you see, I am standing by this well, and young women from the city are coming<sup>13</sup> ,when I say to one of the young women that make it happen Please<sup>14</sup> .to draw water Have a drink and I‘ ,to me Please lower your jug so that I can have a drink,’ she will say‘ you have chosen is the one she Then I will know that ’.will also draw water for your camels ”.to be the wife of Isaac who serves you, and that you have been kind to my master

a young woman named finished praying, he saw even Before Abraham’s servant had<sup>15</sup> carrying a water jug on her shoulder. She was the daughter of the city Rebekah coming out She was a very<sup>16</sup> .the son of Milcah and Abraham’s brother Nahor who was ,of Bethuel relations with a man. She marital beautiful unmarried young woman, who had never had



carrying it on her up back and came with water walked down to the well, filled her jug  
.shoulder

Please let me have a little“ ,to her servant ran to meet her and said Abraham’s Then<sup>17</sup>  
have a drink, sir.” Then she quickly Please“ ,She replied<sup>18</sup> ”.water to drink from your jug  
.from it some water to her hands and let him drink from her shoulder lowered her jug  
I will also draw water for your camels until they have had“ ,to him After that, she said<sup>19</sup>  
her jug into the the rest of the water from Then she quickly emptied<sup>20</sup> ”.enough to drink  
,more water to the well to draw and forth and ran back that was there trough animal drinking  
servant silently Abraham’s Meanwhile<sup>21</sup> .for all of the camels enough until she had drawn  
to find out whether or not Yahweh had made him successful and waited watched Rebekah  
.to find a wife for Isaac on his journey

a gold gave Rebekah Finally, when the camels had finished drinking, the servant<sup>22</sup>  
nose ring that weighed one beka, and two gold bracelets for her wrists that weighed ten  
is there room ,Also .is Please tell me who your father“ ,her Then he asked<sup>23</sup> .each shekels  
Rebekah answered him, “My<sup>24</sup> ”?there at his house for me and my men to spend the night  
Then she added, “We have<sup>25</sup> ”.one of Nahor and Milcah’s sons and he is ,Bethuel is father  
also and there is ,for the camels to eat at our house feed other plenty of both straw and  
Then the servant bowed to the ground and<sup>26</sup> ”.tonight there to stay for you all room enough  
of my master who takes care by saying, “Praise Yahweh, the God<sup>27</sup> ,worshiped Yahweh  
Abraham! He has never stopped being kind and faithful to my master, and he has guided  
”!the home of my master’s relatives to here journey my me on

.and told her mother’s family about what had happened home Then Rebekah hurried<sup>28</sup>  
Laban, and he rushed out to the well where was Rebekah had a brother whose name<sup>29</sup>  
that his sister was As soon as Laban had seen the nose ring<sup>30</sup> .Abraham’s servant was  
and the bracelets on her arms and had heard her announce what the servant had wearing  
.camels at the well his to meet him. He found him standing with out said to her, he went  
you whom Yahweh has blessed. There is no ,with me Come“ ,to him Then Laban said<sup>31</sup>  
for you and your men to stay need for you to stand out here. I have gotten our house ready  
”.to stay camels your a place for there is also and with us

Laban ,When they arrived there .with Laban So Abraham’s servant went home<sup>32</sup>  
to water gave also He .to eat feed to them other unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and  
Laban’s family Then<sup>33</sup> .with him to wash their feet were and the men who the servant  
you Before I can eat, I need to tell“ ,to them served them a meal to eat, but the servant said  
”.what you have to say us tell Please“ ,to him why I am here.” Laban responded

Yahweh has abundantly<sup>35</sup> .I am Abraham's servant“ ,**them** So the servant told<sup>34</sup>  
sheep and **many** blessed my master, so that he has become wealthy. Yahweh has given him  
camels and **many** male and female servants, and **many** ,silver and gold **much** ,cattle  
Besides that, my master's wife Sarah gave birth to a son for him when she was<sup>36</sup> .donkeys  
my ,**Before I came here**<sup>37</sup> .old, and my master has given him everything that he owns  
He said, 'You must not arrange for my son .**to do something for him** master made me vow  
,Rather<sup>38</sup> .the Canaanite women whose land we have been living in **any of** to marry **Isaac**  
'.**from among them** relatives, and find a wife for my son **own** go to my father's family, to my  
**back** refuses to come **I find** woman **young** if the **should I do** So I asked my master, 'What<sup>39</sup>  
He answered me, 'Yahweh whom I serve will send one of his angels<sup>40</sup> 'with me **here**  
with you. He will make you succeed on your journey, so that you will find a wife for my  
At that time you will be<sup>41</sup> .from my father's family **someone** ,my relatives **among** son from  
to me: If you find a wife for Isaac but my family **you are making** the vow **keeping** free from  
'.your vow to me **keeping** refuses to let her go with you, then you will be free from

the **who is** ,Yahweh **Dear**‘ ,well, I prayed **your city's** Then today when I came to“<sup>42</sup>  
of my master Abraham, if you are willing, please give me success on **who takes care** God  
make **Please** .well **this** near **here** As you see, I am standing<sup>43</sup> .this journey that I have made  
,to draw water and I ask her **of the city** when a young woman comes out **that** it happen  
have a drink and I ,**Yes**“ ,if she replies<sup>44</sup> ”,Please let me drink a little water from your jug“  
Yahweh have **you** the woman whom **be her let then** ”,will also draw water for your camels  
'.chosen to be the wife of my master's son

**of** finished praying quietly, suddenly I saw Rebekah coming out **even** Before I had“<sup>45</sup>  
jug on her shoulder. She walked down to the well and **water empty** carrying her **the city**  
She<sup>46</sup> ”?of **water** filled her jug with water, so I asked her, 'May I please have a drink  
and said, 'Have a drink, and I will also draw **shoulder** quickly lowered her jug from her  
and she also gave water to my ,**from her jug** water for your camels.' So I took a drink  
,your father?' She answered, 'My father is Bethuel **is** Then I asked her, 'Who<sup>47</sup> .camels  
one of Nahor and Milcah's sons.' After that I gave her a nose ring and bracelets to **who is**  
**who** and worshiped and praised Yahweh, the God **to the ground** Then I bowed<sup>48</sup> .wear  
of my master Abraham, because he guided me right where I should go to find the **takes care**  
**please** ,So now<sup>49</sup> .for my master's son **to be the wife** granddaughter of my master's brother  
**by letting her** tell me whether or not you are willing to be kind and faithful to my master  
”.**next** so that I can decide what to do ,**come with me**

Yahweh has **It is clear that**“ ,**Abraham's servant** Then Laban and Bethuel answered<sup>50</sup>  
**is** Look, here<sup>51</sup> .it is not our place to tell you anything different **so** ,this happen **all** made

so that she can marry your master's son as **home** and return **her with you** Rebekah. Take  
When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed to the<sup>52</sup> ".Yahweh has guided  
silver and gold **expensive gifts, including** Then he took out<sup>53</sup> .Yahweh **and thanked** ground  
gifts **valuable** gave **also** to Rebekah. He **them** clothing, and gave **beautiful also** jewelry, and  
.to her brother and mother

the **Early** .that night **there** and slept **supper** Then Abraham's servant and his men ate<sup>54</sup>  
let **Please**" ,to **Rebekah's family** next morning after everyone got up, Abraham's servant said  
 ,But Rebekah's brother and her mother replied<sup>55</sup> ".to my master **now home** me return  
ten days or so. Then you can go **for another** with us **here** let the young woman stay **Please**"  
do not delay me. Now that **Please**" ,But the servant said to them<sup>56</sup> ".**with you** and take her  
".Yahweh has made my journey successful, let me go so that I can return to my master  
".So they replied, "Let's call Rebekah and ask her what she wants to do<sup>57</sup>

with this man?" She **now** So they called for her and asked her, "Do you want to go<sup>58</sup>  
send their sister Rebekah and her **agreed to** So they<sup>59</sup> ".**now** I will go ,**Yes**" ,**them** answered  
 .with Abraham's servant and his companions ,**who had helped raise her** servant **personal**  
 ,They blessed Rebekah by saying to her<sup>60</sup>

Sister, we pray that God will give you"  
 ,**of descendants** countless thousands  
and that he will help them conquer  
**who were** After Rebekah and her servants<sup>61</sup> "!"their enemies and rule over them **all**  
**they were going to ride** packed their things, they got up on the camels **going with her**  
and **with him** servant took Rebekah **Abraham's** and went with Abraham's servant. So  
 .**home back** started the journey

**At that** .Beer Lahai Roi **the place** called from visiting **home** Meanwhile Isaac returned<sup>62</sup>  
as it was becoming evening, he **One day**<sup>63</sup> .**Wilderness** he was living in the Negev **time**  
**in the** he looked up and suddenly he saw ,**As he was praying** .went to the field to pray  
 .looked up and saw Isaac **also** Rebekah<sup>64</sup> .**toward him** camels coming **some distance**  
**Abraham's** and asked<sup>65</sup> ,**that she was riding** Immediately she got down from the camel  
to greet us?" The servant **this way** servant, "Who is that man in the field who is walking  
 .to show modesty So she covered her face with a veil ".Isaac my master is He" ,**her** answered

Then<sup>67</sup> .**on the journey** Then the servant told Isaac everything that he had done<sup>66</sup>  
Isaac took Rebekah into the tent where his mother Sarah had lived, and he married her, so  
his **mourning for** that she became his wife. Isaac loved her, and he was happy again after  
 .**who had died** mother

# *Abraham and Keturah's Descendants*

25:1-6

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She<sup>2</sup> .Keturah was Then Abraham got married again, and his wife's name<sup>1</sup>  
.Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah whom they named had sons with him  
people Sheba and Dedan. Dedan's descendants became sons named Jokshan had Her son<sup>3</sup>  
Midian had sons Keturah's son<sup>4</sup> .the Asshurites, Letushites, and Leummites groups named  
Keturah's descendants were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah. All of those named  
.whom she had with Abraham  
gifts to the valuable He also gave<sup>6</sup> .Abraham gave everything that he owned to Isaac<sup>5</sup>  
but after that he made them move away to the east ,with him sons that his servant wives had  
.far away from his son Isaac so that they would live country

## *Abraham Dies and Is Buried*

25:7-11

Then he took his last breath and died at a very<sup>8</sup> .Abraham lived to be 175 years old<sup>7</sup>  
who had old age. After he had lived a long and satisfying life, he joined his ancestors  
which was His sons Isaac and Ishmael put his body in the cave of Machpelah<sup>9</sup> .already died  
the city of in the field that had belonged to Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of  
the field that Abraham had bought from the Hittites. That is same the That is<sup>10</sup> .Mamre  
whom he had buried his wife Sarah the body of where his sons buried his body next to cave  
the well After Abraham died, God blessed his son Isaac, who lived near<sup>11</sup> .there before  
.Beer Lahai Roi

## *Ishmael's Descendants*

25:12-18

a record of the descendants of Abraham's son Ishmael, the son is What follows<sup>12</sup>  
the names of a list of Here is<sup>13</sup> .Abraham had with Sarah's Egyptian slave woman Hagar  
,Nebaioth was son in the order that they were born: His oldest given ,Ishmael's sons  
,Hadad, Tema, Jetur<sup>15</sup> ,Mishma, Dumah, Massa<sup>14</sup> ,followed by Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam  
sons, who became the leaders of twelve Those were Ishmael's<sup>16</sup> .Naphish, and Kedermah  
.towns and villages own twelve tribes that were named after them, and each tribe lived in its  
Ishmael lived a total of 137 years. Then he took his last breath and died, and he joined<sup>17</sup>  
throughout the area that His descendants lived<sup>18</sup> .who had died before him his ancestors  
the country of east of is Shur that the wilderness of Havilah to the region of from extended  
Asshur. They lived as enemies against all their the city of to from there Egypt as you head  
.relationships

## *The Birth of Isaac's Twin Sons Jacob and Esau*

25:19-26

After :the history about Abraham's son Isaac and his descendants more of is Here<sup>19</sup>  
.married Rebekah when he was forty years old grew up and Isaac<sup>20</sup> ,Abraham had Isaac  
Paddan Aram, and the region of an Aramean from who was ,a daughter of Bethuel She was  
Rebekah was for many years However<sup>21</sup> .an Aramean who was also her brother was Laban  
not able to become pregnant, so Isaac prayed that Yahweh would give her children. Yahweh  
babies two But the<sup>22</sup> .with twins did what Isaac prayed for, so that she became pregnant  
wrestled with each other inside her, so she asked, "Why is this happening to me?" Then she  
,Yahweh answered her<sup>23</sup> .asked Yahweh about it

.inside you are people groups future two The ancestors of“  
.even before they are born starting now They will be enemies  
,One of them will be more powerful than the other  
”.son's descendants will serve the younger son's descendants so that the older

twin boys there were ,to give birth, sure enough for Rebekah Later when it was time<sup>24</sup>  
who was born was completely covered with thick red hair. So one The first<sup>25</sup> !inside her  
Next his brother was born, with his<sup>26</sup> ”.which means “hairy ,his parents named him Esau

-which means “heel ,to Esau’s heel. So they named him Jacob **tightly** hand grabbing on  
.sixty years old when Esau and Jacob were born **was Isaac** ”.grabber

## *Esau Sells His Rights as the Firstborn Son to Jacob*

25:27-34

in the **being** When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter and he enjoyed<sup>27</sup>  
Isaac’s<sup>28</sup> .to work at home **preferred** open country, but Jacob had a quiet personality and  
,that **Esau hunted** favorite son was Esau, because he liked to eat the meat of wild animals  
.whereas Rebekah’s favorite son was Jacob

**hunting out in** soup, Esau came home from **some** when Jacob was making **One day**<sup>29</sup>  
So Esau requested from Jacob, “Please<sup>30</sup> .and **hungry** weak **felt** the open country and he  
That is why Esau’s ”!and **hungry** weak **feel** let me have some of that very red soup because I  
But Jacob replied, “First trade your rights as<sup>31</sup> ”.which means “red ,nickname was Edom  
Esau responded, “Look, I am<sup>32</sup> ”.then **I will give you some ,for the soup** the oldest son to me  
,Jacob insisted<sup>33</sup> ”.right now So my birthright is of no use to me !from **hunger** about to die  
So Esau vowed ”!that **your rights are now mine before God** make a vow to me today **First**“  
Then Jacob<sup>34</sup> .for the **soup** to Jacob that he had traded his rights as the oldest son to him  
.ate the meal and left **quickly** bread, and Esau **some** the lentil soup with **some of** gave Esau  
.as if it had no value **carelessly** In that way, Esau treated his birthright

## *God Establishes His Covenant with Isaac*

26:1-5

a different **This was** .severe food shortage in the region **another** Now there was<sup>1</sup> 26  
before, while Abraham was still alive. So **years** shortage from the one that had happened  
King Abimelech, who **ask for help from** Gerar to **the city of** went to **and his family** Isaac  
Do not“ ,him Then Yahweh appeared to Isaac and commanded<sup>2</sup> .ruled over the Philistines  
as a Live<sup>3</sup> .to live stay in this land where I tell you **rather** ,Egypt **the country of** go to  
in this region, and I will stay with you and prosper you. In fact, I will give all the **foreigner**

the vow that I **to keep** regions to you and your descendants, and I will continue **surrounding** that I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars<sup>4</sup> made to your father Abraham will **I** in the sky. I will also give them all these regions. In fact, through your descendants because Abraham obeyed me and **I will do all that**<sup>5</sup> .bless all the people groups on the earth  
”.**to do him** did everything that I ever commanded

## *Isaac Lies about His Wife Rebekah to the Philistines*

26:6-11

Now<sup>7</sup> .Gerar **the city of in with his family** settled **did what God said and** Then Isaac<sup>6</sup> about her. Isaac was **Isaac** very beautiful, so the men in that city started asking **was** Rebekah .his sister **was** she **them** told **lied and** afraid they might kill him in order to have her, so he after Isaac had lived there a long time, the Philistines’ King Abimelech looked **One day**<sup>8</sup> and saw to his surprise that Isaac was showing affection **of his palace** down from a window It is obvious that“ ,**him** So Abimelech summoned Isaac and scolded<sup>9</sup> .to his wife Rebekah your sister?” Isaac **is** actually your wife! So why did you tell us that she **is** Rebekah **as** because I thought someone might kill me in order to have her **I said that**“ ,answered him You have treated us very badly! Sooner“ ,**further him** Then Abimelech scolded<sup>10</sup> ”.**a wife** or later, one of my men could have slept with your wife, and you would have caused us to people, “I will definitely **his** Abimelech warned all **King** Then<sup>11</sup> ”!**of adultery** be guilty  
”!execute anyone who harms Isaac or his wife

## *Isaac Has Conflict with the Philistines over His Wells*

26:12-33

a **a huge harvest that was** Isaac planted crops in that area, and that year he gathered<sup>12</sup> so that he<sup>13</sup> ,Yahweh continued to bless him .**more than what he had planted** hundred times He owned many sheep and<sup>14</sup> .became richer and richer until he was extremely wealthy .many servants. As a result, the Philistines were jealous of Isaac **he also owned** cattle and

So they filled up with dirt all the wells that the servants of his father Abraham had dug<sup>15</sup>  
.alive still while he was

move away from us, because you are so Please“, Abimelech said to Isaac King Then<sup>16</sup>  
Gerar and pitched the city of So Isaac moved from<sup>17</sup> “.to us that you are a threat powerful  
dig had his servants Then Isaac<sup>18</sup> .for a while his tents in the Gerar Valley and stayed there  
just the Philistines had that the dirt out of the wells that Abraham’s servants had dug and  
.He gave the wells the same names that his father had given them .with dirt filled

in the valley and discovered a source of at a new place Next Isaac’s servants dug<sup>19</sup>  
Gerar argued with Isaac’s herdsmen the city of But the herdsmen from<sup>20</sup> .fresh water there  
”,which means “argument ,and said, “That well is ours!” So Isaac named the well Esek  
Then Isaac’s servants dug another well, but<sup>21</sup> .about it because they argued with him  
which ,about that one too, so Isaac named it Sitnah with them Gerar’s herdsmen argued  
had his servants moved from there and he and his family Then Isaac<sup>22</sup> “.means “hostility  
Gerar’s herdsmen did not argue about it, so he named it This time .dig a third well  
because he said, “Finally Yahweh has provided space for ”,which means “space ,Rehoboth  
”.us, so that we will prosper in the land

That night<sup>24</sup> .Beersheba the city of went south to and his family From there Isaac<sup>23</sup>  
.the God whom your father Abraham serves am I“ ,to him Yahweh appeared to him and said  
with you. I will bless you and make your will always be Do not be afraid, because I  
So Isaac built an<sup>25</sup> “.to Abraham, who serves me I promised descendants numerous, just as  
and worshiped Yahweh by name. He also set up his tents there, and at Beersheba altar there  
.too well there another his servants started digging

Gerar with his adviser Ahuzzath the city of Abimelech went to Isaac from King Then<sup>26</sup>  
 ,Isaac asked them, “Why have you come to me<sup>27</sup> .and his army commander Phicol  
”?”since you have been hostile toward me and forced me to move away from you especially  
 ,and blessing you It is very obvious to us that Yahweh is with you“ ,him They answered<sup>28</sup>  
 So .to live in peace with one another and we decided that we should make a vow with you  
that you will never harm us, just as we never<sup>29</sup> ,treaty with you peace let us make a please  
Yahweh has ,As a result .harmd you, but only treated you well and sent you away in peace  
.together ate and drank all Then Isaac prepared a feast, and they<sup>30</sup> “.now blessed you  
that they would keep Early the next morning they got up and made vows to one another<sup>31</sup>  
.Then Isaac said goodbye to them, and they went home from him in peace .their treaty

day Isaac’s servants came to inform him about the well that they had been same That<sup>32</sup>  
 ,So Isaac named the well Shebah<sup>33</sup> ”!digging and announced, “We have struck water



which ,still Beersheba is today the name of that city even That is why ".which means "vow  
".means "well of the vow

## *Esau's Foreign Wives*

26:34-35

Hittite women: Judith, whose father **two** When Esau was forty years old, he married<sup>34</sup>

Isaac and Rebekah were very<sup>35</sup> .was Beerli, and Basemath, whose father was Elon  
**rather than a woman from their own** distressed that their son had married foreign women  
.**religion and people group**

## *Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing from Their Father Isaac*

27:1-29

One day when Isaac was an old man and he could no longer see, he sent for<sup>1</sup> **27**  
Then Isaac<sup>2</sup> "sir ,his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." Esau answered him, "Yes  
.I do not know when I will die **and now** I am an old man :**closely** Please listen",**him** told  
**meat deer some** So then, get your bow and arrows, go out in the open country and hunt<sup>3</sup>  
cook a delicious meal for me the way that I like it, and bring **use the meat to** Next<sup>4</sup> .for me  
".it to me to eat so that I can bless you before I die

Rebekah overheard what Isaac said to his son Esau. So after Esau had gone out to the<sup>5</sup>  
overheard your father tell **just** she said to her son Jacob, "Listen, I<sup>6</sup> ,open country to hunt  
cook a delicious meal for him **use it to** and **meat deer some** to get him<sup>7</sup> your brother Esau  
,So then<sup>8</sup> .to eat. Then before he dies, he wants to bless Esau with Yahweh as his witness  
and **of goats** to our flock **out** Please go<sup>9</sup> .**to do** my son, listen to me and do what I tell you  
cook a delicious **use the meat from them to** get for me two of the best young goats. I will  
Then you can take the meal to your<sup>10</sup> .the way that he likes it **just** ,meal for your father  
".father to eat, so that he will bless you before he dies

,But Jacob responded to his mother, “As you know, my brother Esau has hairy skin<sup>11</sup>  
recognize me and What if my father feels my skin? He will<sup>12</sup> .but I have smooth skin  
”.realize that I am trying to deceive him. Then he will curse me instead of blessing me  
may God curse me instead of you, my son. Just ,If that happens“ ,But his mother replied<sup>13</sup>  
two and selected to the flock So Jacob went<sup>14</sup> ”!for me two goats listen to me, and go get  
to her. Then she cooked a delicious meal the way that his father liked them and took goats  
She also got her older son Esau’s finest clothes that she had in the house and had her<sup>15</sup> .it  
And she used the goat skins to cover Jacob’s arms and<sup>16</sup> .younger son Jacob put them on  
.on it the part of his neck that had no hair

Then she handed the delicious meal to Jacob, including some bread that she had<sup>17</sup>  
?He took the meal to his father and said, “Father.” His father answered, “Yes<sup>18</sup> .baked  
Jacob replied to his father, “I am Esau, your oldest son. I<sup>19</sup> ”?you are Which of my sons  
meat please sit up and eat some of the deer So now .to do have done what you requested me  
But Isaac asked him, “How were<sup>20</sup> ”.so that you can bless me ,for you that I have cooked  
the God who is ,so quickly, my son?” Jacob answered, “Yahweh the deer you able to find  
”.who takes care of you, helped me to succeed

Then Isaac said to him, “My son, please come here so that I can feel you and make<sup>21</sup>  
So Jacob stepped closer to his father Isaac, and<sup>22</sup> ”.sure that you are really my son Esau  
his Jacob’s voice, but sounds like his voice ,Hmm“ ,to himself his father felt him and thought  
So Isaac was not able to identify who Jacob was because his<sup>23</sup> ”.Esau’s arms feel like arms  
he wanted first but<sup>24</sup> ,arms felt hairy like his brother Esau’s. Isaac was about to bless Jacob  
“,Are you really my son Esau?” Jacob answered“ ,him he asked to be completely sure, so  
so that I can eat some of your deer the meal Serve me“ ,to him So Isaac said<sup>25</sup> ”.I am ,Yes“  
Jacob also .it to his father and he ate the meal meat and bless you.” Then Jacob served  
.it served him wine and he drank

So Jacob went over<sup>27</sup> ”.Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come here and kiss me, my son<sup>26</sup>  
his father recognized the fragrance ,As he did that .on the cheeks and kissed him to his father  
“,of Esau’s clothes, so he blessed him and said

wonderful Ahh, my son, you smell“  
like the fragrance of a field  
!that Yahweh has caused to flourish  
for your rain from the sky plenty of and your descendants I ask God to provide you<sup>28</sup>  
crops and animals  
“,and riches from the earth

.wine **much** including abundant harvests and

I also ask God to cause nations to serve<sup>29</sup>

.and your descendants and honor you

,You will rule over your brother's descendants

.bow down to you **submit to you and** and they will

,will curse **God** Whoever curses you

”.will bless **he** but whoever blesses you

## *Esau Gets “Blessed” Too by His Father*

*Isaac*

27:30-40

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and right after Jacob had left his<sup>30</sup>  
Then he too cooked<sup>31</sup> .from hunting **home** father's presence, Jacob's brother Esau returned  
sit up and **please** ,and said to him, “Father **Isaac** to his father **it** a delicious meal, and he took  
But his father asked him<sup>32</sup> ”.eat some of your son's deer meat so that you can bless me  
**became** Then Isaac<sup>33</sup> ”.your oldest son Esau **am** you?” Esau answered, “I **are** Which son“  
it then that hunted **was** Who“ ,**Esau** shook very violently, and he asked **so upset that his body**  
deer meat and brought a meal to me? I finished eating it just before you came, and I blessed

When Esau heard what his father said, he<sup>34</sup> ”.him. So God will definitely bless him  
bless me **Please**“ ,shouted out with a very loud and distressed shout and begged his father  
and **me** and tricked **to me** But his father responded, “Your brother came<sup>35</sup> ”!too, father  
Then Esau exclaimed, “The name<sup>36</sup> ”.stole the blessing that I was planning to give you  
he stole my **First** !**now** Jacob fits him exactly, because he has tricked me like this two times  
”!he has stolen my blessing :**what he has done** rights as the oldest son, and now look

”?bless me **ask God to** Is there still a way you can“ ,**his father** Then Esau begged  
appointed Jacob to be your master. In fact, I **already** Isaac answered, “Listen, I have<sup>37</sup>  
**and his** that you and all your descendants will serve him **God to make it so** have asked  
harvests and wine. So **abundant** blessed him with **also** Besides that, I have .**descendants**  
But Esau continued to beg his<sup>38</sup> ”!then, there is no way left for me to bless you, my son  
bless me **Please** ?**me** one more way that you can bless **just** Father, isn't there“ ,**and say** father  
Finally his father said to him<sup>39</sup> .too, father!” Then Esau started crying loudly

will live **and your descendants** Listen, you“

for farming in a place where the land is not good  
.and where there is not much rain  
,will have to fight battles to stay alive and your descendants You<sup>40</sup>  
.and his descendants and you will serve your brother  
,against them But when you rebel  
”.you will get free from their control over you

## *Jacob Flees from Esau*

27:41-28:5

After that Esau held a grudge against Jacob because their father had blessed him. So<sup>41</sup>  
mourn for bury him and Esau thought to himself, “Soon my father will die; then after we  
But Rebekah heard about what her oldest son Esau<sup>42</sup> ”.him, I will kill my brother Jacob  
was planning, so she sent for her youngest son Jacob and told him, “Listen, your brother  
:So then, my son, listen to me<sup>43</sup> .Esau is planning to take revenge on you and kill you  
Live with him for a short<sup>44</sup> !Haran to my brother Laban the city of escape to and Hurry  
When he is not angry with you<sup>45</sup> .with you time until your brother is no longer angry  
anymore and he forgets what you did to him, I will send word that it is safe for you to come  
”!the same day on from there. I do not want to lose both of you back home

miserable because of our Hittite very Then Rebekah complained to Isaac, “My life is<sup>46</sup>  
marry a local Hittite woman also If Jacob were to !whom Esau married daughters-in-law  
”!like that, I would not want to keep on living

So Isaac summoned Jacob, blessed him and told him, “You must not marry a<sup>1</sup> 28  
Paddan Aram, to the the region of you must go right away to Instead<sup>2</sup> .Canaanite woman  
I<sup>3</sup> .home of your mother’s father, Bethuel, and marry one of your uncle Laban’s daughters  
all-powerful, will bless you and give you many children and increase who is ,pray that God  
.many people groups the ancestor of your descendants, so that you become the number of  
pray that he will bless you and your descendants the same way that he blessed also I<sup>4</sup>  
the ,Abraham, so that you will own this land where you have been living as a foreigner  
so Jacob started ,on his way Then Isaac sent Jacob<sup>5</sup> ”.which God gave to him same land  
the son of Laban was .Paddan Aram the region of in s house which was’taveling to Laban  
.Jacob and Esau’s mother who was ,the brother of Rebekah also Bethuel the Aramean and

## *Esau Marries Another Wife*

28:6-9

Paddan Aram to **the region of** Now Esau had seen Isaac bless Jacob and send him to<sup>6</sup>  
him tell Jacob to not **Esau heard** ,marry a woman from there. As Isaac was blessing him  
Jacob obeyed their father and mother and **Esau also saw that**<sup>7</sup> .marry a Canaanite woman  
That is when Esau realized that his father Isaac did not<sup>8</sup> .started traveling to Paddan Aram  
wives he **two** So in addition to the<sup>9</sup> .Canaanite women **his sons marrying** approve of  
Abraham's son Ishmael and married Ishmael's **the family of** already had, Esau went to  
.daughter Mahalath, whose brother was Nebaioth

## *Jacob Dreams about a Stairway to Heaven*

28:10-22

Beersheba, he started traveling to **in the city of his family's home** Jacob left from **After**<sup>10</sup>  
**for** so he stopped there ,**to sleep** place **good** he reached a **That evening**<sup>11</sup> .Haran **the city of**  
of the stones that was there and used it as a **one** because the sun had set. He chose **the night**  
.While he was dreaming, he saw a stairway<sup>12</sup> .pillow. Then he lay down and went to sleep  
The bottom of the stairway was on the ground and its top reached up to heaven, and he saw  
And there standing at the top<sup>13</sup> .God's angels going up and coming down on the stairway  
Yahweh, the God whom your **am I**“ ,**to Jacob** was Yahweh, and he said **of the stairway**  
ancestors Abraham and Isaac serve. I will give you and your descendants this land that you  
on the ground, so that they live **specks** as the dust **as numerous** They will be<sup>14</sup> .are lying on  
throughout this land in every direction. Because of you and your descendants, I will bless  
with you. I will protect you **will always be** Remember that I<sup>15</sup> .all the families in the world  
wherever you go, and I will lead you back to this land. In fact, I will never leave you and I  
”.**that I will do** will do everything that I have promised you

Yahweh“ ,**to himself** Suddenly Jacob woke up from his dream and exclaimed<sup>16</sup>  
**also** He was afraid, so he<sup>17</sup> ”!**before now** it definitely lives in this place, but I did not know  
the **must be** exclaimed, “This is a terrifying place! This can only be God's house! It  
”!**entrance to heaven**

Early the next morning Jacob got up, took the stone that he had used as a pillow and<sup>18</sup>  
some Then he poured .where God had appeared to him to mark the place on its end set it up  
,He named that place Bethel<sup>19</sup> .to dedicate the place to God oil on top of the stone olive  
.Previously the name of that town had been Luz ".which means "house of God  
will stay with me and protect you and said, "God, if to God Then Jacob made a vow<sup>20</sup>  
so<sup>21</sup> ,me as I travel on this journey and if you provide me food to eat and clothes to wear  
.will be the God whom I serve you ,that I return safely to my father's home, then Yahweh  
that you appeared to This stone that I have set up will be your house and mark the place<sup>22</sup>  
".and I will give back to you a tenth of everything that you give to me ,me

## *Jacob Meets Rachel and Laban in the City of Haran*

29:1-14

to the land in the until he came and continued traveling Bethel Then Jacob left<sup>1</sup> 29  
and he ,around he looked ,When he arrived there<sup>2</sup> .east where various people groups lived  
waiting for field. There were three flocks of sheep lying near the well open saw a well in an  
large stone ,heavy That was the well that flocks drank water from, but there was a .water  
of sheep shepherds would bring all the flocks Every day<sup>3</sup> .covering the top of the well  
remove the stone from the top of the well and draw work together to there. They would  
.water for the sheep. Then they would put the stone back over the top of the well  
are Jacob asked the shepherds, "My friends, where do you live?" They replied, "We<sup>4</sup>  
"?So Jacob asked them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson<sup>5</sup> ".Haran the city of from  
,him So Jacob asked, "Is he doing well?" They answered<sup>6</sup> ".we do ,Yes", They answered  
Then<sup>7</sup> ".sheep his bringing ,now well. In fact, here comes his daughter Rachel he is ,Yes"  
for too early to gather the flocks it is Look, the sun is still bright, and", them Jacob urged  
to graze to the fields back out them draw water for them and take You ought to .the night  
until all the shepherds are here with their do that But they replied, "We can't<sup>8</sup> ".some more  
we will move the stone away from the top of the well and draw water together flocks. Then  
".for the sheep

with her **at the well** While Jacob was still talking with the shepherds, Rachel arrived<sup>9</sup>  
 As soon as Jacob saw Rachel<sup>10</sup> .s sheep; it was her job to take care of them' **Laban** father  
 ,**to the well** the daughter of his uncle Laban with her father's sheep, he walked over  
 Then he kissed<sup>11</sup> .removed the stone that covered it, and drew water for his uncle's sheep  
 Then he told her that he<sup>12</sup> .he started crying **he was so happy that** and **on her cheek** Rachel  
 Rebekah. So she ran home and told her father **her aunt** her father's nephew, the son of **was**  
 .**the news**

to greet him. Then he **out** When Laban heard about his sister's son Jacob, he ran<sup>13</sup>  
 and took him to his house. Then Jacob told Laban **on the cheeks** hugged him and kissed him  
 and Laban exclaimed to him, "There is<sup>14</sup> ,everything that had happened **about himself and**  
 "!"a close relative of my family **are** no doubt that you

## *Jacob Works for Laban to Marry Rachel and Leah*

29:14b-30

Laban<sup>15</sup> ,an entire month **for and worked for him** After Jacob had stayed with Laban  
**have to** you should **that does not mean that** ,because you are my nephew **Just**“ ,said to him  
 Now Laban had two<sup>16</sup> ”.work for me for free! Tell me what you want me to pay you  
 Leah<sup>17</sup> .was Rachel **one** Leah, and the younger **was one** daughters: The name of the older  
 Jacob was in love<sup>18</sup> .had pretty eyes, but Rachel was extremely beautiful in every way  
 I will work seven years for you if you will let me marry“ ,**to Laban** with Rachel, so he said  
**much** I would .**I agree to your terms**“ ,Laban replied<sup>19</sup> ”.your younger daughter Rachel  
**and work for** stay here **So** .than give her to someone else **to marry** rather give her to you  
 so that he could marry Rachel, but he **for Laban** So Jacob worked seven years<sup>20</sup> ”.me  
 .a few days **only** like **to pass quickly** that to him the time seemed **much** loved her so

**your** let me marry **Please**“ ,Jacob said to Laban ,**When the seven years were over**<sup>21</sup>  
 my wife, because I have finished my **as** so that I can live with her **now Rachel daughter**  
**wedding** So Laban invited all the local people and held a<sup>22</sup> ”.**for you of work** years **seven**  
**to Jacob's** brought his daughter Leah **tricked Jacob and** But that evening Laban<sup>23</sup> .feast  
 Laban also gave his<sup>24</sup> .so that he had marital relations with her ,**instead of Rachel tent**  
 .servant **personal her to be** female servant Zilpah to Leah

So !he had married But the next morning Jacob was shocked to see that it was Leah<sup>25</sup>  
Rachel is the one You know that !he complained to Laban, “You have treated me very badly  
Laban replied, “It is not our custom here<sup>26</sup> ”?I served you for! So why did you trick me  
keep Leah ,So then<sup>27</sup> .marries daughter to marry before the older daughter for the younger  
finish this week of celebrating your marriage to her. Then our family will as your wife and  
if you will work for me for another seven to marry younger daughter my also give you  
”.years

did what he said: he finished celebrating his agreed with Laban and So Jacob<sup>28</sup>  
Laban<sup>29</sup> .marriage to Leah that week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to marry  
Then Jacob had marital<sup>30</sup> .gave his servant Bilhah to Rachel to be her servant also  
working started Leah. Then he he loved relations with Rachel, and he loved her more than  
.for Laban for seven more years

## *Jacob's Children*

29:31-30:24

Now Yahweh knew that Jacob did not love Leah, so he made it possible for her to<sup>31</sup>  
Then Leah became pregnant and<sup>32</sup> .have children, but Rachel was not able to conceive  
because she ”!which means “See, a son ,gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben  
surely my ,and helped me exclaimed, “Now that Yahweh has seen that I am suffering  
”!husband will love me

,son. She exclaimed another Then Leah became pregnant again and gave birth to<sup>33</sup>  
”.Since Yahweh heard that my husband does not love me, he has given me this child also“  
”.which means “he hears ,So she named him Simeon

again and gave birth to another son, and she yet Then Leah became pregnant<sup>34</sup>  
exclaimed, “Now finally my husband will want to be with me because I have given him  
”.which means “be with ,three sons!” That is why his name was Levi

,Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son, and she exclaimed<sup>35</sup>  
”.which means “praise ,Now I will praise Yahweh!” That is why she named him Judah“  
.for a while Then Leah stopped having children

for children any Rachel realized that she was not able to bear when Meanwhile<sup>1</sup> 30  
Jacob, she was jealous of her sister, and she demanded of Jacob, “Help me have children, or



!Jacob became very angry with Rachel and responded, “I am not God<sup>2</sup> ”!else I want to die You“ ,him Then Rachel told<sup>3</sup> ”!He is the one who has prevented you from having children relations with her so that she marital Have .as a wife can have my servant woman Bilhah So Rachel gave Jacob her<sup>4</sup> ”.will have children for me, so that I too can have a family .relations with her marital and Jacob had ,for him wife another servant Bilhah to be ,and Rachel exclaimed<sup>6</sup> ,Then Bilhah became pregnant and had a son for Jacob<sup>5</sup> ”!God has judged in my favor! Yes indeed, he has answered my prayer and given me a son“ ”.which means “he judged in my favor ,That is why she named the baby Dan .Then Rachel’s servant Bilhah became pregnant again and had a second son for Jacob<sup>7</sup> I have now Then Rachel exclaimed, “I have had a difficult contest with my sister, and<sup>8</sup> ”.which means “my contest ,defeated her!” Then she named that son Naphtali Now when Leah realized that she had stopped having children, she brought her<sup>9</sup> Then Zilpah had<sup>10</sup> .for him wife another and gave her to him to be to Jacob servant Zilpah which ,and Leah exclaimed, “I am so fortunate!” So she named him Gad<sup>11</sup> ,a son for Jacob ”.means “fortunate ,and Leah exclaimed<sup>13</sup> ,Then Leah’s servant Zilpah had a second son for Jacob<sup>12</sup> has blessed me.” So she God women will know that other has truly blessed me! Now God“ ”.which means “blessed ,named that son Asher during the season when people were harvesting wheat, Leah’s son one day Then<sup>14</sup> .fertility plants, and he gave them to his mother some Reuben went out in a field and found she begged Leah, “Please give me some of the ,When Rachel found out about the plants enough bad It was !No“ ,But Leah replied to her<sup>15</sup> ”.fertility plants that your son found you even want to take my son’s fertility now And !from me that you stole my husband plants!” Rachel replied, “Alright then, Jacob can sleep with you tonight if you will give me ”.your son’s fertility plants the field, Leah went out to working in from home That evening when Jacob came<sup>16</sup> because I have traded my son’s ,tonight You must sleep with me“ ,him greet him and told God answered<sup>17</sup> .fertility plants for time with you.” So Jacob spent that night with Leah Then she<sup>18</sup> .Leah, so that she became pregnant and had a fifth son for Jacob the prayers of So she named ”.as a wife said, “God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband ”.which means “reward ,that son Issachar

,Then she said<sup>20</sup> .Then Leah became pregnant again and had a sixth son for Jacob<sup>19</sup>  
now my husband will honor me because I have **so that** ,God has given me a valuable gift“  
”.which means “honor ,had six sons for him.” So she named their son Zebulun

.after that, Leah had a daughter and named her Dinah Sometime<sup>21</sup>

and made it possible for **prayers** God had not forgotten Rachel, so he answered her<sup>22</sup>  
Then she became pregnant and had a son, and she exclaimed, “God<sup>23</sup> .her to have children  
**which means** ,She named her son Joseph<sup>24</sup> ”!has made it so that I am no longer ashamed  
”.she said, “I pray that Yahweh will give me another son **because** ”,may he give another“

## *Jacob Becomes Very Rich Working for Laban*

30:25-43

,here allow me to leave **Please**“ ,After Rachel had Joseph, Jacob requested of Laban<sup>25</sup>  
Let me take my wives and my<sup>26</sup> .country **own** home in my **own** so that I can return to my  
You .with **them** children, whom I have earned by working for you, so that I can leave  
”.I have worked for you **well** yourself know how

I have found **because** ,and **stay** But Laban responded to him, “Please be kind to me<sup>27</sup>  
”.are **here with me** out from observing signs that Yahweh has blessed me because you  
”.Then he added, “Tell me what you want your pay to be, and that is what I will pay you<sup>28</sup>  
**well** I have worked for you and how **hard** Jacob replied to him, “You yourself know how<sup>29</sup>

The few that you owned before I came<sup>30</sup> .your animals have prospered under my care  
have multiplied dramatically. Yes, Yahweh has blessed you because of me. But now, I need  
”!family **own** to also provide for my

Jacob ”?to **stay here to persuade you** What can I pay you“ ,him So Laban asked<sup>31</sup>  
thing for me, and I will continue **one** answered, “Do not pay me anything. Just do this  
today and separate out sLet me look through all your flock<sup>32</sup> :stating care of your flock  
the young goats **all** from them all the lambs that are speckled, spotted or dark-colored, and  
in the future it will be ,**too** That way<sup>33</sup> .that are spotted or speckled. They will be my pay  
I am being honest whenever you check the animals you **or not** to know whether **for you** easy  
goats that are not speckled or spotted or **sheep or any** **If you see that I have** .have paid me  
”.from you I stole them **you will know that** ,dark-colored **that are not** any lambs

same But that<sup>35</sup> ".Laban replied, "I agree, let's do exactly as you have suggested<sup>34</sup>  
 the he-goats that had stripes or spots, and all the **all from his flocks** day, Laban separated  
 on them, together with all **marks** white **had any** she-goats that had speckles or spots, all that  
 and his sons and he<sup>36</sup> ,them the dark-colored lambs. Then he told his sons to take care of  
 a three-day walking-distance away from Jacob. Meanwhile Jacob **those animals** took  
 .continued taking care of the rest of Laban's flock  
 ,trees and chestnut ,trees almond ,trees branches from poplar **some** Then Jacob cut<sup>37</sup>  
 which exposed the white ,by **peeling off long strips of bark** and made white streaks on them  
 branches in all the **streaked** Then he put those<sup>38</sup> .that was inside the branches **wood**  
 would see the **would** come to drink from, so that the flock **sdrinking** troughs that the flock  
 to **to the troughs** the animals that were ready to mate came **That way, whenever** .branches  
 they would see the branches as they were mating. As a result, they would have<sup>39</sup> ,drink  
 Then Jacob separated those young<sup>40</sup> .striped or speckled or spotted **young that were**  
**s**the flock **the rest of** and he put ,**to form new flocks for himself from Laban's flocks** animals  
**so that they would mate and have sin** Laban's flock **animals** with the striped and dark-colored  
**of** he created separate flocks **over time** ,In that way .**young that were striped or dark-colored**  
**s**for himself that he kept separate from Laban's flock **sheep and goats**  
**streaked** Whenever the stronger female animals were ready to mate, Jacob put the<sup>41</sup>  
 troughs in front of those animals so that they would see the **drinking** branches in the  
**were ready to** But whenever the weaker female animals<sup>42</sup> .branches as they were mating  
 the weaker **the young from** ,In that way .**in the troughs the branches** Jacob did not put ,**mate**  
 So Jacob<sup>43</sup> .were Jacob's **animals** the stronger **the young from** were Laban's and **animals**  
 male and **many** and ,**of sheep and goats s**became extremely wealthy. He owned large flock  
 .camels and donkeys **many** female servants and

## *Jacob and His Family Flee from Laban*

31:1-21

,saying **complaining and** Jacob heard that Laban's sons were **one day** Then<sup>1</sup> **31**  
 everything that our father owned. In fact, he has gotten all his **for himself** Jacob has taken"  
 Jacob also noticed that Laban no<sup>2</sup> "!"that were our father's **the animals** riches by taking  
 ,Then Yahweh told Jacob<sup>3</sup> .longer acted friendly toward him the way he did in the past  
**and** Return to your ancestors' homeland, where your relatives live, and I will stay with you"  
 ".help you

So Jacob sent a message to Rachel and Leah that they should meet him at the field<sup>4</sup>  
he said to them, "I, When they arrived<sup>5</sup> .of sheep and goats shis flock where he was with  
,have noticed that your father no longer acts friendly toward me the way he did in the past  
both You<sup>6</sup> .and has helped me but the God whom my father serves has stayed with me  
but he has cheated me by<sup>7</sup> ,know how I have worked for your father as hard as I could  
.changing what he pays me ten times. However, God has not permitted him to hurt me  
would be my pay, all animals that the speckled me every time that he told ,For example<sup>8</sup>  
changed his But whenever he .young gave birth to speckled s the flock the female animals in  
that the striped animals would be my pay, then they all gave birth to me told mind and  
and has given from him In that way, God has taken your father's animals<sup>9</sup> .young streaked  
.to me them

were mating, I had a of sheep and goats s One time during the season when the flock<sup>10</sup>  
and male goats only I looked around and was surprised to see that the In the dream .dream  
.striped, speckled, or blotched were and sheep that were mating with the female goats sheep  
,Then an angel from God called to me in the dream, 'Jacob!' and I answered, 'Yes<sup>11</sup>  
and sheep all the male goats that Look around and notice' ,to me Then he said<sup>12</sup> '?Lord  
I have .striped, speckled, or blotched are and sheep that are mating with the female goats  
that Laban has been doing the wrong things because I have noticed all ,caused that to happen  
Bethel, where you poured oil on the town of at who appeared to you I am the God<sup>13</sup> .to you  
So .where you made an oath to me and ,to dedicate the place to me top of a memorial stone  
" '.and go back to your home land ,immediately leave this land and then, get ready

Then Rachel and Leah responded to Jacob, "We will not inherit anything from our<sup>14</sup>  
For .and not family It is obvious that he treats us like strangers<sup>15</sup> !when he dies father  
.and then he spent all the money that should have been ours ,to you example, he sold us  
to us and our belongs rightfully In fact, all the wealth that God has taken from our father<sup>16</sup>  
".to do do everything that God has told you you should ,children. So then

get and helped his wives and his children for the journey got ready quickly So Jacob<sup>17</sup>  
animals other all his the camels and herding started Then he<sup>18</sup> .onto some camels up  
all his He took with him .toward the region of Canaan where his father Isaac lived  
while all the livestock that he had acquired including ,possessions that he had accumulated  
.Paddan Aram the region of in living

to shear his for several days had gone away the Aramean Laban ,before that Now<sup>19</sup>  
that he stole his idols entered his tent and Rachel ,While her father was gone .sheep  
without secretly deceived Laban by fleeing also At the same time, Jacob<sup>20</sup> .worshiped

took and with his family Jacob ran away in that way So<sup>21</sup> .telling him that he was leaving River and headed toward Euphrates everything that they owned. They quickly crossed the .the hill country of Gilead

## *Laban Chases After Jacob and His Family*

31:22-42

So Laban<sup>23</sup> .Three days later someone informed Laban that Jacob had run away<sup>22</sup> for seven days and his family his relatives with him and chased after Jacob some of took But that night God appeared to<sup>24</sup> .until they overtook him in the hill country of Gilead .Laban in a dream and warned him, “Be sure that you do not threaten Jacob in any way set up his tents in the already Laban caught up with Jacob, Jacob had By the time that<sup>25</sup> .at a place nearby set up camp there also so Laban and his relatives ,of Gilead hill country complained to him, “Look what you have met with Jacob and Laban the next day Then<sup>26</sup> You<sup>27</sup> !done! You have deceived me and dragged away my daughters like prisoners of war you were should not have deceived me and secretly run away! You should have told me and danced sung joyful songs held a feast and we could have ,If I had known !leaving You did<sup>28</sup> .on your way together, with tambourines and lyres playing, before sending you What you have !before they left let me kiss my daughters and my grandchildren even not the God in a dream you, but last night all of I have the power to harm<sup>29</sup> !done is foolish I ,Now then<sup>30</sup> .whom your father serves warned me not to threaten you in any way ,you left because you were so homesick to return to your father’s family understand that ”?why did you steal my gods but if I told because I was afraid. I thought that We left secretly“, Jacob answered Laban<sup>31</sup> However we<sup>32</sup> .by force daughters from me two you might take your ,you we were leaving that person will die ,here if you find your gods with anyone ,did not take your gods. In fact my all search go ahead and ,while our relatives are watching So !for stealing them he ,When Jacob said that ”.anything that is yours, take it If you find .belongings for yourself .had stolen the idols was the one who did not know that Rachel

through Leah’s tent and he searched So Laban started searching in Jacob’s tent. Then<sup>33</sup> .that belonged to him anything through the two servant women’s tent, but he did not find Now Rachel had hidden the<sup>34</sup> .Next after he left those tents, he went into Rachel’s tent camel saddlebag, and she was sitting on them. So although Laban searched her idols inside

Rachel ,As he was searching<sup>35</sup> .in the tent, he could not find them else through everything do not be upset that I am not able to get up to greet you, because please ,said to him, “Sir idols his he could not find That is also why ”.when I feel weak it’s that time of the month .her tent when he searched

and confronted him by saying to him, “Tell at Laban angry very Then Jacob became<sup>36</sup> that gives you the right to chase against you me my crime! Tell me what sin I have done that Now that you have searched through all my things, did you find anything<sup>37</sup> !after me here in front of our relatives, so that they can it put ,If so ?from your household anyone took !decide which one of us is right

your sheep and your During all that time !for you have worked For twenty years I<sup>38</sup> animals from any eaten killed and goats had no trouble bearing young, and I have never the dead your animals, I never brought any of Whenever wild animals killed<sup>39</sup> .your flocks Besides .I replaced them at my own expense ,Rather .to prove I was innocent to you animal day or at any time of stole that anyone ever animals any you required me to pay for ,that That was my situation! During the days, I suffered from the hot sun, and during<sup>40</sup> .night during the entire that for me It was like<sup>41</sup> .the nights it was so cold that I could not sleep twenty years that I was with you. I worked for you for fourteen years in order to marry your from you, even of animals six years to earn flocks another I worked two daughters, and If God, whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac<sup>42</sup> .though you changed my pay ten times there is no doubt that I would ,to take care of me serve and revere, had not been with me you have much God knows how But .nothing absolutely with here now be leaving ”.you so last night he rebuked ,for you mistreated me and how hard I have worked

## *Jacob and Laban Establish a Peace Treaty with Each Other*

31:43-55

my daughters, and their children are Then Laban responded to Jacob, “These women<sup>43</sup> !is mine here mine. In fact, all that you see also are smy grandchildren, and these flock are any But there is nothing I can do today to keep my daughters or their children near me and there should ,with each other treaty peace So then, you and I should make a<sup>44</sup> !longer stone and set large So Jacob picked out a<sup>45</sup> ”.to keep that treaty be something to remind us Then he<sup>46</sup> .to mark the place where they made their treaty a monument as on its end it up

gathered stones and put them in a all stones.” So they some more told his relatives, “Gather Laban gave<sup>47</sup> .of stones there next to the pile a meal together pile. Then everyone ate large while Jacob ”,which means “pile that reminds ,name Jegar Sahadutha Aramaic the pile the ,to him Laban said<sup>48</sup> .which has the same meaning ,name Galeed Hebrew gave it the That is ”.about our peace treaty will remind you and me of stones today this pile Starting“ which means ,Mizpah Another name for the place is<sup>49</sup> .why the name of that place is Galeed to make sure May Yahweh watch both of us“ ,to Jacob because Laban said ”,watchtower“ If you treat my daughters<sup>50</sup> .while we are apart from each other that we keep our treaty is else no one even if that wives besides them, remember other badly, or if you marry ”.to hold us accountable watching both of us always watching us, God is and here is this monument ,of stones said to Jacob, “Here is this pile also Then Laban<sup>51</sup> of stones This pile<sup>52</sup> .to remind us about our peace treaty which we stood up between us and that ,to attack you remind us that I must never go past this pile both and this monument your grandfather May<sup>53</sup> .you must never go past this pile and this monument to attack me s’Terah their father which were also ,Nahor’s gods my grandfather Abraham’s God and But Jacob made a vow by ”!and punish us if we break this agreement gods, judge between us the and he burned<sup>54</sup> ,that he would keep their treaty the God whom his father Isaac revered on the mountain. Then he invited his to God as a sacrifice on an altar an animal body of and spent the night together ate the meal all So they .there together relatives to eat a meal .there

Early the next morning Laban got up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters<sup>55</sup> and from there left and his men and asked God to bless them. Then he on the cheeks goodbye .returned home

## *Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau*

32:1-21

and ,with his family toward home Meanwhile Jacob continued on his journey<sup>1</sup> 32

When Jacob saw the angels, he exclaimed, “This is<sup>2</sup> .angels from God met him some ”.which means “two armies ,God’s army!” So he named that place Mahanaim

in who was living messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau some Then Jacob sent<sup>3</sup> he ordered ,Before they left<sup>4</sup> .the country of Edom which was also called ,the region of Seir you must tell my master Esau: ‘I, your servant Jacob, want you to know is what them, “This

,cattle many own now I<sup>5</sup> .Laban all this time our uncle that I have been staying with male and female servants. I have sent this message to many donkeys, and flocks, as well as ” ’.when I arrive to me sir, hoping that you will be kind ,you

to they returned to Jacob and reported ,After the messengers delivered Jacob’s message<sup>6</sup> to meet you, but here to your brother Esau. Now he is on his way and spoke We went“ ,him he was very frightened ,When Jacob heard that<sup>7</sup> ”!with him coming men 400 also there are ,groups large that were with him into two and animals the people all and worried. So he put and of cattle herds ,of sheep and goats his flocks all his family, his servants and including ,come and attack one group and his men because he thought, “If Esau He did that<sup>8</sup> .camels ”.escape be able to then the other group might

Yahweh, the God whom my grandfather Abraham and my Dear“ ,Then he prayed<sup>9</sup> father Isaac served, you told me to go back to my country where my relatives live, and that I am not worthy of how kind and faithful you have<sup>10</sup> .you would cause me to prosper all that I ,River crossed this Jordan first as I have served you. When I me always been to owned was my walking stick, but now my family and belongings are enough to form two from my brother Esau, because I am afraid that he now Please rescue me<sup>11</sup> .groups large But you<sup>12</sup> !children our mothers and these as well as will come and attack me and his men promised me that you would greatly prosper me, and that you would make my descendants sand on the seashore, which are so numerous that no one can the grains of as as numerous ”.count them all

he selected many of his during that time Then Jacob spent the night there, and<sup>13</sup> ,female goats and twenty male goats 200 including<sup>14</sup> ,animals to give to his brother Esau thirty mother camels with their colts, forty<sup>15</sup> ,female sheep and twenty male sheep 200 Jacob put his<sup>16</sup> .twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys and ,cows and ten bulls in a separate group. Then he of animal servants in charge of the animals, with each kind distance between some and keep ,one group at a time ,ordered his servants, “Go ahead of me of ordered the servant in charge of the first group also He<sup>17</sup> ”.of animals each group When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, ‘Who is your master, and where“ ,animals ’?ahead of you that you are driving belong to animals are you headed? And who do these serves humbly belong to Jacob who animals Esau, sir, these‘ ,him then you are to tell<sup>18</sup> ” ’.here you. He has sent them to you as a gift. In fact, he is following us

In the same way, Jacob ordered the servants who were in charge of the second and<sup>19</sup> groups, “When other who were in charge of the the servants and all ,of animals third groups Especially be sure to<sup>20</sup> .that I told the first servant you meet Esau, tell him the same thing because he thought ,Jacob did all that ”.there that his servant Jacob is following you him tell



then Esau would stop being ,to Esau ahead of himself of animals that if he sent the gifts  
forgive him and angry at him. He was hoping that when Esau saw the gifts, he would  
ahead of Jacob with went So Jacob's servants<sup>21</sup> .welcome him when they met in person  
.in the camp that night behind stayed and his family while Jacob ,for Esau gifts animal the

## *Jacob Wrestles with God, Who Names Him Israel*

32:22-32

night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives same that Later<sup>22</sup>  
he had taken After<sup>23</sup> .Stream and his eleven sons across a shallow place in the Jabbok  
animals and other his all had his servants take went back and them across the stream, he  
and a man ,for a while by himself there Then Jacob was<sup>24</sup> .too the stream belongings across  
When the man realized that he was not able to<sup>25</sup> .fought with him until daybreak came and  
defeat Jacob, he struck him on his hip, so that it went out of place as they fought with each  
Let go of me, because it is daybreak!" But Jacob“ ,to him Then the man said<sup>26</sup> .other  
,So the man asked him<sup>27</sup> ”!bless me first I will not let go of you until you !No“ ,replied  
Then the man said, “Your<sup>28</sup> ”.Jacob My name is“ ,your name?” He answered is What“  
which means “he who wrestles with ,Israel rather it will be name will no longer be Jacob, but  
”.because you have wrestled with God and with people, and you have won “,God

to tell him his name. But he replied, “There is no need for the man Then Jacob asked<sup>29</sup>  
So Jacob named<sup>30</sup> .what my name is!” Then the man blessed Jacob there me you to ask  
,here I saw God's face“ ,he exclaimed because “,which means “God's face ,the place Peniel  
”!he allowed me to live yet but

He was limping .and returned to his family The sun was shining as Jacob left Peniel<sup>31</sup>  
That is why even today the people of Israel do<sup>32</sup> .injury because of his hip as he walked  
hip joint, because that is the place on Jacob's hip animal's not eat meat that comes from an  
.and injured that God struck

## *the Jacob Reunites with Esau and Settles in Shechem City of*

33  
 ,toward him that Esau was coming in the distance Then Jacob looked and saw<sup>1</sup>  
 children among Leah, Rachel his divided up quickly men! So Jacob 400 were and with him  
 then ,in line He put his servant wives and their children first<sup>2</sup> .two servant wives his and  
 Then Jacob<sup>3</sup> .Joseph last her son Leah with her children behind them, and Rachel with  
 with As he got closer to him, he bowed .toward his brother all himself went ahead of them  
 .to show respect to the ground seven times his face

on But Esau ran to greet Jacob and hugged him. He held him tightly and kissed him<sup>4</sup>  
 Then Esau looked ahead and noticed the women and<sup>5</sup> .for joy cried both as they ,the cheeks  
 ”?to you Do they belong ?people these are Who“ ,Jacob so he asked ,who were there children  
 the children whom God has kindly given to the wives and They are“ ,him Jacob answered  
 all servant wives with their children came forward, and they two Then the<sup>6</sup> ”.me, sir  
 Next Leah and her children also<sup>7</sup> .to show respect in front of Esau to the ground bowed  
 Rachel came his mother Joseph and ,of all Then last .to the ground came forward and bowed  
 .to the ground bowed also forward, and they

that I of animals Why did you send all those herds“ ,Jacob Then Esau asked<sup>8</sup>  
 ,so that you will be kind to me They are gifts for you“ ,him encountered?” Jacob answered  
 keep them for so ,animals have enough already But Esau replied, “My brother, I<sup>9</sup> ”.sir  
 if you want to be ,Rather .my gifts But Jacob insisted, “Please do not refuse<sup>10</sup> ”.yourself  
 accept these gifts from me. After all, for me to see your face is like please kind to me, then  
 please accept So<sup>11</sup> .so kindly seeing God’s face, especially since you have welcomed me  
 that I sent to you, because God has been kind to me, so that I have all of animals my gift  
 he finally until that Esau accept the animals from him Jacob kept insisting ”.that I need  
 .them accepted

and I will accompany ,home Let’s start traveling“ ,to Jacob Then Esau suggested<sup>12</sup>  
 to fragile, and I need are children my ,But Jacob replied to him, “Sir, as you know<sup>13</sup> ”.you  
 If I force the animals to .their young the sheep and cattle that are nursing all be careful with  
 ahead of home sir, please go on ,So then<sup>14</sup> .one day, all of them will die even for go too far  
 me, sir. I will travel along slowly at a safe pace for the animals and the children that are  
 ”.Seir the region of with me, until we reach you in

to please let me leave with you some of my men Okay, then“ ,So Esau responded<sup>15</sup>  
 continue to please Just .to do that for you But Jacob replied, “There is no need ”.escort you  
 to home started on their way back and his men day Esau same So that<sup>16</sup> ”.be kind to me, sir

the traveled to and his family Jacob ,instead of going to Seir ,Meanwhile<sup>17</sup> .Seir the land of and they built ,and his family built houses for himself and his men Succoth. There he town of which means ,shelters for his animals. That is why the name of that place is Succoth some ”.shelters“

,from Paddan Aram home continued their journey and his family Jacob ,After that<sup>18</sup> until they arrived safely at the city of Shechem in the region of Canaan. Then they set up he bought the land where he had ,While he was there<sup>19</sup> .near that city in a field their tents the who was ,from the descendants of Hamor of silver set up his tents for a hundred pieces on that land, and he named it El out of stones built an altar also Jacob<sup>20</sup> .father of Shechem ”.which means “God is the God of Israel ,Elohe Israel

## *Shechem Rapes Dinah, and Jacob's Sons Take Revenge*

34:1-31

the daughter of Jacob and Leah, went out to who was ,Dinah one day Then<sup>1</sup> 34  
.The chief of that region was a Hivite named Hamor<sup>2</sup> .the local women some of visit with .her and raped her hold of Dinah was, so he grabbed how beautiful His son Shechem saw Shechem admired Jacob's daughter Dinah so much that he fell in love with her and spoke<sup>3</sup>  
Then Shechem said to his father Hamor, “Negotiate<sup>4</sup> .to try to woo her sweetly to her ”.for me so that I can marry this girl things

When Jacob found out that Shechem had dishonored his daughter Dinah, his sons<sup>5</sup> until about it in the fields taking care of his animals, so he didn't say anything out still were .his father Hamor went to talk to Jacob Shechem and ,Meanwhile<sup>6</sup> .home they returned ,what had happened from the fields. When they heard home Soon Jacob's sons returned<sup>7</sup> Israel the people of they were shocked and extremely angry that Shechem had dishonored But Hamor<sup>8</sup> !thing horrible by raping Jacob's daughter. No one should ever do such a So .and sister urged Jacob and his sons, “My son Shechem deeply loves your daughter let's allow marriage between our two people ,In fact<sup>9</sup> .please allow him to marry her can marry our young men and your young men your daughters can marry our so that ,groups ;to choose what you want You can live among us. The land is available for you<sup>10</sup> .daughters ”.land your own here, and you can buy freely trade also You can .wherever you want in it live

and let me be kind to me Please“ ,Then Shechem said to Dinah’s father and brothers<sup>11</sup>  
-Set the bride<sup>12</sup> .for her whatever you request from me you Then I will pay .marry her  
you as high as you want, and I will pay for her that I must pay gifts marriage price and  
”.give the young woman to me to marry Just please .whatever you ask from me

But since Shechem had dishonored their sister Dinah, Jacob’s sons replied to him<sup>13</sup>  
They said to them, “It would not be acceptable<sup>14</sup> .and his father Hamor in a deceitful way  
who is not circumcised, because that would like you for us to let our sister marry a man  
you first if is The only way that we can agree with your proposal<sup>15</sup> !dishonor our family  
then we ,If you do that<sup>16</sup> .become like us by circumcising all of your males and your people  
your daughters to we will allow men to marry our daughters, and young will allow your  
so that we become one ,in this land live among you also We will .young men marry our  
However if you refuse to agree with our requirement that you circumcise<sup>17</sup> .people group  
”.somewhere else then we will take our sister and move ,your people

So right<sup>19</sup> .What Jacob’s sons said seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem<sup>18</sup>  
away Shechem, who was the most respected member in his family, started to do what they  
In fact, he and his father Hamor<sup>20</sup> .required, because he was thrilled with Jacob’s daughter  
and they told the elders of their city ,for a town meeting to their city entrance straight went  
allow them to let’s These people are friendly toward us, so“<sup>21</sup> ,about Jacob and his sons  
here. After all, there is more than enough space in the land freely land and trade our live in  
young men can marry their daughters, and their young our then ,Besides that .too for them  
There is just one thing: They will only agree to live<sup>22</sup> .men can marry our daughters  
if we circumcise all our males so that we with us among us and become one people group  
their livestock and all their including ,their property all ,But if we do that<sup>23</sup> .are like them  
let’s just agree to do what they require so that they will So !animals will belong to us other  
”!live among us

,who were leaders of the city agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem the men All<sup>24</sup>  
so they circumcised every male in the city, including themselves

from being sore still all Shechem were the city of Three days later, when the men of<sup>25</sup>  
Dinah’s brothers, took their who were ,two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi ,circumcised  
there swords and attacked the city, with no one opposing them. They killed all the men  
with their swords, including Hamor and his son Shechem. Then they got Dinah from<sup>26</sup>  
and took into the city Jacob’s sons went all Next<sup>27</sup> .the city Shechem’s house and left  
 ,They did that .the city the rest of everything valuable from the dead bodies and from  
They plundered whatever<sup>28</sup> .Shechem had dishonored their sister that was where because  
of sheep and fields, including the people’s flocks surrounding was in the city and in the

They carried away all the valuable things<sup>29</sup> .and their donkeys of cattle their herds ,goats the people of Shechem had owned, including everything that was in their houses. They also .captured their women and children

serious You have brought me“ ,by saying Later Jacob scolded Simeon and Levi<sup>30</sup> only trouble by causing the Canaanites and Perizzites who live in this land to hate us!” I against us and attack us, they will forces join all so if they ,to defend us have a few men But Simeon and Levi responded, “Shechem<sup>31</sup> ”!our family the rest of destroy us and ”!should not have treated our sister like a whore

## *Bethel the Town of God Blesses Jacob at*

35:1-15

.Bethel the town of Then God commanded Jacob, “Leave here and move to<sup>1</sup> 35 the God who appeared to you me as to worship and offer sacrifices on it Build an altar there So Jacob told his family<sup>2</sup> ”.when you were running away from your brother Esau there with him, “Get rid of the idols you have that other people was and everyone else who Then we<sup>3</sup> .groups worship. Also wash and make yourselves clean and put on clean clothes Bethel. There we will build an altar and worship the town of will leave here and move to been with always God because he helped me during the time when I was in trouble. He has So they gave Jacob all their idols<sup>4</sup> ”.everywhere that we have gone and taken care of us us was their earrings. Then Jacob buried all those things at the base of the oak tree that all and .Shechem the city of near

the the people in Then Jacob and everyone with him left that place, and God caused<sup>5</sup> He and his<sup>6</sup> .surrounding towns to be terrified, so that they did not attack Jacob’s family ,Luz the town of in the region of Canaan, and they arrived at continued traveling family There Jacob built an altar, and he named the place El<sup>7</sup> .Bethel also has the name which appeared to first because that is where God had ”,which means “the God of Bethel ,Bethel .him when he was running away from his brother

Jacob’s Deborah died. She was the servant that had helped raise ,While they were there<sup>8</sup> in ,Jacob buried her body at the base of an oak tree .when she was young Rebekah mother which means “oak ,Bethel. So he named the place Allon Bacuth the town of near the valley ”.tree of mourning

at Paddan Aram, God appeared to him **the region of** Now that Jacob had returned from<sup>9</sup>  
has been your name **Although**“, and said to him<sup>10</sup> God blessed him **There** .again **Bethel**  
once Jacob, that will no longer be your name. Rather, you will have the name Israel!” So  
.God gave Jacob the name Israel again

said to Jacob, “I am Almighty God. Have many children so that you **also** Then God<sup>11</sup>  
numerous. Your descendants will become many people **very** become **and your descendants**  
the land that I gave to **,Besides that**<sup>12</sup> .groups, and some of your descendants will be kings  
After<sup>13</sup> ”.after you **who live** give to you and your descendants **also** Abraham and Isaac I  
.to heaven God finished talking to Jacob, he left him there and went up

at the place where God had talked to **on its end** stone up **large** Then Jacob stood a<sup>14</sup>  
oil on the stone **olive** Then he poured some wine and some **.as special** him, to mark the place  
Since God had talked to Jacob at that<sup>15</sup> **.to thank God and dedicate the place to him** marker  
”.which means “God’s house **,place**, Jacob named it Bethel

## *Rachel Dies Giving Birth to Benjamin*

35:16-20

**the town of** Later Jacob and his family moved on from Bethel and headed for<sup>16</sup>  
Rachel went into labor **his wife** ,Ephrath. While they were still some distance from there  
the ,Then when her labor pain was at its worst<sup>17</sup> .but she was experiencing great difficulty  
the woman who was helping her deliver exclaimed to her, “Do not **baby was born and**  
But Rachel was dying, and as her spirit was<sup>18</sup> ”!have another son **now** despair! You  
later But .”which means “son of my sorrow leaving her body, she named her baby Benoni  
”.which means “son of my right hand **,changed** his name to Benjamin **Jacob** his father

,Ephrath **the town of** After Rachel died, they buried her body beside the road to<sup>19</sup>  
to on her grave **on its end** Jacob stood a stone up<sup>20</sup> .Bethlehem **also has the name** which  
.stone still marks Rachel’s grave today **same** that ,In fact **.mark** where it was

## *Jacob’s Twelve Sons*

35:21-26

and set up their tents on the south **from there** moved on **and his family** Then Israel<sup>21</sup>  
 Reuben **Israel's son** ,While they were living in that area<sup>22</sup> .side of the tower of Eder  
 .**about it** committed adultery with his father's servant-wife Bilhah, and Israel found out  
 he had The sons<sup>23</sup> .twelve sons a total of had now Jacob ,**With the birth of Benjamin**  
 then Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and ,**child** his oldest **who was** ,Reuben were with Leah  
 he had The sons<sup>25</sup> .Joseph and Benjamin were with Rachel he had The sons<sup>24</sup> .Zebulun  
 with Leah's he had And the sons<sup>26</sup> .Dan and Naphtali were with Rachel's servant Bilhah  
 starting from the time the sons Jacob had are those All .servant Zilpah were Gad and Asher  
 .Paddan Aram the region of in that he lived

## *Isaac Dies*

35:27-29

also has the Mamre, which in the city of to his father Isaac home Then Jacob went<sup>27</sup>  
 had lived for a **and their families** Kiriath Arba or Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac name  
 ,Then, after living a long, full life<sup>29</sup> .Isaac lived to be 180 years old<sup>28</sup> .as foreigners while  
 Then .**who had died before him** he took his last breath and died, and he joined his ancestors  
 .his sons Esau and Jacob buried his body

## *Esau's Descendants*

36:1-19

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.Edom also was name a record about the descendants of Esau, whose is Here<sup>1</sup> 36  
 the daughter **who was** ,Adah **Their names were** .Canaanite women two Esau had married<sup>2</sup>  
 named Elon, and Oholibamah, whose father was Anah and whose **man** of a Hittite  
 Ishmael's **who was** ,Basemath **Esau also married**<sup>3</sup> .grandfather was a Hivite named Zibeon  
 .daughter and Nebaioth's sister

a son Eliphaz, while Basemath had whom they named with Esau a son Adah had<sup>4</sup>  
 were those All .Jeush, Jalam, and Korah sons named Oholibamah had<sup>5</sup> .Reuel named  
 .in the region of Canaan while they lived Esau's sons whom he and his wives had  
 ,his wives, his sons with him Later Esau moved away from his brother Jacob. He took<sup>6</sup>  
 members of his household, as well as his livestock and all other his daughters, and all the  
 belongings that he had gotten in the region of other his animals and all the the rest of  
 owned so many animals that both is that he and Jacob he moved away The reason<sup>7</sup> .Canaan  
 not just The land where they were staying was .in the same area they could not live together  
 That is how Esau<sup>8</sup> .because they had so many livestock both big enough to support them  
 ,is Esau, that That is the record about .ended up living in the Seir Mountains and his family  
 .Edom

the ancestor of the who was ,record of the descendants of Esau more detailed a is Here<sup>9</sup>  
 Eliphaz, whom he had were Esau's sons Two of<sup>10</sup> .in the Seir Mountains who live Edomites  
 and his Eliphaz<sup>11</sup> .with his wife Adah, and Reuel, whom he had with his wife Basemath  
 Eliphaz and his<sup>12</sup> .Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz they named had sons wife  
 grandsons of all were Amalek. Eliphaz's sons a son they named servant-wife Timna had  
 .his wife Adah Esau and

Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. They were the grandsons were Reuel's sons<sup>13</sup>  
 .his wife Basemath Esau and of

.Jeush, Jalam, and Korah whom they named Esau and his wife Oholibamah had sons<sup>14</sup>  
 .the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon Oholibamah was

clan leaders: The sons of his who became the descendants of Esau a record of is Here<sup>15</sup>  
 ,Korah<sup>16</sup> ,Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz were clan leaders who became Eliphaz son firstborn  
 in and lived from Eliphaz who descended the clan leaders were Gatam, and Amalek. They  
 .and Esau grandsons of Adah all were the land of Edom. They

,Nahath, Zerah were clan leaders who became The sons of Esau's son Reuel<sup>17</sup>  
 in and lived from Reuel who descended the clan leaders were Shammah, and Mizzah. They  
 .his wife Basemath Esau and grandsons of all were the land of Edom. They

,clan leaders were Jeush, Jalam who became The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah<sup>18</sup>  
 ,his wife Oholibamah Esau and from who descended the clan leaders were and Korah. They  
 .Anah's daughter who was



Edom, and each one led, is the descendants of Esau, that were clan leaders those All<sup>19</sup>  
.his own family group

## *Seir's Descendants*

36:20-30

living in that also the descendants of Seir the Horite who were a record of Here is<sup>20</sup>  
Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. They were the<sup>21</sup>, land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeen, Anah  
.clan leaders over the Horites in the land of Edom who became descendants of Seir  
.Timna was Lotan's sons were Hori and Hemam, and his sister<sup>22</sup>  
.Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam were Shobal's sons<sup>23</sup>  
Anah who discovered some hot the same is Aiah and Anah. This were Zibeen's sons<sup>24</sup>  
Anah's children<sup>25</sup>. in the desert grazing his father's donkeys out springs while he was  
,Hemdan, Eshban were Dishon's sons<sup>26</sup>. Dishon and his daughter Oholibamah his son were  
.Ithran, and Keran  
.Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan were Ezer's sons<sup>27</sup>  
.Uz and Aran were Dishan's sons<sup>28</sup>  
,Dishon<sup>30</sup>, Lotan, Shobal, Zibeen, Anah were clan leaders who became The Horites<sup>29</sup>  
and the Horite clan leaders. They led their own family groups were Ezer, and Dishan. Those  
.in the land of Seir lived

## *The Rulers over the Land of Edom*

36:31-43

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the land of Edom before the people of the kings who ruled over a record of is Here<sup>31</sup>  
king to first the son of Beor, was the who was, Bela<sup>32</sup>. the Israelites had their own king  
was that he ruled from Edom. The name of his hometown the land of the people of rule over

the son of Zerah, replaced him as king **who was** ,Bela died, Jobab **King When**<sup>33</sup> .Dinhabah  
 Jobab died, Husham replaced him **King When**<sup>34</sup> .Bozrah **his hometown of from and ruled**  
 .the land where the Temanites lived **his hometown, which was in from and ruled as king**  
**King** .the son of Bedad, replaced him as king **who was** ,Husham died, Hadad **King When**<sup>35</sup>  
 in the land of Moab. The name of his **in battle** who defeated the Midianites **Hadad is the one**  
 Hadad died, Samlah replaced him **King When**<sup>36</sup> .Avith **was that he ruled from** hometown  
 Samlah died, Shaul **King When**<sup>37</sup> .Masrekah **his hometown of from and ruled as king**  
 .River **Euphrates** Rehoboth beside the **his hometown of from and ruled** replaced him as king  
 .the son of Acbor, replaced him as king **who was** ,Shaul died, Baal-Hanan **King When**<sup>38</sup>  
 Baal-Hanan died, Hadar replaced him as king, and the name of his **King When**<sup>39</sup>  
 the **who was** ,Mehetabel **was Pau**. His wife's name **was that he ruled from** hometown  
 .the granddaughter of Me-Zahab **and** daughter of Matred  
  
 each clan ;from Esau **who descended** the clan leaders **more of the names of are** Here<sup>40</sup>  
 ,his own family group and ruled his own region that was named after him: Timna **leader led**  
**and** ,Magdiel<sup>43</sup> ,Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar<sup>42</sup> ,Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon<sup>41</sup> ,Alvan, Jetheth  
 led their own settlements in **all** clan leaders over the Edomites; they **were** those **All of** .Iram  
 the ancestor of **who was** ,Esau **concludes the record about** the land that they controlled. This  
 .the Edomites **all**

## *Joseph's Dreams Anger His Brothers*

11–37:1

had **Isaac** Jacob continued to live in the region of Canaan where his father<sup>1</sup> **37**  
 :the record about Jacob and his family **more of** Here is<sup>2</sup> .**as a foreigner** lived for a while  
**of sheep flocks family's** seventeen-year-old son Joseph was taking care of the **his One day**  
**wives servant** the sons of his father's **who were** Joseph was helping his brothers .**and goats**  
 .Bilhah and Zilpah, and he told their father about the bad things they were doing  
  
 loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he ,**that is, Jacob** ,Now Israel<sup>3</sup>  
 robe for Joseph that had many **special** was born to him when he was old. So he made a  
 When Joseph's brothers realized that their father loved Joseph more than the rest<sup>4</sup> .**colors**  
 .of them, they hated him so much that they would not talk to him in a friendly manner

Joseph had a dream, and he told his brothers about it. That made them hate **One night**<sup>5</sup> he told them, "Please listen to this dream that I **This is what**<sup>6</sup> .**than before** him even more Then **.of grain stalks** tying bundles **cutting and** out in a field **working** I saw us **In it**<sup>7</sup> :had suddenly the bundle that I had made stood up straight. Then I saw that the bundles you had **His**<sup>8</sup> ".**.to show respect** and bowed down to my bundle **my bundle** made stood around brothers responded to him, "Do you really expect to be our king? You will never rule over because of what he had said **than they did before intensely** us!" So they hated him even more **.about his dreams to them**

told to his brothers. He said, "Listen, I **also** Then Joseph had another dream that he<sup>9</sup> I saw that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down **in it** had another dream, and **just** his **both to the same dream** Later Joseph told<sup>10</sup> ".**.to show respect** before me **to the ground** a strange dream that **is** father and his brothers, but his father scolded him by saying, "That you had! Do you really expect your mother and me and your brothers to bow down before So Joseph's brothers were jealous of him, but his father continued to think about<sup>11</sup> "?you **.what it all could mean**

## *Joseph's Brothers Sell Him as a Slave and He Egypt the Country of Is Taken to*

37:12-36

**to of sheep and goats** sSometime after that, Joseph's brothers took their father's flock<sup>12</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "As you **one day** Then<sup>13</sup> .**Shechem the city of near in the fields** graze Shechem. Get ready so that I can **the city of near our flocks** know, your brothers are tending Then Israel told him, "Please<sup>14</sup> ".**.to go** send you to them." Joseph responded, "I'm ready **what** are doing. Then report back to me **sgo** and check on how your brothers and the flock **the city of the valley near their home in from on his way** So Israel sent him ".**you find out** a man saw ,**When he arrived there**<sup>15</sup> .**Shechem the city of** Hebron, and Joseph traveled to "?fields and asked him, "What are you looking for **nearby** him searching around in the **their** He replied, "I am looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are tending<sup>16</sup> The man answered, "They were here and then left, but I overheard them say<sup>17</sup> "?flocks **".Dothan the town of** that they were going to

**.Dothan the town of** So Joseph followed his brothers and caught up with them near ,**But they saw him while he was still some distance away, and before he reached them**<sup>18</sup>

Look, here comes that“ ,**about him** They said to each other<sup>19</sup> .they made plans to kill him  
.**here** Come on, let’s kill him and throw his body into one of the pits<sup>20</sup> !expert dreamer  
that a vicious animal ate him up, and we will watch if his dreams **people** Then we can tell  
”!come true

,rescue Joseph from them by urging them **tried to** so he ,**their plan** But Reuben heard<sup>21</sup>  
put **Instead** .Then he continued, “You must not take his life<sup>22</sup> ”.We should not kill him“  
in the desert, but you must not harm him.” Reuben was planning to **here** him into this pit  
.to their father **home** rescue Joseph from them and take him back

ripped off the colorful **took hold of him and** When Joseph reached his brothers, they<sup>23</sup>  
**was** Then they grabbed him and put him into the pit. The pit<sup>24</sup> .robe that he was wearing  
.dry inside **completely** empty and

they ,**While they were eating** .Joseph’s brothers sat down to eat a meal **some of** Then<sup>25</sup>  
**toward** was traveling **traders** group of Ishmaelite **large a that** looked around and noticed  
spices, healing **expensive** Gilead. Their camels were loaded with **the region of** from **them**  
So<sup>26</sup> .to sell there Egypt **the country of** they were taking down to **that** salve, and incense  
Judah urged to his brothers, “We will not gain anything by killing our brother and trying to  
so that we **over there traders** come on, let’s sell him to those Ishmaelite ,**Instead**<sup>27</sup> !hide it  
”.a member of our family, our own brother **is** will not be guilty of harming him. After all, he  
**traders (that is, Ishmaelite)** So when the Midianite<sup>28</sup> .**with him** Judah’s brothers agreed  
Joseph’s brothers pulled Joseph up out of the pit and sold him to the **some of ,them** came by  
**the country of** silver. Then the Ishmaelites took him to **pieces of** Ishmaelites for twenty  
.Egypt

Later Reuben came back to the pit, and he was shocked to see that Joseph was not<sup>29</sup>  
Then he went to his brothers and exclaimed<sup>30</sup> .to show distress there! So he tore his clothes  
So Joseph’s brothers killed a<sup>31</sup> ”!Joseph is gone! Now I do not know what to do“ ,to them  
.blood **goat’s** young goat and dipped Joseph’s robe in the

**for to him** Then they had someone take the colorful robe back to their father and say<sup>32</sup>  
Jacob<sup>33</sup> ”.whether or not it is your son’s to see Please look at it .robe We found this“ ,**them**  
s robe! Clearly a fierce animal’**Joseph** my son **This is**“ ,recognized the robe and exclaimed  
put on ,**in grief** Then Jacob tore his clothes<sup>34</sup> ”!has torn him to bits and eaten him up  
All Jacob’s sons<sup>35</sup> .mourning clothes, and for many days he mourned that his son had died  
.to console him, but he did not let them comfort him **and tried to him** and daughters came  
go down to **die and** until I **for my son** I will continue to mourn ,No“ ,to them Instead he said  
.be with him in the afterworld.” So Joseph’s father continued to mourn for him

,sold Joseph to Potiphar **traders** Egypt, the Midianite **the country of** Meanwhile, in<sup>36</sup>  
palace the captain over the **he was** ;**the king of Egypt** an officer under Pharaoh **who was**  
.guards

## *Judah and His Daughter-in-law Tamar*

38:1-30

Adullam **the town of** About that time, Judah left his brothers and went down to<sup>1</sup> **38**  
While he was living<sup>2</sup> .Hirah was a man from there whose name **the home of** and stayed near  
Shua, and he married her. Then he had **was** there, he met a Canaanite woman whose father  
,and she became pregnant. When she gave birth, she had a son<sup>3</sup> ,relations with her **marital**  
Then Judah's wife became pregnant again and gave birth to<sup>4</sup> .whom Judah named Er  
yet again and gave **became pregnant** Then she<sup>5</sup> .son, and she named him Onan **another**  
birth to another son, and she named him Shelah. When she gave birth to Shelah, Judah was  
.Kezib **the town of** at

Judah arranged for him to marry a woman ,**grew up** When Judah's oldest son Er<sup>6</sup>  
But Er did things that Yahweh considered to be evil, so Yahweh<sup>7</sup> .Tamar **was** whose name  
.caused him to die

**according to Tamar** Onan, "Marry your brother's widow **his son** After that, Judah told<sup>8</sup>  
and have children **as her brother-in-law** so that you fulfill your obligation to her **our custom**  
**they would** However Onan knew that the children<sup>9</sup> ".brother **deceased** for your **with her**  
,relations with Tamar **marital** would not belong to him. So whenever he had **have together**  
**any having getting pregnant and** on the ground to keep her from **his semen** he wasted  
Yahweh considered what Onan did to be evil, so he caused him<sup>10</sup> .children for his brother  
.to die too

live at your father's house, and **Go and**" ,Then Judah told his daughter-in-law Tamar<sup>11</sup>  
**Actually Judah did not** ".to marry you do not marry again until my son Shelah is old enough  
he would also die like his ,**that if he did** because he was afraid **want Shelah to marry Tamar**  
.to her father's house and stayed there **home** brothers had. So Tamar went

After a long time, Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua, died. After Judah finished<sup>12</sup>  
who **the men with to work** Timnah **the town of** go to **decided to** he **one day** ,for her mourning  
,Adullam **the town of** from **who was** ,He and his friend Hirah .**there** were shearing his sheep

-Meanwhile someone told Tamar, “Listen, your father-in<sup>13</sup> .started traveling there together  
So she changed from<sup>14</sup> ”.Timnah to shear his sheep the town of is on his way to Judah law  
headscarf and thin her clothes that showed she was a widow and covered her face with a  
Timnah and sat down near the town of toward she went Then .like a prostitute dressed herself  
because she had She did that .along the way was Enaim, which the town of the gateway of  
but Judah had not given her to him to ,to marry noticed that Shelah was now old enough  
.as he was supposed to do marry

but since she had ,beside the road he saw Tamar ,As Judah was traveling to Timnah<sup>15</sup>  
he assumed that she was a he could not see who she was, and ,with a scarf veiled her face  
Let“ ,to her beside the road and said sitting So he went over to where she was<sup>16</sup> .prostitute  
-because he did not recognize that she was his daughter He did that ”.me have sex with you  
What will you pay me so that you can have sex with“ ,him So she asked .Tamar in-law  
I“ ,a young goat from my flock.” She replied you I will send“ ,her He answered<sup>17</sup> ”?me  
the goat to keep until you deliver of yours valuable something me if you will give ,will agree  
,him So Judah asked, “What do you want me to leave with you?” She answered<sup>18</sup> ”.to me  
and your walking ,that you have around your neck your name seal with its cord Leave me“  
relations with sexual to her. Then he had those things stick that you are holding.” So he gave  
.home and returned Judah After that, Tamar left<sup>19</sup> .her, and she became pregnant from him  
.Then she took off her scarf and put on her clothes that showed she was a widow

the town of from who was ,Hirah Meanwhile Judah sent a young goat with his friend<sup>20</sup>  
when But .whom he had given them to Adullam, to reclaim his things from the prostitute  
near who lived men some So he asked<sup>21</sup> .he was not able to find her ,Hirah looked for her  
beside the sitting the temple prostitute who was is the place where she had been, “Where  
There has never been a temple“ ,him Enaim?” But they answered the town of road near  
I was not able to find“ ,him So Hirah returned to Judah and told<sup>22</sup> ”.prostitute around here  
there has never been a that the prostitute. In fact, the men who live near that town claim  
let her keep Stop looking for her and“ ,Then Judah said<sup>23</sup> ”.temple prostitute around there  
did try to for herself. Otherwise everyone will make fun of us. Besides that, I my things  
”.but you were not able to find her ,to her send this goat

About three months later, someone told Judah, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has<sup>24</sup>  
pregnant from doing that!” Judah responded now she is ,acted like a prostitute. In fact, look  
as So they went to get her, but<sup>25</sup> ”!to death and burn her the town Take her outside“ ,angrily  
along with his to her father-in-law a messenger she sent ,of the town they were taking her out  
and told the messenger to say, “The man who owns these things is the one who got things  
who owns this name seal with its cord and this the man me pregnant. Please identify  
and confessed, “Tamar is right, and I am his things Judah recognized<sup>26</sup> ”.walking stick

So they ”!as I was supposed to wrong, because I refused to have my son Shelah marry her  
.relations with her again sexual Judah never had after that and ,released Tamar

there were Months later, when Tamar was ready to give birth, they realized that<sup>27</sup>  
hand. So the midwife his stuck out one of them ,While she was in labor<sup>28</sup> !twins inside her  
”.was born first baby red string around his wrist and said, “This bright tied a who was there  
first But then the baby pulled his hand back inside, and suddenly his brother was born<sup>29</sup>  
”!What a dramatic way for you to burst out“ ,to the baby So the midwife exclaimed .instead  
After that, his brother, who<sup>30</sup> ”.which means “break out ,That is why he was named Perez  
which means ,red string on his wrist, came out. So he was named Zerah bright the had  
”.brightness“

## *Potiphar's Wife Tries to Seduce Joseph*

39:1-23

the Ishmaelite traders had taken Joseph down to some ,as you know Now<sup>1</sup> 39  
.from them as a servant Potiphar had bought him named Egypt, and an Egyptian country of  
.guards personal Pharaoh's officers, the captain over the king's King one of was Potiphar  
,and helped him As Joseph worked in his Egyptian owner's house, Yahweh was with him<sup>2</sup>  
with him was His owner realized that Yahweh<sup>3</sup> .so that he succeeded in everything he did  
So Potiphar was pleased with<sup>4</sup> .and was helping him to succeed in everything that he did  
Joseph and made him his personal servant. He also put him in charge of managing his  
Joseph's that From the time<sup>5</sup> .he owned that else household and taking care of everything  
for Joseph's man Egyptian owner did that, Yahweh blessed the household of that Egyptian  
home and in his in everything including ,sake. He blessed everything that belonged to him  
In fact, after Joseph's owner put him in charge of everything that he owned, he<sup>6</sup> .fields his  
personal matters except for in his household concern himself with anything need to did not  
.to eat he wanted food kind of what deciding like

So after a while, his owner's wife started<sup>7</sup> .Joseph was well-built and good-looking  
But Joseph refused and<sup>8</sup> ”!Come to bed with me“ ,him and told with desire looking at him  
concern himself with have to said to her, “Listen, because of me, my owner does not  
,house. In fact, he has put me in charge of everything that he owns his in is anything that  
he has no one in his household who has more authority than I do. He has given me so that<sup>9</sup>  
.his wife are because you ,of course ,except you ,in his household freedom with everything

Day after<sup>10</sup> ”!sin against God by doing such an evil thing **ever** So there is no way I would day Potiphar’s wife kept pressuring Joseph to go to bed with her, but he refused her .requests and stayed away from her

to do his work, but no other **as usual** house **his owner’s** Then one day Joseph went to<sup>11</sup> **saw her chance and** So Potiphar’s wife<sup>12</sup> .menservants from the household were there demanded, “Come to bed with me!” But **and** Joseph by his robe **hold of** grabbed As soon as she saw<sup>13</sup> .he fled and left his robe in her hands as he ran outdoors **immediately** she summoned the<sup>14</sup> ,in her hands **behind** that Joseph had run outdoors and left his robe ,she exclaimed to them ,**when they arrived** menservants from her household. Then **other** among us to make fools of us! He **here** Hebrew servant **this** Look, my husband brought“ Then as soon as he heard me<sup>15</sup> !**for help** came here to rape me, but I screamed loudly ”!scream like that, he left his robe with me and ran outdoors

„Joseph’s owner ,**her husband** So Potiphar’s wife kept Joseph’s robe with her until<sup>16</sup> Then she told him the same story. She said, “The Hebrew servant whom<sup>17</sup> .returned home But as soon as I screamed<sup>18</sup> !you brought among us came here to make a fool of me When Joseph’s owner heard what his<sup>19</sup> ”!loudly, he left his robe with me and ran outdoors arrest **had soldiers** So he<sup>20</sup> .wife said his servant had done to her, he became very angry Joseph and put him in the prison where they kept people who had committed crimes against .the king

but Yahweh was with him and was kind to him and<sup>21</sup> „Joseph remained there in prison before So<sup>22</sup> .**so that he treated him well** ,caused the prison warden to be pleased with him in that prison, so **were** prisoners who **other** the warden put Joseph in charge of all the **long need** The warden did not<sup>23</sup> .managed everything that they did there **was the one who** that he pay attention to anything at all that Joseph was in charge of, because Yahweh was with **to** .Joseph and enabled him to succeed at everything he did

## *The Head Wine-server’s and Head Baker’s Dreams*

40:1-23



baker disobeyed their head wine-server and the head Sometime after that, the<sup>1</sup> 40

Pharaoh was furious with King ,As a result<sup>2</sup> .the king of Egypt ,Pharaoh who was ,master put them in prison at the captain had his soldiers arrest them and So he<sup>3</sup> .those two officers the captain over the There<sup>4</sup> .over the guards' house, in the same prison where Joseph was them, so he served them, and they remained in take care of guards appointed Joseph to .some time for prison

One night the king of Egypt's wine server and baker each had a dream while they<sup>5</sup> The next morning, when Joseph<sup>6</sup> .dream had its own meaning one's were in prison. Each So he asked them, "Why do you<sup>7</sup> .them, he noticed that they looked sad serve came to but there ,last night had a dream each They answered him, "We<sup>8</sup> "?unhappy today so look one only what our dreams mean." Joseph replied, "God is the us who can tell here is no one what you Please tell me .the meaning of dreams who gives someone the ability to interpret ".dreamed

Then the head wine-server told Joseph what was in his dream. He said, "While I was<sup>9</sup> that had three branches. Soon buds started forming<sup>10</sup> dreaming, I saw a vine in front of me became bunches of ripe and the flowers ,became flowers the buds Then .on the branches and from the vine Pharaoh's cup, and I picked grapes King Next I was holding<sup>11</sup> .grapes and he drank from squeezed juice from them into the cup. Then I handed the cup to Pharaoh ".it

represent what your dream means: The three branches is Joseph said to him, "This<sup>12</sup> Pharaoh will summon you and give you back your job, so King In three days<sup>13</sup> .three days .serve wine to him, as you used to do when you were his wine-server again that you will everything is going well for you, please remember that I you are out of prison and When<sup>14</sup> Pharaoh so King with you, and please be kind to me and mention my situation to here was by force from the land here People brought me<sup>15</sup> .that he releases me from this prison to wrong I have done nothing in Egypt the Hebrews, live. Even here ,my people where ".deserve being in a dungeon

for the first When the head baker heard the positive meaning that Joseph gave<sup>16</sup> and while I was dreaming, I saw three bread ,had a dream he told him, "I also ,dream of bread and cakes kinds many there were In the top basket<sup>17</sup> .on my head stacked baskets ".from the basket up birds were gobbling them some but ,to eat Pharaoh King for

represent what your dream means: The three baskets is This“ ,to him Joseph said<sup>18</sup>  
 chop off your head and have his soldiers Pharaoh will King In three days<sup>19</sup> .three days  
 ”.your flesh off your bones all pole, where vultures will eat sharp impale your body on a  
 Pharaoh’s birthday, and he invited all King it was Then sure enough, three days later<sup>20</sup>  
 -head wine his bring had soldiers he ,During the banquet .his officers to attend a banquet  
 Then he returned<sup>21</sup> .officers other his all in front of to the banquet server and head baker  
 had But he<sup>22</sup> .served wine to him again work, so that he former the head wine-server to his  
 Everything happened .his body on a pole impale and the head baker his soldiers execute  
 .to them their dreams exactly the way Joseph had explained  
 forgot about Joseph and did not remember completely However the head wine-server<sup>23</sup>  
 .him to tell Pharaoh about

## *Joseph Explains the Meaning of Pharaoh’s Dreams*

41:1-36

he saw In the dream .Pharaoh had a dream King ,Two whole years later<sup>1</sup> **41**  
 Suddenly, seven healthy-looking, fat cows walked<sup>2</sup> .River Nile himself standing beside the  
 Next he saw that seven<sup>3</sup> .beside the river up out of the river and started eating the tall grass  
 cows on first sickly-looking, scrawny cows walked up out of the river and stood next to the  
 -Then the sickly-looking, scrawny cows devoured the seven healthy<sup>4</sup> .the river bank  
 .then Pharaoh woke up Just .looking, fat cows  
 ,he saw seven plump This time .dream to sleep and had a second back Then he went<sup>5</sup>  
 Suddenly, seven small heads of<sup>6</sup> .well-formed heads of grain growing on the same plant  
 beside the on the same plant desert wind had dried out started growing hot grain that the  
 .Next, the small heads of grain gobbled up the seven big, well-formed heads<sup>7</sup> .first heads  
 .dreaming he had been At that point, Pharaoh woke up and realized that  
 summon servants so he had ,about the dreams The next morning Pharaoh was upset<sup>8</sup>  
 he told them ,When they arrived .Egypt the country of scholars in other all the sorcerers and  
 .meant the dreams what what he had dreamed, but none of them was able to explain to him  
 when I the time today I remember ,Sir“ ,Then the head wine-server said to Pharaoh<sup>9</sup>

,Pharaoh, you were angry with your officials **King** ,Some time ago<sup>10</sup> .you offended  
'me and the head baker, and you put us in prison at the captain of the guards **including**  
each of our dreams had **and** ,had a dream **each** one night we ,While we were there<sup>11</sup> .house  
a servant for the **who was** There was a young Hebrew man with us<sup>12</sup> .a different meaning  
he explained them to us. He told us ,our dreams captain over the guards. After we told him  
And sure enough, everything happened exactly the way<sup>13</sup> .what each of our dreams meant  
,as your wine-server work former to us: you returned me to my **the dreams** he had explained  
".execute the baker **had your soldiers** and you

summon Joseph. So they **servants** he had **immediately** ,When Pharaoh heard that<sup>14</sup>  
and **his head and face** went right away and got him out of the prison. Then after he shaved  
,Then Pharaoh said to him<sup>15</sup> .changed into appropriate clothing, he went before Pharaoh  
what it means. But someone told **to me** I had a dream, but no one has been able to explain"  
".to explain what it means **you are able** ,when you hear a dream **that** ,me about you  
God will explain **but** ,on my own I do not have that ability ,Sir“ ,Joseph replied to him<sup>16</sup>  
".in your heart Pharaoh, will have peace **King** ,you so that **your dream**

**Nile** So Pharaoh told Joseph, “As I was dreaming, I saw myself standing beside the<sup>17</sup>  
**onto** Then suddenly, seven fat, healthy-looking cows walked up out of the river<sup>18</sup> .River  
Suddenly seven other cows<sup>19</sup> .that was there and started eating the tall grass **the bank**  
-in terrible condition, very sickly **they were** ;behind the first cows **out of the river** walked up  
anywhere in the **cows** I have never seen such awful-looking ,In fact .looking and scrawny  
**even** But<sup>21</sup> .Then the scrawny, sickly cows devoured the seven fat ones<sup>20</sup> !land of Egypt  
,know that they had devoured them **ever** after they had swallowed them, no one would  
.looked just as terrible as before. That’s when I woke up **still** because they

I saw that there were **This time** .dream **another** had **went back to sleep** and Then I<sup>22</sup>  
Then suddenly, seven<sup>23</sup> .seven big, well-formed heads of grain growing on the same plant  
wilted **These had** .next to the first heads **on the same plant** small heads of grain sprouted  
Then the small heads of grain gobbled<sup>24</sup> .desert wind had dried them out **hot** because the  
sorcerers, but none of them could **my to my dreams** up the seven well-formed ones. I told  
".what the dreams meant explain to me

your dreams mean the same **both of** ,Your Majesty“ ,Pharaoh **King** Then Joseph told<sup>25</sup>  
The seven healthy<sup>26</sup> .God is revealing to you what he is going to do ,Through them .thing  
**the same represent** seven years, and the seven well-formed heads of grain **represent** cows  
The seven scrawny and sickly cows that<sup>27</sup> .dreams mean the same thing **Both** .seven years  
**so do** seven years, and **a different represent** behind the first cows **out of the river** walked up  
there **They both mean that** .the seven small heads of grain that the desert wind had dried out

what I was talking about is Pharaoh, that King<sup>28</sup> .will be a famine that lasts seven years there first ,Listen<sup>29</sup> .God is revealing to you what he is going to do that you when I told throughout the to eat will be seven years when people will have more than enough food But after that, there will be a famine that lasts seven years. As a<sup>30</sup> .entire country of Egypt result, the people in Egypt will forget what it was like in their country during all the years because the famine will devastate the country ,to eat food when they had more than enough That's right, people will completely forget about the<sup>31</sup> .so that many people will starve so will be after that that comes years when there was plenty of food, because the famine dreams that mean the same different Pharaoh, had two King ,The fact that you<sup>32</sup> .severe .thing shows that God has decided what he is going to do, and he will make it happen soon intelligent and who is I recommend that you look for a man ,your Majesty ,So now<sup>33</sup> also Sir, you should<sup>34</sup> .knows what to do, and put him in charge over the country of Egypt collect one-fifth of have them administrators in charge of the country, and regional appoint the country during the seven years when harvests the crops that people harvest throughout grain during the prosperous years ahead surplus Have them collect all that<sup>35</sup> .are plentiful Pharaoh, have them stockpile King ,Using your authority .when there will be plenty of food for guard it, so that there will be food have soldiers in the cities and in storehouses grain that during the to eat the country the people of That food should stay in storage for<sup>36</sup> .the people famine that will last seven years in the country of Egypt, so that they will not starve to .death because of the severe lack of food

## *Joseph Becomes the Governor over the Country of Egypt and Stores Up Food*

41:37-57

.What Joseph proposed seemed like a good plan to Pharaoh and all his officials<sup>37</sup> we cannot find anyone else more qualified Certainly“ ,So Pharaoh exclaimed to them<sup>38</sup> Then he said to Joseph, “Since God has made<sup>39</sup> ”!than this man whom God's Spirit guides in this or knows what to do are intelligent as you as is else all this known to you, no one so that all the ,and my kingdom I am putting you in charge of my household So<sup>40</sup> .situation people in my country must obey whatever you command. Only I who am king will have Then Pharaoh said, “Listen, I hereby put you in charge of<sup>41</sup> ”.higher authority than you identification ring and put it official Then he took off his<sup>42</sup> ”.the whole country of Egypt

linen expensive gave Joseph also He .to show that he had appointed him on Joseph's finger  
Then Pharaoh had Joseph<sup>43</sup> .of gold around his neck made clothes to wear and put a chain  
As he .in the chariot that showed he was the second highest ruler in the country around ride  
Make way!" In“ ,to everyone ahead of him calling out in the road walked messengers ,rode  
.appointed Joseph to be in charge of the whole country of Egypt officially that way, Pharaoh

that throughout the whole hereby command ,told Joseph, “I, Pharaoh also Pharaoh<sup>44</sup>  
Then Pharaoh gave<sup>45</sup> ”!country of Egypt, everyone must only do what you tell them to do  
which means “the one who explains/reveals ,name Zaphenath-Paneah Egyptian Joseph the  
the daughter of She was .wife his Asenath to be a woman named and he gave him ”,secrets  
started his duties and On. Then Joseph the city of in at the temple a priest who was ,Potiphera  
.traveled throughout the country of Egypt

.serving Pharaoh, the king over Egypt started thirty years old when he was Joseph<sup>46</sup>  
Joseph left him and traveled throughout the whole country of ,After Pharaoh appointed him

During the seven years when food was plentiful, the land<sup>47</sup> .doing his work Egypt  
grain surplus collect all the had his helpers So Joseph<sup>48</sup> .produced huge amounts of grain  
had them seven years in the country of Egypt, and he those during that people harvested  
that people store the grain had them grain in the cities. In each city he that stockpile  
In that way, Joseph stockpiled so much grain that<sup>49</sup> .from the surrounding fields harvested  
it was so plentiful that he ,In fact .sand on the seashore grains of the plentiful as it was as  
.because it was too much to keep track of of it stopped keeping records

,Asenath his wife famine years started, Joseph had two sons with seven Before the<sup>50</sup>  
son oldest his Joseph named<sup>51</sup> .On the city of a priest in who was ,the daughter of Potiphera  
because God has helped me to It is“ ,and he explained ”,which means “forget ,Manasseh  
my father and the rest of my how much I have missed all my troubles and about about forget  
which means “twice ,second son Ephraim his And he named<sup>52</sup> ”.back home family  
because God has helped me to prosper in the country It is“ ,and he explained ”,prosperous  
”.so much where I have suffered

.Finally the seven years were over when food was plentiful in the country of Egypt<sup>53</sup>  
Then the seven years began when there was a severe lack of food, which is exactly what<sup>54</sup>  
The famine spread to every country, but throughout the .would happen Joseph had predicted  
When everyone in Egypt<sup>55</sup> .in the storehouses food still whole country of Egypt there was  
Pharaoh for food. So he King they begged ,because of the famine became very hungry  
”.to do do whatever he commands you and ,for help commanded them, “Go ask Joseph  
had his helpers Since the severe food shortage was affecting the whole country, Joseph<sup>56</sup>  
to the people of the grain and he started selling ,full of grain open up all the storehouses

In<sup>57</sup> .throughout the country of Egypt and worse Egypt. Then the famine became worse ,from Joseph grain all over the world started coming to Egypt to buy people from ,fact .terrible throughout the whole world so because the food shortage was

## *Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt to Buy Grain*

42:1-38

Jacob heard that there was when ,back in the region of Canaan Meanwhile<sup>1</sup> 42 doing stand around Egypt, he told his sons, “Do not just the country of in for sale grain go So .Egypt the country of in for sale I heard that there is grain !to this Listen<sup>2</sup> !nothing so that we can stay alive and not ,to eat and our families for us some down there and buy traveled down to Egypt to left home and brothers older So Joseph's ten<sup>3</sup> ”.starve to death to brother Benjamin to go younger But Jacob did not allow Joseph's<sup>4</sup> .there grain some buy his brothers, because Jacob was afraid that something bad might the rest of with Egypt .happen to him

to there other people who were coming many along with in Egypt Israel's sons arrived<sup>5</sup> in the region of affecting everyone also because the severe food shortage was ,food buy the one was he ,of Egypt the administrator over the country was Joseph Since<sup>6</sup> .Canaan also from all over the country. So Joseph's brothers who came to him to people grain selling to show faces to the ground their with and bowed down like everyone else went before him When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended that he<sup>7</sup> .him respect In fact, he spoke to them sternly and asked them, “What country are .them know did not ”.grain some from the region of Canaan to buy we are ,Sir“ ,him you from?” They answered .Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not realize who he was<sup>8</sup>

so he ,long ago Then Joseph remembered what he had dreamed about his brothers<sup>9</sup> to here You came !about our country accused them, “You are secretly gathering information But his brothers replied to him, “Sir, we are not<sup>10</sup> ”!country is weak our find out where all are We<sup>11</sup> .grain some to buy only here have come who humble men we are ,Rather .spies ”.humble, trustworthy men, not spies are brothers who have the same father. We

to find here You have definitely come !true not That is“ ,But Joseph accused them<sup>12</sup>  
twelve of us there were ,Sir“ ,to him But they replied<sup>13</sup> ”!country is weak our out where  
youngest Our .in the region of Canaan who lives sons of the same father are brothers. We  
”.brother has died our other with our father right now, but is brother

!on our country But Joseph accused them, “What I told you is true! You are spying<sup>14</sup>  
King As certain as :told me the truth you or not this is how I will verify whether ,So now<sup>15</sup>  
never leave Egypt until your youngest brother definitely you will I swear that ,Pharaoh lives  
.here brother back youngest and bring your back home one of you must go So<sup>16</sup> .is here  
you told me the whether you must stay here in prison. That way I can verify The rest of  
you really are that means ,Pharaoh lives King truth. But if you are lying, as certain as  
for lock up his brothers in prison had his soldiers Then Joseph<sup>17</sup> ”!on our country spying  
.three days

Three days later, Joseph said to them, “I am a man who reveres God. So if you do<sup>18</sup>  
one just trustworthy men, I will make claim to be Since you<sup>19</sup> .you live I will let ,what I say  
carry food and go may you The rest of .of you brothers stay where you have been, in prison  
back bring your youngest brother must But you<sup>20</sup> .your hungry families for home back  
to me. That way I will know that you are telling the truth, and I will let you live.” So here  
.do what he said agreed to Joseph’s brothers

they said to each other, “Surely what we did to ,While they were still standing there<sup>21</sup>  
wrong. We saw how he was suffering when he begged very was long ago Joseph our brother  
”.That is why we are suffering now .to him but we refused to listen ,not to harm him us  
!you should not do anything bad to him that Reuben scolded them by saying, “I told you<sup>22</sup>  
and now look, God is holding us responsible for causing ,to me But you refused to listen  
what they were understand could Joseph’s brothers did not realize that he<sup>23</sup> ”!him to die  
as if he did not because he had been speaking to them using a translator ,saying to each other  
he turned his back to ,When Joseph heard what they were saying<sup>24</sup> .know their language  
he turned back around and spoke to them ,after he recovered them and started crying. Then  
with chains bind him had his soldiers them and among Then he chose Simeon from .again  
.while they watched

told them also He .grain with to fill his brothers’ sacks his servants Then Joseph told<sup>25</sup>  
and to provide they had paid for the grain put in each brother’s sack the money secretly to  
his<sup>26</sup> ,After Joseph did that for his brothers .home food to eat on their trip with them  
.home and started traveling backs ’grain onto their donkeys sacks of brothers loaded their

opened his sack **of them** at a place to stay for the night, one **when they stopped** ,Later<sup>27</sup>  
grain to feed his donkey. There in the top of his sack he saw the money that he **some** to get

So he exclaimed to the others, “Somebody has returned my<sup>28</sup> **!to buy grain** had used  
shocked, and **completely** they were ,**When they saw it** ”!Here it is in my sack **!to me** money  
”?They asked each other, “Why is God doing this to us .**with fear** they shook

,the region of Canaan where their father Jacob was **their home in** they reached **When**<sup>29</sup>  
The man who governs the<sup>30</sup> ,they told him everything they had experienced. They said  
But we<sup>31</sup> **!country their on** spoke to us sternly and accused us of spying **of Egypt** country  
**we and** ,twelve of us brothers **There were**<sup>32</sup> .not spies ;**men trustworthy** are told him, ‘We  
**at is brother** has died, and the youngest **of our brothers** the sons of the same father. One **are**  
,with our father right now in the region of Canaan **home**

**are** But the man who governs the country told us, ‘This is how I will know if you<sup>33</sup>  
with **home go the rest of you** with me, and **here** You must leave one of you :**men trustworthy**  
to me. Then I **here back** But bring your youngest brother<sup>34</sup> .your starving families **food for**  
I will return your brother to you **Then** .and not spies **men trustworthy** are will know that you  
” ’.**freely and trade** and you can travel around my country ,**from prison**

and there inside each ,**of grain** Then Joseph’s brothers started emptying their sacks<sup>35</sup>  
they and their father **When !that he had paid for the grain** man’s sack was his bag of money  
,Then their father exclaimed to them<sup>36</sup> .bags, they were terrified **money** saw the **Jacob**  
**want to you now** loss! Joseph is gone! Simeon is gone! And **terrible** You have caused me“  
”!Everything is going terribly for me **!too from me away** take Benjamin

If .**down to Egypt** Benjamin **taking** let me be responsible for ,**Father**“ ,Reuben replied<sup>37</sup>  
But his<sup>38</sup> ”.killing my two sons **punish me by** you can ,**safely** to you **back** I fail to bring him  
with you. His brother **to Egypt** go down **Benjamin** I will not let my son ,**No**“ ,father replied  
So if anything bad happened to .**from his mother** left **I have** is dead, so he is the only son  
journey, you would cause me, your elderly father, to grieve so badly that I **your** him on  
”!go down to the afterworld **die and** would

## *,Joseph’s Brothers, including Benjamin*

### *Return to the Country of Egypt*



So when Jacob<sup>2</sup> .of Canaan severe in the region continued to be The famine<sup>1</sup> 43

the country of the grain that his sons had brought from all and his family finished eating  
and our grain for us more buy some and to Egypt Egypt, he said to them, “Go back  
sternly warned us that we there Judah replied to him, “The governor his son But<sup>3</sup> ”.families  
if you will So<sup>4</sup> .not with us is brother youngest if our to buy grain again cannot go to him  
grain for more and buy to Egypt we can go then ,brother to go with us youngest allow our  
because the ,there we cannot go ,with us However if you refuse to let him go<sup>5</sup> .you  
”.not with us is brother youngest if our again governor warned us that we cannot go to him

Why did you cause trouble for me by telling the“ ,them Israel asked their father Then<sup>6</sup>  
us The governor asked“ ,him They answered<sup>7</sup> ”?governor that you have a younger brother  
if our father was still us many questions about ourselves and about our family. He asked  
answered his questions honestly. There is no just brother. We another alive and if we had  
”!to him there way we could have known that he would require us to take our brother down

to Entrust the young man to me“ ,about Benjamin Then Judah urged his father Israel<sup>8</sup>  
Then all of us, including .to buy grain to Egypt so that we can go immediately take care of  
.I personally promise to keep him safe<sup>9</sup> .our children, can survive and not starve to death  
to you safely, I will back if I do not bring him so that ,You can hold me responsible for him  
if we had not waited ,In any case<sup>10</sup> .be guilty of this sin against you for the rest of my life  
Then their father<sup>11</sup> ”.by now there and back trips round we could have made two ,this long  
of the best things some Israel said to them, “Since that is how it must be, then do this: Put  
some healing Include .gifts as to the governor them land in your sacks, and take our from  
Also<sup>12</sup> .pistachio nuts and almonds some and ,spices and incense some ,salve, some honey  
because you must take back ,as you took the first time money as much take with you twice  
.in your sacks. Maybe they did that by mistake to you the money that someone gave back  
I pray<sup>14</sup> .brother and immediately go back to the governor youngest take your ,now So<sup>13</sup>  
all-powerful will cause him to treat you kindly so that he will let your other who is that God  
lose them and must if I if not, and with you. But home back brother and Benjamin come  
”.grieve will I then ,for them grieve

along with twice as much money in their sacks Then the brothers packed those gifts<sup>15</sup>  
and quickly traveled down to with them Benjamin took Then they .as the grain would cost  
When Joseph saw Benjamin with his<sup>16</sup> .Egypt and went directly to Joseph the country of  
.house my brothers, he commanded his head house-servant, “Escort these men to other  
”.at noon today them to eat with me I want because ,a feast Then butcher a calf and prepare

and escorted the brothers to him to do told had The servant did exactly what Joseph<sup>17</sup>,that he had taken them to Joseph's house saw But when the brothers<sup>18</sup> .Joseph's house money our He has taken us here because of“ ,to each other they were afraid, and they said have his to He intends .here first trip our on that someone gave back to us in our sacks ”!servants, along with our donkeys his attack us and overpower us and make us soldiers house to his the door to outside Then they approached Joseph's head house-servant<sup>19</sup> and said, “Excuse us, sir, one time before this, we traveled all the way<sup>20</sup> .speak to him when we arrived at the ,on our way home But<sup>21</sup> .grain some to buy to Egypt here down place where we lodged for the night, we opened our sacks. There in the top of each of our The money was all there! So we !for the grain we had paid to you the money was sacks brought more money with us so also We have<sup>22</sup> .to give to you back with us all brought it ”.We have no idea who put the money in our sacks .now grain some more that we can buy The God .about it do not worry so ,It is all right“ ,to them But Joseph's servant replied<sup>23</sup> definitely I because ,whom you and your father serve must have put the money in your sacks Then Joseph's servant brought Simeon ”.that you paid for the grain received your money .to his brothers of prison out

them Then Joseph's servant brought the brothers into Joseph's house and provided<sup>24</sup> ,Meanwhile<sup>25</sup> .their feet. He also fed their donkeys the road dust off with water to wash ,gifts ready to give to Joseph when he came home at noon their Joseph's brothers got .there with him because they had heard that they were going to eat a meal

to him the gifts that they had brought gave When Joseph came home, his brothers<sup>26</sup> to to the ground with their faces with them into the house, and they bowed down before him Is“ ,them Then Joseph asked them how they were doing, and he asked<sup>27</sup> .show respect They answered<sup>28</sup> ”?Is he still living ?to me your elderly father well whom you mentioned our father, who highly respects you, is still alive and well.” Then they bowed ,Yes sir“ ,him .again to the ground and bowed down their heads

Then Joseph looked around and saw his brother Benjamin, who had the same<sup>29</sup> So this must be your youngest brother whom you“ ,to them mother that he had, and he said I pray that God will be kind to you, young“ ,to Benjamin told me about.” Then he said because he felt overwhelmed with of the room Suddenly Joseph rushed out<sup>30</sup> ”.man emotions about his brother and was about to cry. So he went to his bedroom, where he cried .privately

the tears he washed ,and stopped crying After he had gotten control of his emotions<sup>31</sup> Serve the“ ,his servants Then he commanded .of his room his face and came back out off

to Joseph at his own table, and his brothers at their own food So they served<sup>32</sup> ”.to us food table, and the Egyptians who were eating with him at their own table. Egyptians do not eat .to do that at the same table as Hebrew people, because Egyptians consider it unacceptable facing his table in the order of their ages, from at a table Joseph’s brothers were sitting<sup>33</sup> at one and stared they were amazed ,When they noticed that .the oldest to the youngest serve food to his brothers from his table, but he had his servants Then Joseph<sup>34</sup> .another of his served to any of the rest they than food serve Benjamin five times more had them .freely with him wine Then his brothers feasted and drank .brothers

## *Joseph Tests His Brothers*

44:1-17

bags with grain Later Joseph ordered his head house-servant, “Fill the men’s<sup>1</sup> 44 and in the top of their bags, put the money that ,with them as much grain as they can take s’one Also put my silver cup in the top of the youngest<sup>2</sup> . for the grain paid of them each bag, along with the money that he paid for the grain.” So the servant did exactly what .him to do Joseph had ordered

along with their ,on their way sent the brothers Joseph ,Early the next morning<sup>3</sup> ,they had not gone very far out of the city when he ordered his head servant But<sup>4</sup> .donkeys pursue those men. When you catch up with them, ask them, ‘Why have you and Hurry“ that the cup is you stole The cup<sup>5</sup> ?to you so good after he was so badly my master treated very uses it to find out secret things! What you have done is also my master drinks from. He ” ’!wrong

caught up with the men, he repeated to them what left, and when he Then the servant<sup>6</sup> We assure ?But they replied, “Sir, why do you say such things<sup>7</sup> .to say Joseph had told him Remember that we returned to you<sup>8</sup> !we would never do anything like that that ,sir ,you our from all the way We brought it .last time bags grain the money that we discovered in our or things or gold things the region of Canaan! So we would never steal silver home in sir, if you find that one of us does have ,In fact<sup>9</sup> !from your master’s house anything else ”.us, sir, will become your slaves the rest of execute that person, and you may the cup, then

:except for this Okay then, I will do as you suggest“ ,to them Joseph’s servant replied<sup>10</sup> The .will become my slave is the only one who The one whom I find with my master’s cup

So each of the brothers quickly took his<sup>11</sup> ".and free to go you will be innocent rest of .bag own and put it on the ground, and each of them opened his off his donkey bag grain and brother He started with the oldest .their bags Then Joseph's servant searched<sup>12</sup> he found the cup in Benjamin's there and ,brother continued until he came to the youngest put of them Then each .in distress the brothers tore their clothes ,to that In response<sup>13</sup> !bag .went back to the city turned around and all donkey, and they own on his back his bag waiting for When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, Joseph was there<sup>14</sup> Then<sup>15</sup> .to show respect So they prostrated themselves on the ground before him .them Joseph exclaimed to them, "What you have done is terrible! You should have known that Judah<sup>16</sup> "!that people do someone in my position knows how to discover the secret things There is no way that .to you that we can say convincing Sir, there is nothing" ,to him replied that we are innocent. God is to you There is no way we can prove .this we can explain the one here to be your slaves, including all sir, we are ,So now .sin past punishing us for our I ,No" ,them But Joseph told<sup>17</sup> ".in his bag found with your cup your house-servant whom found my servant the man whom only Rather !consider doing such a thing even would never home to your back you are free to go The rest of .will be my slave in his bag with my cup ".father

## *Judah Begs Joseph to Set Benjamin Free*

44:18-34

Please, sir, I humbly ask you to let" ,to him Then Judah approached Joseph and said<sup>18</sup> powerful as are since you especially ,me speak freely to you. Please do not be angry with me alive and if still you asked us if our father was previously ,Sir<sup>19</sup> .himself Pharaoh King as also we have an elderly father and that ,And we told you, sir<sup>20</sup> .brothers any other we had old. That brother's mother already a younger brother who was born when our father was loves our youngest especially only had one other son, who is now dead. So our father .brother

to you, so that you could here Then you told us, sir, to bring our youngest brother"<sup>21</sup> But we told you, sir, that the young man should not leave his father<sup>22</sup> .see him for yourself But then, sir, you<sup>23</sup> .from anxiety because if he did, his father would die ,and come here .unless our youngest brother came with us, we could never see you again that told us

to our father, who highly respects you, we reported to him **home** When we returned<sup>24</sup>  
**more** buy some **and to Egypt** Go back‘ ,**us** later our father told **Months**<sup>25</sup> .**us** what you told  
 unless our youngest brother is **there** We cannot go‘ ,**to him** But we replied<sup>26</sup> ‘.grain for us  
 will not allow us to see him **who sells grain there** with us. Then we can go. The governor  
 ,Then our father said to us, ‘As you know<sup>27</sup> ‘.if our youngest brother is not with us **again**  
 and I ,**one day** left here **of her sons** One<sup>28</sup> .together **sons** had two **only** and I **Rachel** my wife  
 torn him **killed him and** must have **a wild animal** have not seen him since then. I am sure that  
 from me, and anything harms him, you will **away** So if you also take her other son<sup>29</sup> .apart  
 go down to the **die and** cause me, your gray-haired father, so much grief that I will  
 .afterworld

to our father without his youngest son, since our father’s **home** if we go ,**sir** ,So now<sup>30</sup>  
 we will ,**Yes** !if he sees that his son is gone, he will die<sup>31</sup> ,life depends on his son’s life  
 !go to the afterworld **die and** cause our gray-haired father so much grief that he will  
 Besides that, sir, I promised my father that I would return his son to him safely. I told<sup>32</sup>  
 to him, I would be guilty of sinning against him **back** that if I did not bring his son **him**  
 .forever

and be your slave in place of our youngest **here** So then, sir, I beg you to let me stay<sup>33</sup>  
 There is no way I can go<sup>34</sup> .brothers **other** with his **home** and let him go back ,**brother**  
 is not with me! I could not bear to see how terribly my **son** back to my father if his youngest  
 ”!father would suffer

## *Joseph Reveals Who He Is to His Brothers*

45:1-28

keep himself from crying in front **longer** he could no ,**When Joseph heard that**<sup>1</sup> **45**  
**Immediately the** ”!All of you leave my presence“ ,**to them** of all his servants, so he shouted  
 so that no one else was with Joseph when he told his brothers who he ,**servants left the room**  
 including Pharaoh’s ,**him** Egyptians heard **many** But he started crying so loudly that<sup>2</sup> .was  
 Joseph! Is **your brother** am I“ ,**in their language** Then he exclaimed to his brothers<sup>3</sup> .family  
 my father still alive?” But Joseph’s brothers could not reply to him, because they felt very  
 .afraid to be standing in front of him

,to him So Joseph said to them, “Please come here next to me.” After they went closer<sup>4</sup>  
the country in to be a slave your brother Joseph, whom you sold really am I“ ,to them he said  
it But now, do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me, because<sup>5</sup> .Egypt of  
For two<sup>6</sup> .lives many people’s before you came, to save here sent me who God was actually  
it will a famine throughout this region, and for another five years there has been now years  
That is why God sent<sup>7</sup> .crops or harvest seeds plant be able to no one will be so severe that  
before you came, to save your lives in this amazing way so that you will survive here me  
caused me to come who the ones not were So then, you<sup>8</sup> .and have descendants on the earth  
,Pharaoh King father to like a made me also He has .who sent me God it was rather here, but  
the governor over the entire also so that I am the one in charge of his entire household and  
.country of Egypt

:Hurry back to our father and tell him that his son Joseph has sent him this message“<sup>9</sup>  
come down please So .Egypt country of God has appointed me governor over the entire‘  
You can live in Goshen Province. That way you<sup>10</sup> .do not delay and ,near me to live here  
of will live close to me with your children and your grandchildren, along with your flocks  
I will take care of<sup>11</sup> .that you own else and everything of cattle your herds ,sheep and goats  
will not the famine so that Please come .years more you there, since the famine will last five  
’”.and die cause you and your family to lose everything you own

,you, including my brother Benjamin All of !Look“ ,Then Joseph said to his brothers<sup>12</sup>  
tell our father all go and So<sup>13</sup> .who is talking to you ,Joseph ,me it really is see that can  
Then .here that you have seen else everything about how powerful I am in Egypt and about  
”.to me quickly bring him down here

and Benjamin ,for joy and cried tightly Then Joseph hugged his brother Benjamin<sup>14</sup>  
as he on their cheeks Then Joseph kissed all his brothers<sup>15</sup> .cried as he hugged Joseph also  
.that, his brothers started talking with him he did After .for joy continued to cry

,there When Pharaoh’s household heard the news that Joseph’s brothers had come<sup>16</sup>  
So Pharaoh told Joseph, “Give your brothers<sup>17</sup> .his servants were happy all Pharaoh and  
.to Canaan back and go quickly with grain Load your donkeys‘ :from me this message  
area to me. I will give you the best here back Then bring your father and your families<sup>18</sup>  
so that you will live well with the best of everything in the ,to live in in the country of Egypt  
,country

wagons my some of to take to tell them I also want you“ ,Then Pharaoh said to Joseph<sup>19</sup>  
Then .to travel in children young with them from the country of Egypt for their wives and

leaving some They should not worry about<sup>20</sup> .here to live back to bring their father tell them  
”.theirs will be in all the country of Egypt things because the best ,behind their belongings of

King as to use do that. Then Joseph gave them wagons agreed to So Israel’s sons<sup>21</sup>  
.home Pharaoh had commanded, and he supplied them with food to eat as they traveled  
set of clothes to each one of his brothers, but to Benjamin he gave new gave a also He<sup>22</sup>  
the following them He also gave<sup>23</sup> .money of silver pieces sets of clothes and 300 new five  
from things the best some of gifts to give to his father: ten male donkeys that were carrying  
and food for him other Egypt, and ten female donkeys that were carrying grain, bread, and  
on their way Then Joseph sent his brothers off<sup>24</sup> .to Egypt to eat as they traveled his family  
”.on the way with each other As they were leaving, he told them, “Do not argue .home

to their father Jacob in the home Then Joseph’s brothers left Egypt and traveled<sup>25</sup>  
still alive! In is they announced to him, “Joseph ,When they arrived<sup>26</sup> .region of Canaan  
,When their father heard that news ”!the governor over the entire country of Egypt is fact, he  
they told him after But<sup>27</sup> .because he could not believe them ,and silent he was stunned  
he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent after everything that Joseph had said to them, and  
to Then he exclaimed<sup>28</sup> .from the shock he recovered ,to Egypt and his family to carry him  
and see now My son Joseph really is alive! I must go !It must be true !enough That’s“, ,them  
”.before I die again him

## *the Country of Jacob and His Family Move to Egypt*

46:1-27

with all their toward Egypt started traveling and his family So Israel<sup>1</sup> 46  
on an Beersheba, he offered some of his animals the city of belongings. When they reached  
During the night<sup>2</sup> .as sacrifices to God, whom his father Isaac had worshiped there altar  
Then God<sup>3</sup> ”?Lord ,God called to Israel in a vision, “Jacob! Jacob!” Jacob replied, “Yes  
God, the God whom your father worshiped. Don’t be afraid of moving am I“, ,to him said  
become a multiply and Egypt, because I will make your descendants the country of down to  
and I will personally go with you down to Egypt<sup>4</sup> .there while they live large people group  
.here to Canaan back Later I will definitely bring your descendants .take care of you there  
”.When you die, Joseph will be with you

Beersheba, and his sons took him and their wives and **the city of** After that, Jacob left<sup>5</sup>  
They<sup>6</sup> **.to Egypt** Pharaoh had provided for them to ride in **King** children in the wagons that  
belongings that they had gotten in the **other** their livestock and their **with them** brought **also**  
He brought his<sup>7</sup> **.region of Canaan**. Then Jacob and all of his descendants arrived in Egypt  
his **and** ,his sons and daughters **including** ,family with him to Egypt **extended** entire  
**.grandsons and granddaughters**

**that** ,to Egypt **with him** Here is a list of the names of Israel's descendants who came<sup>8</sup>  
,and Reuben's sons<sup>9</sup> **,son** his oldest **who was** ,Jacob's descendants: Reuben **is, the names of**  
**who were** ,Simeon's sons **Simeon and**<sup>10</sup> **.Hanoah, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi** **who were**  
**Levi and**<sup>11</sup> **.Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar, and Shaul, who had a Canaanite mother**  
**who were** ,Judah's sons **Judah and**<sup>12</sup> **.Gershon, Kohath, and Merari** **who were** ,Levi's sons  
died in the region of **already** Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; actually, Er and Onan had  
**who were** ,Issachar's sons **Issachar and**<sup>13</sup> **.Canaan. Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul**  
Sered, Elon, and **who were** ,Zebulun's sons **Zebulun and**<sup>14</sup> **.Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron**  
Leah had together **his wife** whom Jacob and **and grandsons** the sons **were** Those<sup>15</sup> **.Jahleel**  
Dinah. The total number of **named a daughter** **had also** They **.Paddan Aram the region of in**  
**.thirty-three was** those descendants

**,Gad's sons his son Gad and Jacob's other descendants who came with him included**<sup>16</sup>  
**his son Asher He also took**<sup>17</sup> **.Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli** **who were**  
**.Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah, and their sister Serah** **who were** ,Asher's sons **and**  
**that and grandchildren** the children **were** Those<sup>18</sup> **.Heber and Malkiel** **were** Beriah's sons  
that Laban had given to his daughter **who was the servant woman** ,with Zilpah **Jacob had**  
**.sixteen persons totaled** Zilpah and Jacob had together **Those descendants that** .Leah

**.Joseph and Benjamin were** The sons that Jacob had with his wife Rachel<sup>19</sup>  
Manasseh and Ephraim. Their **were Egypt the country of** who were born in **sons** Joseph's<sup>20</sup>  
**the city the priest at who was** ,Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara **Joseph's wife** mother was  
,Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim **were** Benjamin's sons<sup>21</sup> **.On of**  
Rachel **his wife** whom Jacob and **and grandsons** the sons **were** Those<sup>22</sup> **.Huppim, and Ard**  
**.had together, a total of fourteen descendants**

**.Dan's son Hushim his son Dan and :Other descendants who came with Jacob included**<sup>23</sup>  
**were** Those<sup>25</sup> **.Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem** **who were** ,Naphtali's sons **Naphtali and**<sup>24</sup>  
whom Laban had **the servant woman** ,that Jacob had with Bilhah **and grandsons** the sons **all**  
**.seven was** given to his daughter Rachel. The total number of those descendants



Altogether Jacob had sixty-six blood relatives who went with him to Egypt. That<sup>26</sup>  
Jacob, Joseph, and If you include<sup>27</sup> .his sons' wives his wives or does not include number  
there was a total of seventy members of then ,Joseph's two sons, who were born in Egypt  
.Jacob's family in Egypt

## *Jacob Reunites with His Son Joseph and Pharaoh King Meets*

46:28-47:12

Jacob had Judah go to Joseph ahead of them to get ,When they reached Egypt<sup>28</sup>  
.After that, Jacob's family traveled to Goshen .Province to Goshen from him directions  
There .Then Joseph got his chariot ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel<sup>29</sup>  
a long for on his shoulder for joy and cried tightly Joseph greeted his father and hugged him  
because I ,I will be at peace Then Israel exclaimed to Joseph, "Now when I die<sup>30</sup> .time  
"!that you are still alive and know have seen you in person

his father's family, "I will go the rest of Then Joseph announced to his brothers and<sup>31</sup>  
my father's family have the rest of Pharaoh and inform him, 'My brothers and King to  
raise of my family The men<sup>32</sup> .from the region of Canaan to live near me here traveled  
and they have brought ,for a living livestock all kinds of In fact, they raise .and goats sheep  
So<sup>33</sup> '.that they own else and cattle, and everything and goats their sheep all with them  
you should tell<sup>34</sup> ,what your occupation is you then, when the king summons you and asks  
,Sir, ever since the time we were young until now, we have been raising livestock' ,him  
you to live he will allow the same occupation that our ancestors had.' That way which is  
since Egyptians despise everyone who raises especially ,in Goshen Province separately  
".sheep

My father and my" ,him Pharaoh and informed King So Joseph went to<sup>1</sup> 47  
now in are from the region of Canaan and to Egypt have come and their families brothers  
that else cattle, and everything ,goats ,their sheep They brought with them .Goshen Province  
Then Joseph brought five of his brothers before Pharaoh and introduced them<sup>2</sup> ".they own  
,your occupation?" They answered him is Then Pharaoh asked them, "What<sup>3</sup> .to him  
said to also They<sup>4</sup> ".just like our ancestors did ,for a living Your Majesty, we raise sheep"  
country. The famine is so severe In the your to live for a while in here him, "We have come

for our in the fields that there is not enough grass where we come from region of Canaan  
".flocks. So then, sir, please let us live in Goshen Province

to live your father and brothers have come Now that", Then Pharaoh said to Joseph<sup>5</sup>  
they ,In fact .for them to live in you may choose any part of the land of Egypt<sup>6</sup> ,near you  
in Goshen Province. And if you know that some of ,in the country may live in the best land  
then put them in charge of raising my ,at raising livestock them are especially talented  
".also livestock

Pharaoh, and Jacob King Then Joseph took his father Jacob and introduced him to<sup>7</sup>  
"?how old are you now ,Sir", Then Pharaoh asked Jacob<sup>8</sup> .bless Pharaoh asked God to  
for 130 years. My life has been in this world Jacob answered him, "I have been living<sup>9</sup>  
as long as my ancestors did nearly short, with many hardships. In fact, I have not lived  
.bless Pharaoh and left him asked God to again Then Jacob<sup>10</sup> ".during their time on earth

He helped his father and :to do After that, Joseph did what Pharaoh had told him<sup>11</sup>  
which ,in Egypt brothers settle in the country of Egypt. He gave them the choicest property  
provided his also Joseph<sup>12</sup> .Rameses Province Goshen Province, also known as was in  
each family as much food as with his father's family the rest of father and brothers and all  
.the people in their family all needed to feed

## *How Joseph Ruled Egypt During the Rest of the Famine*

47:13-26

the famine became so severe in the entire world that there was ,after a while Now<sup>13</sup>  
the country of Egypt and the region of The people of .anywhere available very little food  
So they bought<sup>14</sup> .Canaan were suffering badly because they did not have enough to eat  
grain from Joseph until there was no more money left in the country of Egypt or the region  
the people When<sup>15</sup> .take the money to Pharaoh's palace had his servants of Canaan. Joseph  
all over Egypt went to Joseph people from ,Egypt and Canaan had spent all their money in  
we have no more money! Please give us food so that we do not starve ,Sir", him and begged  
your livestock to pay me Joseph responded, "Since your money is gone, bring<sup>16</sup> "!to death  
So the people brought their livestock to Joseph. They<sup>17</sup> ".for the food that I will give you  
horses, sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys to pay for the food that he gave their gave him

all their and they gave him ,them. In that way Joseph supplied the people with food that year  
for it to pay livestock

in the following year and again After that year was over, the people went to Joseph<sup>18</sup>  
to you belong livestock our all money is gone and our ,pleaded with him, “Sir, as you know  
is to give you our farmland and work for you, sir for food The only way we can pay you  
take us please ,Instead .become wasteland watch us die or let our land just Please do not<sup>19</sup>  
will Pharaoh’s slaves, and our land King for food. Then we will be in exchange and our land  
to death, and starve so that we can stay alive and not to plant seeds us give Please .also be his  
”!the land will not become a desert so that

Egypt for Pharaoh. All the country of acquired all the land in agreed and So Joseph<sup>20</sup>  
so because the food shortage was ,in exchange for food to him the Egyptians sold their fields  
relocated the also Joseph<sup>21</sup> .property the land became Pharaoh’s all ,severe. In that way  
The only land that he did not<sup>22</sup> .Egypt country of people to the cities throughout the entire  
from of food because they regularly received a certain amount ,land ’buy was the priests  
Pharaoh, and they had enough to eat from what he gave to them. That is why they did not  
.to buy food sell their land need to

people, “Listen, now that you and your Egyptian Next Joseph announced to the<sup>23</sup>  
them in seeds for you so that you can plant some are Pharaoh, here King farmland belong to  
of the crops you Then every harvest season, you must give him one-fifth<sup>24</sup> .the fields  
the fields and as food in to plant to use will be yours of what you harvest The rest .harvest  
You“ ,to him The people replied<sup>25</sup> ”.for you and your families, including your children  
King be agree to be kind to us, sir, and we will continue to have saved our lives! Please  
-to Pharaoh one people to give that required So Joseph made a law<sup>26</sup> ”.Pharaoh’s servants  
.today in effect is still That law .from the fields in Egypt of all the crops they harvested fifth  
.that did not belong to Pharaoh in Egypt land The priests’ land was the only

## *Jacob Asks His Son Joseph to Bury His Body in the Land of Canaan*

47:27-31

in Goshen with his family Israel, was living Jacob, whose other name was Now<sup>27</sup>  
there. They had many many possessions Province in the country of Egypt, and they acquired  
for Jacob had lived in the country of Egypt After<sup>28</sup> .children and became very numerous

it was almost time for him to die, he **When**<sup>29</sup> .seventeen years, he was 147 years old summoned his son Joseph and urged him, “Please do this favor for me: Put your hand under **promise** you will be kind and faithful to me. Please **,after I die promise me that** my leg, and Rather, after I die and join<sup>30</sup> .Egypt **the country of in here** you will not bury my body **that** and bury it **to the region of Canaan** take my body out of Egypt **,who have died** my ancestors I will do what you“ **,him** in the same burial place where their bodies are.” Joseph promised So Joseph ”**.that you will do it before God** But his father insisted, “Vow to me<sup>31</sup> ”.requested .bed **his** beside **to worship God** down Israel bowed **his father** Then **.that he would do it** vowed

## *Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons Ephraim and Manasseh*

48:1-22

told Joseph, “Listen, your **someone** ,after those things happened **Some time**<sup>1</sup> **48** took his two sons Manasseh and **went to visit his father and** father is sick.” So Joseph **someone** informed Jacob, “Look, your son **,When they got there**<sup>2</sup> .Ephraim with him **the head of Israel** exerted himself and sat up at **Immediately** ”.Joseph has come to visit you **all-powerful who is** Then Jacob told Joseph, “God<sup>3</sup> **.and they greeted each other** bed **his there** Luz. He blessed me **the town of** in the region of Canaan at **long ago** appeared to me **in number** by saying to me, ‘Listen, I will give you many descendants who will increase<sup>4</sup> give this land to your descendants to own **also** and become many people groups. I will ” ’.forever

Now then, your two sons Ephraim and Manasseh, who“ **,Then Jacob said to Joseph**<sup>5</sup> my **I will treat as** ,in the country of Egypt before I joined you here **here** were born to you If you have any more children, they will be<sup>6</sup> .sons, just like my sons Reuben and Simeon **Ephraim and** will be some of what their brothers **from me** what they inherit **so that** ,yours from **home** as our family was returning **am doing this because I**<sup>7</sup> .from me inherit **Manasseh Rachel** died beside me in the region of Canaan **your mother** ,**Aram Paddan the region of As you** .Ephrath **the town of** while we were still traveling and some distance away from **now has the name** I buried her body there by the road that goes to Ephrath, which **,know** ”.Bethlehem

”?young men these are Who“ **,him** sons and asked **two** Then Israel noticed Joseph's<sup>8</sup> Then ”.in Egypt my sons whom God gave to me here **are** Joseph answered him, “These<sup>9</sup>

”bless them ask God to to me so that I can closer Please bring them“ ,to Joseph Israel said  
So .very clearly he could not see so that ,Now Israel was almost blind because of old age<sup>10</sup>  
and on the cheeks to his father, and his father kissed them closer Joseph took his sons  
,again Then Israel exclaimed to Joseph, “I never thought I would see you<sup>11</sup> .hugged them  
Then Joseph had his sons move<sup>12</sup> ”!look, God has even let me meet your children now but  
and touched the ground before his father away from beside his father’s knees, and he bowed  
.to show him respect with his forehead

He had Ephraim stand in front of .again Then he brought his sons close to his father<sup>13</sup>  
But Israel<sup>14</sup> .side and he had Manasseh stand in front of Israel’s right ,side Israel’s left  
on Ephraim’s head, even though Ephraim it reached out his right hand and put intentionally  
his left hand on Manasseh’s put Then he crossed his arms and .son younger Joseph’s was  
and his Then Israel blessed Joseph<sup>15</sup> .son oldest Joseph’s was though Manasseh even ,head  
,by saying sons

.will bless your sons I pray that the God whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac served“  
.He is the God who has taken care of me my entire life  
.from every harm continually the Angel who saved me He is also<sup>16</sup>  
,greatly young men to prosper these I pray that he will cause  
so that my family line and the family line of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac will  
continue through them  
”.and so that they will have many descendants on the earth

Joseph noticed that his father had put his right hand on Ephraim’s head, he When<sup>17</sup>  
to move it from in order thought it was a mistake. So he took hold of his father’s hand  
,Then he said to his father, “That is the wrong son<sup>18</sup> .Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head  
”.have your right hand on his head you need to So .oldest son my is one Father. The other  
what I my son, I know ,it and replied, “I know move his hands But his father would not<sup>19</sup>  
the ancestor your oldest son will also be a great man, and he will become ,In fact .am doing  
and his ,will be greater than he even a people group. However, his younger brother will be of  
So Israel blessed<sup>20</sup> ”.brother’s descendants will become many people groups younger  
,to them Ephraim and Manasseh that day by saying

,and say people Israel will use your names when they bless The people of“  
” ’.Ephraim and Manasseh he prospered May God prosper you like‘

.In that way, Israel made Ephraim greater than Manasseh

As you can see, I am about to“ ,to him said and to Joseph turned After that, Israel<sup>21</sup>  
.to help you and all your descendants be with you and your brothers always die, but God will  
as ,Besides that<sup>22</sup> .to your ancestors he gave He will also take you back to the land that  
I captured which ,Shechem the city of give you hereby I ,part of your inheritance from me  
than I am giving to land when I defeated them in battle. This is more sfrom the Amorite  
”.your brothers

## *Jacob's Last Words to His Twelve Sons*

49:1-28

so ,here Come together“ ,to them his sons. He said all Then Jacob summoned<sup>1</sup> 49  
.in the years ahead and your descendants that I can tell you what will happen to you  
.to me Jacob, and listen your father ,me My sons, gather around<sup>2</sup>  
.to tell you important your father Israel, have something ,I  
son my oldest are Reuben, you“<sup>3</sup>  
.my strength and the first child I had as a young man the result of  
.in our family high status and great authority You had  
you will no longer have your so ,water rushing unstable like you are ,However<sup>4</sup>  
in our family important status  
with my concubine my bed into because you got  
!my couch into climbed actually dishonored me! You and  
partners you are ,Simeon and Levi“<sup>5</sup>  
.together You use your swords to do violent things  
!things evil I will never participate with you when you plan<sup>6</sup>  
plans with you evil I refuse to make  
people many because you became angry and murdered  
.cattle some to entertain yourselves you crippled just and  
May God curse you for being so fiercely angry<sup>7</sup>  
!and malicious  
.Jacob the descendants of among and your descendants scatter you ask God to I  
.Israel the land of scatter you throughout ask him to That's right, I

and your praise you highly will and their descendants Judah, your brothers<sup>8</sup>  
descendants

.You will conquer your enemies  
in and your descendants sons will prostrate themselves before you other my Then  
respect

a young lion like powerful you are ,Judah, my son<sup>9</sup>  
prey its killing after to its den that has returned  
to sleep lies down and It stretches out  
No one dares to disturb that lion

Judah, there will always be one of your descendants ruling as king<sup>10</sup>  
In fact, your descendants will rule  
king comes highest until the  
obey him of the earth and the peoples

your to stie your donkey be so wealthy that you could will and your descendants You<sup>11</sup>  
to eat the valuable fruit svinegrape  
esbranch grapevine best your your donkeys' colts eat It will not matter if  
You will still have so much wine from other vines

.use it like water to wash your clothes even that you could  
,wine abundant drinking bright from will be eyes Your<sup>12</sup>  
.milk abundant drinking white from will be teeth your and

,will live near the coast and your descendants you ,Zebulun<sup>13</sup>  
.harbor for ships safe where there will be a  
.Sidon the city of as north as far will extend Your territory

a sturdy donkey like will be and your descendants you ,Issachar<sup>14</sup>  
between two loads on the ground resting that is

,You will have a good place to rest<sup>15</sup>  
,in a land that is pleasant  
.heavy loads but you will work hard and carry  
.as slaves for others hard very You will have to work

people group own will rule your and your descendants Dan, you<sup>16</sup>  
.the tribes of Israel the rest of and have equal status with  
a poisonous snake like You will be<sup>17</sup>  
beside a road lying

,horse its enemy's that strikes the feet of  
 ".to the ground the enemy falls off backward it rears up and so that  
 Yahweh, I am looking expectantly to you to save" ,Then Jacob paused and exclaimed<sup>18</sup>  
 "I me  
 and your Gad, a group of robbers will attack you ,As for you" ,Then he continued<sup>19</sup>  
 ,descendants  
 .and defeat them but you will chase them  
 .eat the best food be wealthy and will and your descendants you ,Asher"<sup>20</sup>  
 .to eat for kings that are fit In fact, you will produce delicious foods  
 a deer that is free to run like swift will be and your descendants you ,Naphtali"<sup>21</sup>  
 .wherever it wants  
 .speak eloquently also You will  
 a fruit on like very numerous will become and your descendants you ,Joseph"<sup>22</sup>  
 tree productive  
 ,of water next to a stream that is growing  
 .wall nearby that hang over a full of fruit branches with  
 and your descendants attack you fiercely Enemy warriors will<sup>23</sup>  
 .and try to destroy you at you arrows and shoot  
 whom I worship will keep you strong God But the Mighty<sup>24</sup>  
 .as you fight back and help you use your weapons well  
 .the way a shepherd takes care of his sheep his people He takes care of  
 .and his descendants who protects Israel fortress a rock like He is  
 your ,me of who has always taken care from the God That strength/power comes<sup>25</sup>  
 .father  
 and your descendants who will help you God He is the all-powerful  
 rain from above with all and bless you  
 .and water from deep in the ground  
 .and much livestock with many children you bless also He will  
 has blessed me more God<sup>26</sup>  
 .than he blessed my ancestors  
 from the that come greater than the riches He has blessed me with riches that are  
 .ancient mountains  
 ,Joseph ,you too will abundantly bless God I pray that



.above your brothers **and honor** as the one he chose to set apart

.a fierce wolf **like will be you and your descendants** Benjamin“<sup>27</sup>

You will always defeat your enemies

”.and take their possessions and wealth

,the twelve tribes that descended from Israel **the ancestors of are twelve sons** Those<sup>28</sup>  
the blessings that their father spoke to them. He blessed each one of them **were** and those  
.**and their descendants** with blessings that were appropriate for them

## *Jacob Dies and Is Buried*

49:29-50:14

join my **die and** Then Jacob instructed his sons by saying to them, “I am about to<sup>29</sup>  
in **is** inside the cave that **bodies** Bury my body next to their .**who have already died** ancestors  
That cave and field are in the Machpelah<sup>30</sup> .the field that Ephron the Hittite used to own  
**my that That is the cave** .Mamre in the region of Canaan **the city of** that is near **area**  
Abraham bought, along with the field, from Ephron the Hittite, in order to have **grandfather**  
Abraham and his wife **the bodies of** That is where<sup>31</sup> .**his dead relatives** a place to bury  
Isaac and his wife Rebekah are buried, and that is **the bodies of** where **and** ,Sarah are buried  
bought that field and cave from the **Abraham**<sup>32</sup> .Leah **my wife the body of** where I buried  
**lay down and** When Jacob had finished giving those instructions to his sons, he<sup>33</sup> ”.Hittites  
and joined his ancestors **and died** bed. Then he took his last breath **his** into **up** pulled his feet  
.**who had died before him**

and he cried over him and kissed ,**in sorrow** Then Joseph hugged his father<sup>1</sup> **50**

Then he ordered his doctors who served him to prepare his<sup>2</sup> .**on the cheek** **goodbye** him  
The process took forty days, which is how long<sup>3</sup> .for burial. So they did that **s body**‘father  
seventy **for** takes to prepare a body. The people in Egypt mourned for Israel **normally** it  
.**days**

After that time of mourning Israel’s death, Joseph said to Pharaoh’s officials, “Please<sup>4</sup>  
that when<sup>5</sup> **him** and tell **for me** Pharaoh **King** do this favor for me: please take a message to  
my father was about to die, he had me vow to him that I would bury his body in the region  
please let me **ask the king to** of Canaan, in a tomb that he had prepared for himself there. So  
**When**<sup>6</sup> ”.**here** After that, I will come back .**there s body**‘and bury my father **to Canaan** go

and bury to Canaan he may go Tell Joseph that“ ,he replied ,Pharaoh heard Joseph’s message  
”.that he would do just as his father made him vow s body’his father

and all Pharaoh’s ,s body’to bury his father to Canaan So Joseph started the trip<sup>7</sup>  
the important leaders from Pharaoh’s court and all the including ,officials escorted him  
went with All of Joseph’s family also<sup>8</sup> .important leaders in the country of Egypt other  
their behind his father’s family. They only left the rest of including his brothers and ,him  
,soldiers also escorted Joseph Many<sup>9</sup> .children and their livestock in Goshen Province  
entire riding horses, so that the who were riding chariots and those who were those including  
.group was very large

threshing grain and stopped at a River They traveled to the other side of the Jordan<sup>10</sup>  
mourned for his father very and the others Atad. There Joseph a man named place owned by  
When the Canaanites who lived in the area saw<sup>11</sup> .loudly and sorrowfully for seven days  
!Wow“ ,to each other at Atad’s threshing place, they exclaimed like that them mourning  
That is ”!for someone who died sorrowfully very Those people from Egypt are mourning  
which ,is Abel Mizraim River why the name of that place on the other side of the Jordan  
”.means “Egyptians’ mourning place

They<sup>13</sup> :to do for him just as he had instructed them everything Jacob’s sons did<sup>12</sup>  
in the field in the that is took his body to the region of Canaan and buried it in the cave  
that Abraham had bought and cave the field It was .Mamre the city of near ,area Machpelah  
After Joseph buried his<sup>14</sup> .relatives from Ephron the Hittite as a place to bury his dead  
else Egypt, along with his brothers and everyone the country of he returned to ,s body’father  
.who had accompanied him to his father’s funeral

## *Joseph Reassures His Brothers That He Has Forgiven Them*

50:15-21

to said were worried and Now that their father was no longer alive, Joseph’s brothers<sup>15</sup>  
If Joseph is angry at us for the terrible way that we treated him, he might” ,each other  
,him to Joseph to tell a messenger So they sent<sup>16</sup> ”.punish us severely for what we did  
your brothers, for ,us to ask you to please forgive<sup>17</sup> us Before our father died, he told“  
and treating you so badly. So then, as servants of God whom our father against you sinning  
When Joseph heard his ”.against you worshiped, we beg you to forgive us for sinning

,to him Then his brothers came<sup>18</sup> .cried was very sad and brothers' message to him, he will be Here we are, we“ ,to him and said ,to show respect prostrated themselves before him But Joseph replied to them, “You do not need to be afraid. After all, I<sup>19</sup> ”!your servants but ,you planned to harm me It is true that<sup>20</sup> .So I have no right to punish you !am not God Right now he is doing what he planned, to keep many .us all God is using that to benefit will provide myself So then, you do not need to be afraid. I<sup>21</sup> .people from dying that he had that you and your children need.” In that way, Joseph assured them everything .things to encourage them other said also and he ,forgiven them

## *Joseph Dies in Egypt*

50:22-26

his father the rest of Egypt, along with the country of Joseph continued to live in<sup>22</sup> Ephraim's his son to see long enough He lived<sup>23</sup> .s family, until he was 110 years old' Jacob who ,Machir his grandson children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The children of .Manasseh's son, also grew up during his lifetime was

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will definitely one day Then<sup>24</sup> to from this country to the land that he vowed and your descendants help you and take you to When God does that, you must take my body back<sup>25</sup> .to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob give the the rest of his brothers and Then Joseph had ”.and bury it there with you Canaan .that they would do that descendants of Israel vow

So Joseph died at the age of 110 years. Then his doctors prepared his body for<sup>26</sup> .Egypt the country of burial, and they put it in a burial box in