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Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness
was over the surface of the deep *waters*, and the Spirit of
God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God
said, “Let there be light.” And there was light. 4 And God
saw the light, that *it was* good. Then God separated between
the light and the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called Night. Then there was evening,
and there was morning, one day.

6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the middle of
the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”
7 So God made the expanse and separated between the waters
that *were* under the expanse and the waters that *were* above
the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse
Heavens. Then there was evening, and there was morning,
the second day.

9 Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be
gathered to one place, and let the dry ground appear.” And
it was so. 10 And God called the dry ground Land, and the
gathered waters he called Seas. And God saw that *it was*
good.

11 Then God said, “Let the land sprout vegetation: *every*
plant yielding seed, *every* fruit tree bearing fruit according
to its kind, that *has* its seed inside it, on the earth.” And it
was so. 12 So the land brought out vegetation, *every* plant
yielding seed according to its kind, and *every* tree bearing
fruit that *has* its seed inside it, according to its kind. And
God saw that *it was* good. 13 Then there was evening, and
there was morning, the third day.

14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of
the heavens to separate between the day and the night. And
let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.
15 And let them be as lights in the expanse of the heavens to
shine on the earth.” And it was so. 16 So God made the two
great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser
light to rule the night, and the stars. 17 And God set them
in the expanse of the heavens to shine on the earth, 18 and
to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate
between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was*
good. 19 Then there was evening, and there was morning,
the fourth day.

20 Then God said, “Let the waters swarm *with* swarm*s* of
living creature*s*, and let bird*s* fly above the earth across the
face of the expanse of the sky.” 21 So God created the great
sea creatures and every living creature that moves which
the waters swarm with according to their kind, and every
winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was*
good. 22 Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and
multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the bird*s*
multiply on the earth.” 23 Then there was evening, and there
was morning, the fifth day.

24 Then God said, “Let the land bring forth *every* living
creature according to its kind: livestock and *every* crawling
creature and *every* living thing of the earth, *each* according to
its kind.” And it was so. 25 So God made *every* creature of the
earth according to its kind, and the livestock according to its
kind, and every crawling creature of the ground according
to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according
to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea
and over the bird*s* of the sky and over the livestock and over
all the earth and over every moving creature moving on the
earth.” 27 Then God created man in his image. In the image
of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be
fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. And
rule over the fish of the sea and over the bird*s* of the sky and
over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 Then
God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant *that* yields
seed that *is* on the surface of the whole earth and every tree
that *has* tree fruit *that* yields seed inside it. They will be
yours for food. 30 And to every living thing of the earth, and
to every bird of the sky, and to every*thing* moving on the
earth that *has* living breath in it, *I have given* every green
plant for food.” And it was so.

31 Then God saw all that he had made, and behold, *it was*
very good. Then there was evening, and there was morning,
the sixth day.

2 So the heavens and the earth were completed, and all
their hosts. 2 And by the seventh day God had completed
his work that he had done, so he rested on the seventh day
from all his work that he had done. 3 And God blessed the
seventh day and sanctified it, because on it he rested from
all his work of creating that God had done.

4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and the earth
when they were created, in the day *when* Yahweh God made
the earth and the heavens, 5 and every shrub of the field had
not yet appeared on the earth, and every plant of the field
had not yet sprung up, because Yahweh God had not caused
it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to work the
ground. 6 But mist came up from the earth and watered all
of the surface of the ground. 7 Then Yahweh God formed
the man *out of* dust from the ground, and he breathed into
his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living
being.

8 Now Yahweh God had planted a garden in Eden, in
the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.
9 And Yahweh God had made to grow from the ground every
tree *that* is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the
tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river was going out from Eden to water the garden,
and from there it divided and became four head*water*s. 11 The
name of the first *is* Pishon. It winds through all of the land
of Havilah, where gold *is*. 12 And the gold of that land *is*
good. Bdellium and onyx stone *are* there. 13 And the name
of the second river *is* Gihon. It winds through all of the land
of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river *is* Tigris. It goes
east of Asshur. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

15 And Yahweh God took the man and put him in the
Garden of Eden to work it and tend it. 16 Then Yahweh God
commanded the man, saying, “From every tree of the garden
you may freely eat, 17 but you must not eat from the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat
from it you will surely die.”

18 Then Yahweh God said, “*It is* not good *for* the man
to be alone. I will make a suitable helper for him.” 19 Now
Yahweh God had formed from the ground every living thing
of the field and every bird of the sky. So he brought *them* to

the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called a living creature, that *was* its name. 20 And the man gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the sky and to every living thing of the field, but for the man a suitable helper was not found.

21 So Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man. And *while* he was sleeping, then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place *with* flesh. 22 Then Yahweh God built the rib which he had taken from the man into a woman, and he brought her to the man. 23 And the man said,

"This *one* now *is* bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called 'woman,'
because *it was* from a man *that* she was taken."

24 For that *reason* a man will leave his father and his mother, and he will cling to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than every living thing of the field that Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree of the garden'?" 2 Then the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat from the fruit of the trees of the garden, 3 except from the fruit of the tree that *is* in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You must not eat from it, and you must not touch it, or else you will die!'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it, then your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God in knowing good and evil." 6 And the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and *that* the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate *it*. Then she also gave *some* to her husband with her, and he ate *it*. 7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made aprons for themselves.

8 Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, but the man and his wife hid from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden. 9 So Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, "Where *are* you?" 10 And he said, "I heard your sound in the garden, but I was afraid because I *was* naked, so I hid." 11 Then he said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom you gave *to be* with me, she gave me *fruit* from the tree, and I ate *it*." 13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, so I ate *it*."

14 Then Yahweh God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
you are cursed above all the livestock
and above every living thing of the field.
You will move on your belly,
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.
15 I will also put hostility
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike you *on* the head, and you will
strike him *on* the heel."

16 To the woman he said,

"To multiply I will multiply your pain and
your childbearing;
in pain you will bear children.
Yet your desire *will be* for your husband,
and he will rule over you."

17 Then to the man he said, "Since you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree that I commanded you, saying, 'You must not eat from it,'

the ground is cursed because of you.
By painful toil you will eat *from* it
all the days of your life.
18 And it will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the fields.
19 By the sweat of your nose
you will eat bread,
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken.
For you *are* dust,
and to dust you will return."

20 Then the man called the name of his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. 21 Then Yahweh God made garments of *animal* skins for Adam and his wife, and he clothed them.

22 Then Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. And now he must not reach out his hand and also take *fruit* from the tree of life and eat it and live forever!" 23 So Yahweh God sent him out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground which he had been taken from. 24 And after he drove the man out, then he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubs *angels* and a flaming sword that was turning in every direction to guard the way of the tree of life.

4 Then the man knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain. And she said, "I have obtained a man with Yahweh!" 2 Then she continued on to bear his brother Abel. Now Abel became a keeper of flocks, and Cain became a worker of the ground. 3 And it happened in the course of days that Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground *as* an offering to Yahweh. 4 And Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flocks and some of their fat. And Yahweh looked *favorably* on Abel and his offering. 5 But he did not look *favorably* on Cain and his offering. So Cain burned with intense anger, and his face fell. 6 Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Why are you burning with anger? And why is your face fallen? 7 If you do right, will *you* not *be* accepted? But if you do not do right, sin is crouching at the door, and its desire *is* for you, but you must rule over it."

8 Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it happened while they were in the field, then Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

9 Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?" And he replied, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 Then he said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! 11 So now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened

its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.
12 When you work the ground, it will not continue to yield
its strength for you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer
on the earth."
13 Then Cain said to Yahweh, "My punishment *is* greater
than I can bear. 14 Behold, today you are driving me from
the surface of the ground, and I will be hidden from your
presence. And I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the
earth, and it will be *that* everyone who finds me will kill
me!" 15 Then Yahweh said to him, "For that *reason*, anyone
who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over!" Then
Yahweh put a mark on Cain so that everyone who found
him would not strike him. 16 Then Cain went away from the
presence of Yahweh and lived in the land of Nod, east of
Eden.
17 Then Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore
Enoch. And he was building a city, so he called the name of
the city after the name of his son Enoch. 18 Then to Enoch
was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael
fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.
19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives. The name of
the one *was* Adah, and the name of the second *was* Zillah.
20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of *those* who live
in tents and own livestock. 21 And the name of his brother
was Jubal. He was the father of all who play harps and flutes.
22 And Zillah also bore Tubal Cain, who forged all *kinds*
of tools out of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal Cain
was Naamah.
23 And Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice.
Wives of Lamech, give ear to my word*s*:
For I killed a man for my wound,
even a young man for my bruise.
24 If Cain is avenged seven times,
then Lamech *is avenged* seventy-seven times!"

25 Then Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and
she called his name Seth, because *she had said*, "God has
appointed for me another offspring in place of Abel, since
Cain killed him." 26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he
called his name Enosh.
Then *people* began to call on the name of Yahweh.

5 This *is* the written account of the generations of Adam:
On the day God created man*kind*, he made him in the
likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female, and he
blessed them and called their name "man*kind*" on the day
they were created.
3 And Adam lived 130 years, then he fathered *a son* in
his own likeness, according to his image, and he called his
name Seth. 4 And the days of Adam after he fathered Seth
were 800 years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
5 So all the days of Adam that he lived were 930 years, and
he died.
6 And Seth lived 105 years, then he fathered Enosh. 7 Then
after he fathered Enosh, Seth lived 807 years, and he fathered
other sons and daughters. 8 So all the days of Seth were 912
years, and he died.
9 And Enosh lived ninety years, then he fathered Kenan.
10 Then after he fathered Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years, and
he fathered *other* sons and daughters. 11 So all the days of
Enosh were 905 years, and he died.
12 And Kenan lived seventy years, then he fathered
Mahalalel. 13 Then after he fathered Mahalalel, Kenan lived
840 years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. 14 So
all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.
15 And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, then he fathered
Jared. 16 Then after he fathered Jared, Mahalalel lived 830
years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. 17 So all the
days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.
18 And Jared lived 162 years, then he fathered Enoch.
19 Then after he fathered Enoch, Jared lived 800 years, and
he fathered *other* sons and daughters. 20 So all the days of
Jared were 962 years, and he died.
21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, then he fathered
Methuselah. 22 Then after he fathered Methuselah, Enoch
walked with God 300 years, and he fathered *other* sons and
daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 And
Enoch walked with God, and *then* he was not *there*, because
God took him away.
25 And Methuselah lived 187 years, then he fathered
Lamech. 26 Then after he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived
782 years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. 27 So
all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.
28 And Lamech lived 182 years, then he fathered a son,
29 and he called his name Noah, saying, "This *one* will comfort
us from our labors and from the toil of our hands because
of the ground which Yahweh has cursed." 30 Then after he
fathered Noah, Lamech lived 595 years, and he fathered
other sons and daughters. 31 So all the days of Lamech were
777 years, and he died.
32 And Noah was a son of 500 years, then Noah fathered
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 And it happened when mankind began to multiply on
the surface of the earth and daughters were born to
them, 2 then the sons of God saw the daughters of mankind,
that they *were* beautiful, so they took wives for themselves
from any *of them* that they chose. 3 Then Yahweh said, "My
Spirit will not strive with mankind forever, because they *are*
indeed flesh. Therefore their days will be 120 years."
4 The Nephils were on the earth in those days and also
after that, when the sons of God went to the daughters of
mankind, and they bore children for them. They *were* the
mighty *ones* who *were* from long ago, the men of renown.
5 And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of mankind *was*
great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts
of their hearts *was* only evil all day long. 6 So Yahweh was
sorry that he had made mankind on the earth, and he was
grieved in his heart. 7 Then Yahweh said, "I will wipe away
mankind whom I created off the surface of the ground, both
mankind and animals, and crawling creatures and the birds
of the sky, because I am sorry that I made them." 8 But Noah
found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.
9 These *are* the generations of Noah: He *was* a righteous
man. He was without blemish in his generation. Noah walked
with God. 10 And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and
Japheth.
11 Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth
was filled *with* violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and
behold, it was corrupted, because all flesh on the earth had
corrupted its way. 13 So God said to Noah, "The end of all
flesh has come before me, because the earth is filled *with*
violence because of them. So behold, I am destroying them
with the earth. 14 Make an ark for yourself out of gopher
wood. Make the ark *with* rooms, and cover it inside and

outside with a covering. 15 And this *is* how you must make it: the length of the ark *must be* 300 cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 Make a window for the ark and finish it to within one cubit from the top. And put the door of the ark in its side. Make a lower, a second, and a third *deck*. 17 And I, behold, I am bringing floodwaters on the earth to destroy all flesh that *has* the breath of life in it from under the heavens. Everything that *is* on the earth will expire! 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, so you must go into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and the wives of your sons with you. 19 And from every living *creature*, from all flesh, you must bring two from each *kind* into the ark to keep alive with you. They must be male and female. 20 From the birds according to their kinds, and from the animals according to their kinds, from every moving creature of the ground according to its kind, two from every *kind* will come to you to keep alive. 21 And you must take with you some of every food that is eaten and store it with you, and it will be food for you and for them." 22 And Noah did *that*; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

7 Then Yahweh said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* you *are* righteous before me in this generation. 2 From every clean animal take with you seven pairs, a male and its female, and from *every* animal that *is* not clean *take* two, a male and its female, 3 also from *every* bird of the sky *take* seven pairs, male and female, to keep *their* offspring alive on the surface of the whole earth, 4 because in seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth *for* forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe every living thing that I have made off the surface of the ground." 5 Then Noah did all that Yahweh had commanded him.

6 Now Noah *was* a son of 600 years when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and the wives of his sons went with him into the ark from the presence of the waters of the flood. 8 *Pairs* from the clean animal*s* and from the animal*s* that are not clean and from the bird*s* and everything that moves on the ground 9 went two *by* two to Noah into the ark, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it happened, after the seven days, then the waters of the flood came on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the windows of the heavens were opened, 12 so that the rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 On that same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and the wife of Noah and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark, 14 they and every living thing according to its kind, and every livestock according to its kind, and every moving creature moving on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, every bird of every wing. 15 So they went to Noah into the ark, two *by* two from all flesh which *has* in it the breath of life. 16 And those that went in *were* male and female from all flesh; they went in just as God had commanded him. Then Yahweh shut him in.

17 Then the flood came on the earth *for* forty days, and the waters increased and lifted the ark so that it rose up off the earth. 18 And the waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark went on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters rose very greatly on the earth, so that all the high mountains that *were* under the entire heavens were covered. 20 The waters rose fifteen cubits above *them*, so that the mountains were covered. 21 Then all flesh that moved on the earth expired, including the birds and the livestock and the living things and all the swarming things swarming on the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything that *had* the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils, everything that *lived* on dry land, died. 23 So he wiped away every living thing that *was* on the surface of the ground, including mankind and livestock and crawling creatures and also the birds of the sky. So they were wiped off the earth, and only Noah was left and *those* who *were* with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed over the earth *for* 150 days.

8 But God remembered Noah and all the living thing*s* and all the livestock that *were* with him in the ark, and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, and the rain from the heavens was stopped. 3 Then the waters receded steadily from the earth, and *at* the end of the 150 days the waters had decreased, 4 so that in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters continued to decrease until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains could be seen.

6 And it happened *at* the end of forty days that Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made, 7 and he sent out the raven, and it kept flying out and returning until the waters dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the surface of the ground. 9 But the dove did not find a resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him in the ark, for the waters *were* over the face of all of the earth. And he reached out his hand and took it and brought it to him into the ark. 10 Then he waited another seven days and again sent out the dove from the ark. 11 Then the dove returned to him at evening time, and behold, *there was* a freshly picked olive leaf in its mouth. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. 12 Then he waited another seven days, and he sent out the dove, but it did not return to him again.

13 So it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the waters were drying up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was drying. 14 Then in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15 Then God said to Noah, saying, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and the wives of your sons with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that *is* with you, all flesh, including the birds and the livestock and every creeper creeping on the earth, so that they will abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply over the earth." 18 Then Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and the wives of his sons with him. 19 Every living thing, every crawling thing and every bird, everything moving on the earth, went out of the ark by their families.

20 Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took from every clean animal and from every clean bird, and he offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And Yahweh smelled the pleasant aroma, and Yahweh said in his heart, "Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind, though the

inclination of mankind's hearts *is* evil from their youth. And never again will I strike every living *thing* as I have done.

22 While all of the days of the earth continue,
seed time and harvest,
and cold and heat,
and summer and winter,
and day and night
shall not cease."

9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you will be on every living thing of the earth, including on every bird of the sky, on everything that moves on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are given. 3 Every moving creature that lives will be for you for food. Just as the green plants, I give you everything. 4 But you must not eat flesh with its life, *that is,* its blood. 5 And surely I will demand your blood for your lives. From the hand of every living thing I will demand it, and from the hand of mankind; from the hand of a man *who kills* his brother, I will demand the life of the man.

6 The one shedding the blood of a man,
by mankind his blood must be shed,
because in the image of God
he made mankind.

7 And you, be fruitful and multiply. Abound on the earth and multiply on it."

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "And I, behold, I am establishing my covenant with you and with your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that *is* with you: with the birds, with the livestock, and with every living thing of the earth with you, from all that came out of the ark to every living thing of the earth. 11 And I am establishing my covenant with you that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 Then God said, "This *is* the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for generations forever: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it will be when I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow is seen in the clouds, 15 then I will remember my covenant that *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and never again will waters become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 So the rainbow will be in the clouds, and I will see it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature, with all flesh that *is* on the earth."

17 Then God said to Noah, "That *is* the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that *is* on the earth."

18 And the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham, he *was* the father of Canaan. 19 Those three *were* the sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was overspread.

20 Now Noah, a man of the soil, began and planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank some of the wine, and he became drunk, and he uncovered himself inside his tent. 22 Then Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and he told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it across the shoulders of the two of them and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were turned away, so that they did not see the nakedness of their father.

24 Then Noah woke up from his wine, and he learned what his youngest son had done to him, 25 and he said,

"Cursed be Canaan!
He will be a slave of slaves for his brothers."

26 Then he said,

"Praised be Yahweh, the God of Shem!
And may Canaan be a slave for him.
27 May God enlarge Japheth,
and may he live in the tents of Shem.
And may Canaan be a slave for him."

28 And after the flood, Noah lived 350 years. 29 So all the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

10 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and sons were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan *were* Elishah and Tarshish, the Kittim and the Dodanim.

5 From those the coastland peoples spread out into their lands, each with its own language, according to their clans, in their nations.

6 And the sons of Ham *were* Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush *were* Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush also fathered Nimrod, who began to be mighty on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. For that reason it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Yahweh." 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Akkad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went to Asshur, and he built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah 12 and Resen, between Nineveh and Calah, which *is* the great city.

13 And Mizraim fathered the Ludim and the Anamim and the Lehabim and the Naphtuhim 14 and the Pathrusim and the Casluhim (whom the Philistim came from) and the Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, then Heth 16 and the Jebusites and the Amorites and the Girgashites 17 and the Hivites and the Arkites and the Sinites 18 and the Arvadites and the Zemarites and the Hamathites. And afterward the clans of the Canaanites scattered, 19 so the border*s* of the Canaanites were from Sidon, *then* you go toward Gerar as far as Gaza, *then* you go to Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 Those *are* the sons of Ham according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

21 And sons were also born to Shem; he *was* the father of all the sons of Eber and the brother of Japheth the elder. 22 The sons of Shem *were* Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram *were* Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.

24 And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, then Shelah fathered
Eber. 25 Then two sons were born to Eber. The name of the
one *was* Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided. And
the name of his brother *was* Joktan. 26 And Joktan fathered
Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah 27 and
Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah 28 and Obal and Abimael and
Sheba 29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. All those *were*
the sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling was from Mesha,
then you go to Sephar, the mountain*s* of the east.
31 Those *are* the sons of Shem according to their clans,
according to their languages, in their lands, according to
their nations.
32 Those *are* the clans of the sons of Noah, according
to their generations, in their nations. And from those the
nations spread out on the earth after the flood.

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same
words. 2 And it happened as they migrated from the
east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled
there. 3 Then they said to each other, "Come, let us make
bricks and bake them with fire." And they had bricks for
stones, and they had tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come,
let us build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in
the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, so that
we are not scattered over the face of the whole earth."
5 Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower
that the sons of mankind had built. 6 And Yahweh said,
"Behold, *they are* one people, and they all have one language.
So this *is* what they have begun to do, and now everything
that they plan to do will not be impossible for them. 7 Come,
let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they
will not understand each other's language." 8 Then Yahweh
scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth,
and they stopped building the city. 9 For that *reason* they
called its name Babel, because there Yahweh confused the
language of the whole earth, and from there Yahweh scattered
them over the face of the whole earth.
10 These *are* the generations of Shem:
Shem *was* the son of 100 years, then he fathered
Arpachshad two years after the flood. 11 Then after he
fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived 500 years, and he fathered
other sons and daughters.
12 And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, then he fathered
Shelah. 13 Then after he fathered Shelah, Arpachshad lived
403 years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
14 And Shelah lived thirty years, then he fathered Eber.
15 Then after he fathered Eber, Shelah lived 403 years, and
he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
16 And Eber lived thirty-four years, then he fathered Peleg.
17 Then after he fathered Peleg, Eber lived 430 years, and
he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
18 And Peleg lived thirty years, then he fathered Reu.
19 Then after he fathered Reu, Peleg lived 209 years, and he
fathered *other* sons and daughters.
20 And Reu lived thirty-two years, then he fathered Serug.
21 Then after he fathered Serug, Reu lived 207 years, and he
fathered *other* sons and daughters.
22 And Serug lived thirty years, then he fathered Nahor.
23 Then after he fathered Nahor, Serug lived 200 years, and
he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
24 And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, then he fathered
Terah. 25 Then after he fathered Terah, Nahor lived 119
years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.
26 And Terah lived seventy years, then he fathered Abram,
Nahor, and Haran.
27 Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah fathered
Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. 28 And
Haran died in the presence of Terah his father, in the land of
his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 And Abram and Nahor
took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife *was*
Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife *was* Milcah, the daughter
of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. 30 But
Sarai was barren; she did not have a child.
31 Then Terah took Abram his son, and Lot, Haran's son,
his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of
his son Abram, and they went out together from Ur of the
Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. But they came to
Haran, and they settled there. 32 And the days of Terah were
205 years, then Terah died in Haran.

12 Then Yahweh said to Abram, "You yourself must go
from your land and from your relatives and from
the house of your father, to the land that I will show you.

2 And I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you,
and I will make your name great,
and you shall be a blessing.
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
but whoever curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

4 Then Abram went, just as Yahweh had told him, and Lot
went with him. And Abram was the son of seventy-five years
when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his
wife and Lot the son of his brother and all their possessions
that they had accumulated and the people whom they had
acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of
Canaan. Then they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Then Abram
passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, to
the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites *were* in the
land at that time. 7 Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and
said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an
altar there to Yahweh, who had appeared to him.
8 Then from there he went on to the mountains to the
east of Bethel and pitched his tents, *with* Bethel on the west
and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to Yahweh,
and he called on the name of Yahweh. 9 Then Abram set out
and continued to travel toward the Negeb.
10 Then there was a famine in the land, so Abram went
down to Egypt to sojourn there because the famine *was*
heavy in the land. 11 And it happened that as he was about
to enter Egypt, then he said to Sarai his wife, "Behold please,
I know that you *are* a woman beautiful in appearance. 12 So
it will happen when the Egyptians see you, then they will
say, 'This *is* his wife,' and they will kill me but let you live.
13 Please say *that* you *are* my sister so that it will go well for
me for your sake and my life will live because of you."
14 Then it happened, when Abram came into Egypt, then
the Egyptians saw the woman, that she *was* very beautiful.
15 And the officials of Pharaoh saw her, so they praised her
to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.
16 Then he treated Abram well for her sake, so that he had
flock*s* and herd*s* and male donkeys and male slaves and
female slaves and female donkeys and camels.
17 But Yahweh struck Pharaoh and his house *with* great
plagues on account of Sarai the wife of Abram. 18 So Pharaoh

called for Abram and said, “What *is* this you have done to
me? Why did you not tell me that she *was* your wife? 19 Why
did you say, ‘She *is* my sister,’ so that I took her to me as a
wife? Now then, behold, your wife. Take *her* and go!” 20 Then
Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent
him away and his wife and everything that *belonged* to him.

13 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and
everything that *belonged* to him, and Lot with him,
to the Negeb. 2 And Abram *was* very wealthy in livestock,
in silver, and in gold. 3 Then he went on his journeys from
the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tents had
been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place
of the altar that he had made there at first, and there Abram
called on the name of Yahweh.

5 Now Lot, who was traveling with Abram, also had flock*s*
and herd*s* and tents. 6 But the land could not support them
while they stayed together, because their possessions were
great, so that they were not able to stay together. 7 Then
there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock
and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. And the Canaanites and
the Perizzites were living in the land then.

8 So Abram said to Lot, “Please do not let there be strife
between me and you, or between my herdsmen and your
herdsmen, because we *are* men, brothers. 9 Is not the whole
land before you? Please separate from me. If *you go to* the
left, then I will go right, or if *you go to* the right, then I will
go left.”

10 Then Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of the
Jordan as you go *toward* Zoar, that all of it *was* well-watered,
like Yahweh’s garden, like the land of Egypt, before Yahweh
destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. 11 So Lot chose for himself
all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot traveled to the east,
and they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the
land of Canaan, and Lot settled in the cities of the plain and
moved his tents as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom
were exceedingly wicked and sinful against Yahweh.

14 Then Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot had separated
from him, “Lift up your eyes please from the place where
you *are*, and look northward and southward and eastward
and westward, 15 because all the land that you see I will give
to you and to your offspring forever. 16 And I will make your
offspring like the dust of the earth, which if anyone were
able to count the dust of the earth, your offspring could also
be counted. 17 Get up and walk through the land, through
its length and through its width, because to you I am giving
it.” 18 So Abram moved his tents and went and settled by the
terebinth trees of Mamre that *were* near Hebron, and there
he built an altar to Yahweh.

14 Now it happened in the days of Amraphel king of
Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of
Elam, and Tidal king of the Goiim, 2 they made war against
Bera king of Sodom, and against Birsha king of Gomorrah,
Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and
the king of Bela, which *is* Zoar. 3 All these joined together in
the Valley of Siddim, which *is now* the Sea of Salt.

4 *For* twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the
thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 Then in the fourteenth year,
Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him went and
struck the Raphaites in Ashteroth-Karnaim and the Zuzites in
Ham and the Emites in Shaveh-Kiriathaim 6 and the Horites
in their hill country of Seir as far as El Paran, which *is*
by the wilderness. 7 Then they turned back and came to
En Mishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and they struck the entire
territory of the Amalekites and also the Amorites, who were
living in Hazezon Tamar. 8 Then the king of Sodom, and
the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the
king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which *is* Zoar, went
out into the Valley of Siddim and arranged themselves for
battle 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king
of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of
Ellasar, four kings against the five.

10 Now the Valley of Siddim *had* many tar pits, and the
kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there. And
those who remained fled to the hill country. 11 Then they
took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their
food, and left. 12 And they took Lot and his possessions, the
son of Abram’s brother, when they left, since he was living
in Sodom.

13 Then someone who escaped came and reported to
Abram the Hebrew. And he was living by the terebinth trees
of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother
of Aner, and they *were* owners of a covenant with Abram.
14 And when Abram heard that his relative had been taken
captive, then he led out his 318 trained men who had been
born in his house, and he pursued *his enemies* as far as Dan.
15 Then he divided against them during the night, he and
his servants, and struck them and pursued them to Hobah,
which *is* north of Damascus. 16 And he brought back all the
possessions, and he also brought back his relative Lot and
his possessions, and also the women and the *other* people.

17 Then the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the
Valley of Shaveh, which *is* the King’s Valley, after he returned
from striking Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with
him. 18 Then Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out
bread and wine. And he *was* a priest to God Most High.
19 And he blessed him and said,

> “May Abram be blessed by God Most High,
> the Possessor of heaven and earth.
> 20 And praised be God Most High,
> who delivered your enemies into your hand!”

Then he gave to him a tenth of everything. 21 Then the king
of Sodom said to Abram, “Give to me the people, but the
possessions take for yourself.” 22 But Abram said to the king
of Sodom, “I raise my hand to Yahweh, God Most High, the
possessor of heaven and earth, 23 if from a thread even to
the strap of a sandal, or if I take from anything that *belongs*
to you, so that you will not say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ 24 I *will*
take nothing, except what the young men have eaten and
the share of the other men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol,
and Mamre. Let them take their share.”

15 After those things, the word of Yahweh came to
Abram in a vision, saying,

> “Do not be afraid, Abram!
> I *am* a shield for you;
> your reward will be very great.” 2 But Abram said,
> “My Lord Yahweh, what will you give to
> me, since I go childless, and the son of the
> inheritance of my house *is* the Damascan,
> Eliezer?” 3 Then Abram said, “Behold, to
> me you have given no seed, and behold, a
> servant of my house is my heir!” 4 Then
> behold, the word of Yahweh *came* to him,

saying, “That *man* will not be your heir, but
rather a son who comes from your bowels,
he will be your heir.” 5 Then he brought
him outside and said, “Please look at the
heavens and count the stars, if you are
able to count them.” Then he said to
him, “So will your offspring be.”

6 And he trusted in Yahweh, and he counted it to him
as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, “I *am* Yahweh who
brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give to you this
land to possess it.” 8 Then he said, “My Lord Yahweh, how
will I know that I will possess it?” 9 Then he said to him,
“Bring to me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old
she-goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a
young pigeon.” 10 So he brought all those to him. Then he cut
them in two down the middle and laid the halves opposite
to each other, but the birds he did not cut in two. 11 Then
birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove
them away.

12 And it happened, the sun was setting and a deep sleep
fell on Abram, and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell on
him. 13 Then he said to Abram, “Know for certain that your
offspring will be strangers in a land *that does* not *belong* to
them, and they will serve them, and they will afflict them
400 years. 14 But also, the nation that they serve I will judge,
and after that they will come out with great possessions.
15 And you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be
buried at a good old age. 16 Then in the fourth generation
they will come back here, because the sin of the Amorites
will not *be* complete until then.”

17 And it happened, the sun went down and darkness came,
and behold, *there was* a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch
that passed between those pieces. 18 On that day Yahweh cut
a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I have
given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the
Euphrates River, 19 *the land of* the Kenites and the Kenizzites
and the Kadmonites 20 and the Hittites and the Perizzites
and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorites and the Canaanites
and the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

16 Now Sarai, the wife of Abram, had not born *children*
for him, but she had an Egyptian maidservant, and
her name *was* Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, “Behold
please, Yahweh has prevented me from bearing *children*.
Please go to my maidservant. Perhaps I can be built up from
her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So Sarai,
the wife of Abram, took Hagar, her Egyptian maidservant,
at the end of ten years that Abram had lived in the land of
Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife for
him. 4 Then he went to Hagar, and she conceived. And she
saw that she had conceived, and her mistress was despised
in her eyes.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “My wrong *is* on you! I myself
put my maidservant into your arms, but she sees that she
has conceived, and I am despised in her eyes! May Yahweh
judge between me and you!” 6 Then Abram said to Sarai,
“Behold, your maidservant *is* in your hand. Do to her what
is good in your eyes.” Then Sarai afflicted her, and she fled
from her face.

7 Then the angel of Yahweh found her at a spring of water
in the wilderness, at the spring beside the road of Shur.
8 And he said, “Hagar, maidservant of Sarai, where have you
come from, and where are you going?” And she said, “I am
fleeing from the face of Sarai, my mistress.” 9 Then the angel
of Yahweh said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit
under her hands.”

10 Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, “I will greatly
increase your offspring, so that they cannot be counted,
because of their abundance.”

11 Then the angel of Yahweh said to her,

“Behold, *you are* pregnant,
and you will bear a son,
and you will call his name Ishmael,
because Yahweh has listened to your misery.
12 And he will be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and the hand of everyone against him,
and he will live in the faces
of all of his brothers.”

13 Then she called the name of Yahweh who had spoken
to her, “You *are* El Roi,” because she said, “Have I really seen
here the back of *the one who* sees me?” 14 For that *reason* they
call the well Beer Lahai Roi. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh
and Bered.

15 Then Hagar bore a son for Abram, and Abram called the
name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 And Abram
was a son of 86 years when Hagar bore Ishmael for Abram.

17 Then Abram was a son of ninety-nine years, and
Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am*
God Almighty. Walk before me and be without blemish.
2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and I
will multiply you very greatly.”

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God spoke with him,
saying, 4 “Me, behold, my covenant will be with you, and
you shall be the father of an assembly of nations. 5 And your
name will not be called Abram anymore, but your name
will be Abraham, because I have made you the father of
a multitude of nations. 6 And I will make you very, very
fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings will
come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between
me and you and your offspring after you throughout their
generations as an eternal covenant, to be God to you and
to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to
your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the
land of Canaan, as an eternal possession, and I will be God
to them.”

9 Then God said to Abraham, “And you, you must keep
my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout
their generations. 10 This *is* my covenant which you must
keep, between me and you and your offspring after you:
Every male among you must be circumcised. 11 Indeed, you
must be circumcised *in* the flesh of your foreskins, and it will
be the sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 So a son
of eight days must be circumcised, every male among you
throughout your generations, the one born in *your* house
and the one bought with money from any son of a foreigner,
who *is* not your offspring. 13 He must surely be circumcised,
the one born in your house and the one bought with your
money. So my covenant will be in your flesh as an eternal
covenant. 14 And *as for* an uncircumcised male who is not
circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, indeed that person
must be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

15 Then God said to Abraham, “*As for* Sarai your wife,
do not call her name Sarai, because her name *will be* Sarah.

16 And I will bless her, and I will also give to you a son from
her. Indeed, I will bless her and she will become nations;
kings of peoples will come from her."
17 Then Abraham fell on his face, and he laughed and
said in his heart, "Will *a child* be born to a son of 100 years?
And will Sarah, who is a daughter of ninety years, bear *a*
child?" 18 Then Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might
live before you!" 19 Then God said, "No, Sarah your wife is
bearing a son for you, and you will call his name Isaac. And
I will establish my covenant with him as an eternal covenant
for his offspring after him.
20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I will
bless him, and I will make him fruitful and multiply him very
greatly. He will father twelve rulers, and I will make him
into a great nation. 21 However, my covenant I will establish
with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear for you by this time in the
next year." 22 Then he finished speaking with him, and God
went up from Abraham.
23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born
in his house and everyone bought with his money, every male
among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the
flesh of their foreskins on that very day, just as God had told
him. 24 And Abraham *was* a son of 99 years when he was
circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, 25 and Ishmael his
son *was* a son of thirteen years when he was circumcised in
the flesh of his foreskin. 26 On that very day Abraham was
circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 27 And all the males of his
house, the one born in his house and the one bought with
money from the son of a foreigner, were circumcised with
him.

18 Then Yahweh appeared to him by the terebinth trees
of Mamre, and he was sitting *at* the opening of the
tent in the heat of the day. 2 And he lifted his eyes and
looked, and behold, three men were standing nearby him.
And *when* he saw *them*, he ran from the entrance of the tent
to meet them and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and he
said, "My lords, if I have found favor in your eyes, please
do not pass by your servant. 4 Please let a little water be
brought. Then you can wash your feet, and rest yourselves
under the tree. 5 And I will bring a morsel of bread so that
you can refresh your hearts before you go away, since you
have come to your servant." And they said, "Alright, do as
you have said."
6 Then Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said,
"Hurry! *Prepare* three seahs of fine flour. Knead *it* and make
loaves." 7 Then Abraham ran to the herd and selected a
tender and choice calf. Then he gave it to a servant and he
hurried to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the
calf that he had prepared, and he set it before them. Then
he stood by them under the tree and they ate.
9 Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?" And
he said, "Behold, in the tent." 10 Then he said, "I will surely
return to you at the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife
will have a son." And Sarah was listening *at* the opening of
the tent, and it *was* behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah
were old, advanced in days; the way of women had ceased to
be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed within herself and said,
"After I am worn out, will I have pleasure? And my lord *is*
old!" 13 Then Yahweh said to Abraham, "Why *is it* that Sarah
laughed, saying, 'Will I really bear *a child* when I am old?'
14 Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the appointed time
I will return to you, at the time of life, and Sarah will have
a son." 15 But Sarah denied it by saying, "I did not laugh,"
because she was afraid. But he said, "No, but you did laugh."
16 Then the men got up from there and looked down
toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to send them
off. 17 And Yahweh said, "Should I hide from Abraham what
I am doing? 18 And Abraham will surely become a great and
mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be
blessed. 19 For I have known him so that he will command
his children and his house after him, and they will keep the
way of Yahweh by doing righteousness and justice, so that
Yahweh will bring about for Abraham what he has said to
him."
20 Then Yahweh said, "Because the outcry of Sodom and
Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, 21 I
will go down now and see whether they have done altogether
according to its outcry that has come to me. And if not, I
will know."
22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward
Sodom, and Abraham was still standing before Yahweh.
23 Then Abraham approached *him* and said, "Will you really
sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there
are fifty righteous in the city. Will you really sweep away
and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous
who *are* in it? 25 Far be it from you to do something like that,
killing the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous
are like the wicked! Far be it from you! Will the one who
judges all the earth not do justice?" 26 Then Yahweh said, "If
I find in Sodom fifty righteous in the city, then I will spare
the whole place for their sake."
27 Then Abraham spoke up and said, "Behold, please, I
have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord, although I
am dust and ashes. 28 Suppose the fifty righteous lack five?
Will you destroy the whole city because of five?" And he
said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."
29 Then he continued again to speak to him and said,
"Suppose forty are found there?" And he said, "I will not do
it for the sake of the forty."
30 Then he said, "Please do not let my Lord be angry, and
let me speak: Suppose thirty are found there?" And he said,
"I will not do it if I find thirty there."
31 Then he said, "Behold, please, I have taken it upon
myself to speak to my Lord. Suppose twenty are found there?"
And he said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."
32 Then he said, "Please do not let my Lord be angry,
and let me speak just once more: Suppose ten are found
there?" And he said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the
ten." 33 Then Yahweh left as soon as he finished speaking to
Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

19 Then the two angels came to Sodom in the evening,
and Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. And Lot
saw them, and he got up to meet them and bowed down
with nose to the ground. 2 Then he said, "Behold, please,
my lords: Please turn aside to the house of your servant
and spend the night, and wash your feet. Then you can get
up early and go on your way." But they said, "No, rather
we will spend the night in the street." 3 But he urged them
strongly, so that they turned aside with him and entered
into his house. Then he prepared a feast for them, and he
baked unleavened bread, and they ate.
4 Before they lay down, then the men of the city, the men
of Sodom, surrounded the house, from the young and to
the old, all the people from the edge*s*. 5 Then they called to
Lot and said to him, "Where *are* the men who came to you

tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can know them!" 6 Then Lot went out to them at the entrance and shut the door behind him, 7 and he said, "Please, my brothers, do not do evil! 8 Behold, please: I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please let me bring them out to you, and you do to them as *is* good in your eyes. But do not do anything to these men, because for that *reason* they have come under the shadow of my rafters." 9 But they said, "Get back!" Then they said, "This one came to sojourn, and now he is judging *us*! We will treat you worse than them!" Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near to break down the door. 10 But the men reached out their hand*s* and brought Lot into the house to them and shut the door. 11 Then they struck the men who *were at* the entrance of the house with blindness, from the small and to the great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door.

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Who else *belongs* to you here, a son-in-law or your sons or your daughters or anyone *else* who *belongs* to you in the city? Take *them* out from this place, 13 because we are destroying this place. For their outcry before Yahweh *is* great, so Yahweh has sent us to destroy it." 14 Then Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law who were to take his daughters, and he said, "Get up, get out of this place, because Yahweh is destroying the city!" But it seemed like he was joking in the eyes of his sons-in-law.

15 Then when the dawn came, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that you are not swept away in the punishment of the city." 16 But he lingered, so the men grabbed his hand and the hand of his wife and the hand*s* of his two daughters, because of Yahweh's mercy for him, and brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 And it happened when they had brought them out to the outside, then he said, "Flee for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stop anywhere in the plain! Escape to the mountain*s* so that you are not swept away!" 18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! 19 Behold, please: Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have magnified your mercy that you have shown to me by saving my life. But I am not able to escape to the mountain*s*, because the disaster will overtake me and I will die. 20 Behold, please: That town there *is* near to flee to, and it *is* a little one. Please let me escape there. Is it not a little one? Then my life will live." 21 Then he said to him, "Behold, I have also lifted up your face concerning this thing, so I will not overthrow the town that you are talking about. 22 Hurry up, escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until you go there." For that *reason* they called the name of the town Zoar.

23 The sun rose over the land and Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then Yahweh rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of the heavens, 25 and he overthrew those cities and all of the plain, including all the inhabitants of the cities and the vegetation of the ground. 26 But his wife from behind him looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before Yahweh, 28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the surface of the land of the plain. And he saw that, behold, smoke was rising from the land like smoke from a furnace. 29 So it was, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities which Lot had lived in.

30 Then Lot went up from Zoar and settled in the mountain*s*, and his two daughters *were* with him, because he was afraid to settle in Zoar. So he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on the earth to come to us as *is* the way of all the earth. 32 Come on, let us get our father to drink wine, and let us lie with him so that we will give life to offspring through our father." 33 So they got their father to drink wine on that night, and the firstborn went and lay with her father, but he did not know when she lay down or when she got up.

34 And it happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, last night I lay with my father. Let us get him to drink wine again tonight. Then you go lie with him so that we will give life to offspring through our father." 35 So on that night also they got their father to drink wine. Then the younger went and lay with him, but he did not know when she lay down or when she got up.

36 So both of the daughters of Lot conceived from their father. 37 Then the firstborn bore a son, and she called his name Moab. He *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 Then the younger, she also bore a son, and she called his name Ben-Ammi. He *is* the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

20 Then Abraham traveled from there to the land of the Negeb, and he settled between Kadesh and Shur and sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abraham said about Sarah his wife, "She *is* my sister." So Abimelech the king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream *in* the night and said to him, "Behold, you are dead because of the woman whom you have taken, because she is married to a husband!" 4 Now Abimelech had not gone near to her, so he said, "My Lord, will you kill even a righteous nation? 5 Did not he himself say to me, 'She *is* my sister'? And she herself also said, 'He *is* my brother.' I did this in the integrity of my heart and in the innocence of my hands!" 6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you did this, and indeed I kept you from sinning against me. For that *reason* I did not allow you to touch her. 7 So now, return the wife of the man because he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not return her, know that you will surely die, you and all who *belong* to you!"

8 So Abimelech got up early in the morning and called for all of his servants, and he told all those things in their ears, and the men were very afraid. 9 Then Abimelech called for Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you so that you brought a great sin on me and on my kingdom? You have done deeds to me that should not be done!" 10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What were you looking for when you did this thing?" 11 And Abraham answered, "Because I said, 'Surely there is no fear of God in this place, so they will kill me because of my wife.' 12 And also she truly *is* my sister, the daughter of my father but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. 13 And it happened when God caused me to wander from the house of my father, then I said to her, 'This *is* your kindness that you can do for me: At every place where we go, say about me, "He *is* my brother."'"

14 Then Abimelech took flocks and herds and men slaves and women slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. 15 Then Abimelech said,

"Behold, my land *is* before you. Settle wherever *is* good in your eyes."

16 And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given 1,000 *shekels of* silver to your brother. Behold, that *is* for you a covering of the eyes before all who *are* with you, so that you are vindicated for everything." 17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his slave women, so that they bore children, 18 because Yahweh had completely closed up every womb in the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

21 Then Yahweh visited Sarah as he had said, and Yahweh did for Sarah as he had said, 2 so that Sarah conceived and bore a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time which God had told him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore for him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, a son of eight days, just as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham *was* a son of 100 years when Isaac his son was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has brought laughter to me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me!" 7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham *that* Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have born a son in his old age!"

8 Then the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw *that* the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born for Abraham, was mocking. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Drive away that slave woman and her son, because the son of that slave woman will not inherit with my son, with Isaac!" 11 And the matter was very distressing in the eyes of Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed in your eyes because of the boy and because of your slave woman. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, because in Isaac, offspring will be called yours. 13 And the son of the slave woman I will also make into a nation, because he *is* your offspring."

14 Then Abraham got up early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder. Then *he gave her* the child and sent her away, and she left and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And when the water from the skin was gone, then she threw the child under one of the bushes, 16 and she went and sat down by herself at a distance, as far away as they shoot a bow, because she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child!" And *as* she sat at a distance, then she lifted her voice and sobbed.

17 And God heard the voice of the boy, so the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What *troubles* you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, because God has listened to the voice of the boy where he *is* there. 18 Get up, lift the boy, and hold on to him with your hand, because I will make him into a great nation." 19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin *with* water and gave the boy a drink.

20 And God was with the boy, and he grew up. And he lived in the wilderness and became a great bowman. 21 And *while* he was living in the wilderness of Paran, then his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

22 And it happened at that time that Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "God *is* with you in all that you do. 23 So now, swear to me here by God if you will deal falsely with me or with my children or with my descendants. According to the kindness that I have done to you, do to me and to the land which you are sojourning in." 24 And Abraham said, "I swear."

25 Then Abraham complained to Abimelech on account of the well of water that the servants of Abimelech had seized. 26 Then Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing. And also you did not tell me, and also I have not heard about it until today."

27 Then Abraham took sheep and cattle, and he gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them cut a covenant. 28 Then Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 So Abimelech said to Abraham, "What *are* they, these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart by themselves?" 30 And he said, "Because you must take the seven ewe lambs from my hand, so that it can be a witness for me that I dug this well." 31 For that *reason* he called that place Beersheba, because there the two of them swore an oath.

32 So they cut the covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, got up and returned to the land of the Philistines. 33 Then he planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of Yahweh, the God of eternity. 34 Then Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

22 Then it happened after those things that God tested Abraham. And he said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Behold me." 2 Then he said, "Please take your son, your only *son* whom you love, Isaac, and go yourself to the land of Moriah, and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will tell to you."

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. Then he took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son, and he cut wood for the burnt offering. Then he got up and left for the place that God had told to him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and he saw the place from a distance. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here by yourselves with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there and bow down. Then we will come back to you."

6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put *it* on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand*s* the fire *pot* and the knife. Then the two of them went on together, 7 and Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" And he said, "Behold me, my son." Then he said, "Behold the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "God will see for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Then the two of them went on together.

9 Then they came to the place that God had told to him, and there Abraham built the altar and arranged the wood. Then he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But an angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" And he said, "Behold me." 12 Then he said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy! And *do* not do anything to him, because now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a ram *was* behind *him*, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh-Yireh, as it is said *to* this day, "On the mountain of Yahweh it will be seen."

15 Then the angel of Yahweh called to Abraham a second
time from heaven 16 and said, “I swear by myself, a declaration
of Yahweh, that it is because you have done this thing and
have not withheld your son, your only *son*, 17 that I will
greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your offspring
as the stars of the heavens and as the sand that *is* on the
shore of the sea, and your offspring will possess the gate*s* of
their enemies. 18 And in your offspring all the nations of the
earth will be blessed, because you listened to my voice.”
19 Then Abraham returned to his young men, and they
got up and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham stayed
at Beersheba.
20 Then it happened after those things that it was told to
Abraham, saying, “Behold, Milcah, she too, has born sons for
Nahor your brother: 21 Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother
and Kemuel, the father of Aram, 22 and Kesed and Hazo and
Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel.” 23 And Bethuel fathered
Rebekah. Those *are* the eight *sons* Milcah bore for Nahor, the
brother of Abraham. 24 And his concubine, and her name *was*
Reumah, and she also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash
and Maacah.

23 Now the life of Sarah was 127 years; the years of
the life of Sarah. 2 Then Sarah died in Kiriath Arba,
which *is* Hebron, in the land of Canaan. And Abraham went
to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. 3 Then Abraham
got up from beside his dead one, and he spoke to the sons of
Heth, saying, 4 “I *am* a foreigner and a sojourner among you.
Give to me property for a burial place among you, so that I
can bury my dead from before me.” 5 Then the sons of Heth
replied to Abraham, saying to him, 6 “Listen to us, my lord.
You *are* a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the
choicest of our burial places. Each of us will not withhold
from you his burial place to bury your dead.”
7 Then Abraham got up and bowed to the people of the
land, to the sons of Heth, 8 and he said to them, saying, “If
it is your will to bury my dead from before me, listen to
me and intercede for me with Ephron, the son of Zohar,
9 so that he will give to me the cave of Machpelah, which
belongs to him, which *is* at the end of his field. For full price
let him give it to me among you as property for a burial
place.” 10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth,
so Ephron the Hittite responded to Abraham in the ears of
the sons of Heth, for everyone who had come *to* the gate of
his city, saying, 11 “No, my lord. Listen to me: I give to you
the field, and I give to you the cave that *is* in it. I give it
to you before the eyes of the sons of my people. Bury your
dead.”
12 Then Abraham bowed before the people of the land,
13 and he spoke to Ephron in the ears of the people of the
land, saying, “But if you would, please listen to me. I will
give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will bury
my dead there.” 14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying
to him, 15 “My lord, listen to me. Land *worth* 400 shekels of
silver, between me and you, what *is* that? So bury your dead.”
16 So Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed
out to Ephron the price that he had mentioned in the ears of
the sons of Heth, 400 shekels of silver, the currency among
the merchants.
17 So the field of Ephron that *was* in Machpelah which
was before Mamre, the field and the cave that *was* in it,
and every tree that *was* in the field, that *was* within all
of its surrounding borders, was deeded 18 to Abraham as
his possession before the eyes of the sons of Heth, before
everyone who had come to the gate of his city. 19 Then after
that, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field
of Machpelah before Mamre, which *is* Hebron, in the land
of Canaan. 20 So the field and the cave that *was* in it were
deeded to Abraham as property for a burial place from the
sons of Heth.

24 Now Abraham was old, advanced in days, and
Yahweh had blessed Abraham in all *things*. 2 Then
Abraham said to his oldest servant of his house, who was
in charge of everything that *belonged* to him, “Please put
your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will have you swear by
Yahweh, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth,
that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters
of the Canaanites whom I am living among, 4 but you will
go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for
my son, for Isaac.”
5 Then the servant said to him, “Suppose the woman is not
willing to come with me to this land? Should I take your son
back to the country that you came from?” 6 Then Abraham
said to him, “Be sure that you do not take my son back there.
7 Yahweh, the God of the heavens, who took me from the
house of my father and from the land of my relatives and
who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, ‘To your
offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before
you, and you will take a wife for my son from there. 8 But
if the woman is not willing to come with you, then you are
clear from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back
there!”
9 Then the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham
his master and swore to him concerning this matter. 10 Then
the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master
and left, and all *kinds of* good *things* from his master *were*
in his hand, and he got up and went to Aram Naharaim, to
the city of Nahor. 11 Then he made the camels kneel down
outside the city by the well of water at evening time, at the
time the women who draw water come out.
12 Then he said, “Yahweh, God of my master Abraham,
please cause it to happen before me today that you show
kindness toward my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I am standing
by this spring of water, and the daughters of the people of
the city are coming out to draw water. 14 And let it be *that*
the young woman whom I say to her, ‘Please let down your
jar so that I may drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink and I will also
water your camels,’ *let* her *be the one* you have appointed
for your servant, for Isaac. And by her I will know that you
have shown kindness toward my master.”
15 And it happened before he had finished speaking, then
behold, Rebekah was coming out, who was born to Bethuel,
the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham.
And her water jar *was* on her shoulder. 16 And the young
woman *was* a very beautiful-looking virgin, and a man had
not known her. And she went down to the spring and filled
her jar and came up.
17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please
let me drink a little water from your jar.” 18 And she said,
“Drink, my lord.” Then she hurried and lowered her jar to
her hand*s* and gave him a drink. 19 And *after* she finished
giving him a drink, then she said, “I will also draw water
for your camels until they have finished drinking.” 20 Then
she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough and ran
back to the well to draw water, and she drew water for all
his camels. 21 And the man watched her silently to know
whether Yahweh had made his journey succeed or not.

22 Then it happened, when the camels had finished
drinking, then the man took out a gold nose ring, its
weight a beka, and two gold bracelets for her arms, their
weight ten shekels. 23 And he said, “Whose daughter *are* you?
Please tell me. Is there a place at the house of your father
for us to lodge?” 24 Then she said to him, “I *am* the daughter
of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore for Nahor.”
25 Then she said to him, “Plenty of both straw and fodder
are with us. *There is* also a place to lodge.” 26 Then the man
bowed down and prostrated himself before Yahweh, 27 and
said, “Praised be Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham,
who has not abandoned his kindness and his faithfulness
toward my master. *As for* me, Yahweh has led me on the
road *to* the home of the relatives of my master!”
28 Then the young woman ran and announced to the
household of her mother about those things. 29 Now Rebekah
had a brother, and his name *was* Laban, and Laban ran to
the man outside at the spring. 30 And it was when he had
seen the nose ring and the bracelets on the arms of his sister,
and when he had heard the words of Rebekah his sister,
saying, “This *is* what the man said to me,” then he went to
the man, and behold, he was standing by the camels at the
spring. 31 Then he said, “Come, blessed of Yahweh. Why are
you standing out here? For I have prepared the house and a
place for the camels.”
32 So the man went to the house. Then he unloaded the
camels and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water
to wash his feet and the feet of the men who *were* with him.
33 Then food was set before him to eat, but he said, “I will
not eat until I have spoken my words.” So he said, “Speak.”
34 Then he said, “I *am* a servant of Abraham. 35 And
Yahweh has greatly blessed my master, so that he has
become great. And he has given him flock*s* and herd*s*, and
silver and gold, and men slaves and women slaves, and
camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah, the wife of my master,
bore a son for my master after her old age, and he has given
to him everything that *belongs* to him. 37 And my master
made me swear, saying, ‘You must not take a wife for my
son from the daughters of the Canaanites whose land I am
living in, 38 but rather you must go to the house of my father,
and to my clan, and take a wife for my son.’ 39 Then I said
to my master, ‘Suppose the woman will not come with me?’
40 And he said to me, ‘Yahweh, whom I walk before, will
send his angel with you and make your journey succeed, so
that you will take a wife for my son from my clan, and from
the house of my father. 41 Then you will be clear from my
oath: When you go to my clan, and if they will not give her
to you, then you will be clear from my oath.’
42 Then today I came to the spring, and I said, ‘Yahweh,
God of my master Abraham, if it is your will, please make
my journey succeed that I have come on. 43 Behold, I am
standing by *this* spring of water. And let it be *that* the young
woman who comes out to draw *water* and I say to her, “Please
give me a little water to drink from your jar,” 44 and she
says to me, “Both you drink and I will also draw water for
your camels,” *let* her *be* the wife whom Yahweh has chosen
for the son of my master.’
45 Before I had finished speaking in my heart, then behold,
Rebekah was coming out and her jar *was* on her shoulder.
And she went down to the spring and drew water, and I
said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’ 46 And she hurried and
lowered her jar from her and said, ‘Drink and I will also
water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the
camels. 47 Then I asked her and said, ‘Whose daughter *are*
you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, a son of Nahor
whom Milcah bore for him.’ Then I put the ring on her nose
and the bracelets on her arms. 48 And I bowed down and
prostrated myself before Yahweh, and I praised Yahweh, the
God of my master Abraham, who led me on the right way to
take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son. 49 And
now if it is your will to show kindness and faithfulness to
my master, tell me. But if not, tell me, so that I will turn to
the right or to the left.”
50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing
has come from Yahweh; we are not able to tell you bad or
good. 51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before you. Take her and go, and
let her be the wife of the son of your master, as Yahweh has
spoken.” 52 Then it happened, when the servant of Abraham
heard their words, that he bowed down to the ground before
Yahweh. 53 Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver
and jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah.
And he gave valuable things to her brother and to her mother.
54 Then he and the men who *were* with him ate and drank
and lodged. Then in the morning they got up, and he said,
“Send me to my master.” 55 But her brother and her mother
said, “Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at
least ten. After that she will go.” 56 But he said to them, “Do
not detain me, since Yahweh has made my journey succeed.
Send me off so that I will go to my master.” 57 Then they
said, “Let’s call for the young woman and ask her mouth.”
58 So they called for Rebekah and said to her, “Will you
go with this man?” And she said, “I will go.” 59 Then they
sent off Rebekah their sister and her nurse and the servant
of Abraham and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and
said to her,

> “Our sister, may you become
> thousands of myriads,
> and may your offspring possess
> the gates of *those* hating them!” 61 Then Rebekah
> got up and her maids, and they mounted
> the camels and went with the man. So the
> servant took Rebekah and left.

62 Meanwhile Isaac came from going to Beer Lahai Roi,
and he was living in the land of the Negeb. 63 And Isaac went
to meditate in the field as it was turning toward evening, and
he lifted his eyes and saw that, behold, camels were coming.
64 And Rebekah lifted her eyes and saw Isaac. Then she
dismounted from the camel, 65 and she said to the servant,
“Who *is* that man in the field who is coming to meet us?”
And the servant said, “He *is* my master.” So she took the veil
and covered herself.
66 Then the servant reported to Isaac all the things that
he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah
his mother, and he took Rebekah, and she became a wife to
him. And Isaac loved her, and he was comforted after his
mother.

25 Then Abraham added and took a wife, and her name
was Keturah. 2 And she bore for him Zimran and
Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. 3 And
Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the descendants
of Dedan were the Asshurites and the Letushites and the
Leummites. 4 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah and Epher
and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All of those *were* the
descendants of Keturah.

5 And Abraham gave everything that *belonged* to him to
Isaac. 6 And to the sons of the concubines who *belonged* to
Abraham, Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still alive
he sent them eastward to the land of Kedem, away from
Isaac his son.
7 And these *are* the days of the years of the life of Abraham
that he lived: 175 years. 8 Then Abraham exhaled and died
at a good old age, elderly and full, and he was gathered to
his people. 9 Then Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him
in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of
Zohar the Hittite, which *was* before Mamre, 10 the field that
Abraham had bought from the sons of Heth. There Abraham
was buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it happened after the
death of Abraham, then God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac
lived near Beer Lahai Roi.
12 Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael the son of
Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the maidservant of
Sarah, had born for Abraham. 13 And these *are* the names
of the sons of Ishmael, by their names according to their
births: the firstborn of Ishmael *was* Nebaioth, then Kedar and
Adbeel and Mibsam 14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,
15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedermah. 16 Those
were the sons of Ishmael, and those *are* their names by their
settlements and by their camps, twelve rulers according to
their tribes. 17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael:
137 years. Then he exhaled and died, and he was gathered
to his people. 18 And they settled from Havilah to Shur that
is near Egypt as you go toward Asshur. He fell in the face of
all his brothers.
19 And these *are* the generations of Isaac the son of
Abraham: Abraham fathered Isaac, 20 then Isaac was a son of
forty years when he took Rebekah for himself as a wife, the
daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram, the
sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 And Isaac entreated Yahweh
on behalf of his wife because she *was* barren. So Yahweh was
entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 And
the children struggled against each other inside her, so she
said, “Why *is this* so? Why *am* I *like* this?” And she went to
inquire of Yahweh. 23 And Yahweh said to her,

“Two nations *are* inside your womb,
and two peoples will be divided from
inside your womb.
And one people will be stronger than the other people,
and the older will serve the younger.”

24 Then her days were fulfilled to deliver, and behold,
twins *were* inside her womb. 25 And the first came out red;
all of him *was* like a garment of hair, so they called his name
Esau. 26 Then after that, his brother came out, and his hand
was grabbing on to the heel of Esau, so he called his name
Jacob. And Isaac *was* a son of sixty years when she bore
them.
27 Then the boys grew up, and Esau became a man who
knew hunting, a man of the field, and Jacob *was* a quiet
man who stayed among the tents. 28 And Isaac loved Esau,
because *he liked* game meat in his mouth, but Rebekah loved
Jacob.
29 Now Jacob was cooking stew, and Esau came in from
the field, and he *was* exhausted. 30 Then Esau said to Jacob,
“Please let me devour some of that very red stuff because I
am exhausted!” For that *reason* they called his name Edom.
31 But Jacob said, “On this day sell your birthright to me.”
32 And Esau said, “Behold, I am about to die! So for what
use *is* that to me, a birthright?” 33 But Jacob said, “Swear to
me on this day!” So he swore to him and sold his birthright
to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave to Esau bread and lentil stew,
and he ate and drank, and got up and left. So Esau despised
his birthright.

26 Then there was a famine in the land, besides the
earlier famine that was in the days of Abraham.
So Isaac went to Abimelech, the king of the Philistines, to
Gerar. 2 Then Yahweh appeared to him and said, “Do not go
down to Egypt; live in the land that I tell you. 3 Sojourn in
this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you
and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will
confirm the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And
I will multiply your offspring as the stars of the heavens,
and I will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your
offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed, 5 because
Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my requirements, my
commands, my decrees, and my laws.”
6 So Isaac stayed in Gerar. 7 Then the men of the place
asked about his wife, and he said, “She *is* my sister,” because
he was afraid to say, “*She is* my wife.” *He thought,* “Lest the
men of the place kill me on account of Rebekah, because
she *is* beautiful of appearance.” 8 Then it happened, when
the days had been long for him there, then Abimelech the
king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw
that, behold, Isaac was laughing with Rebekah his wife. 9 So
Abimelech called for Isaac and said, “Behold, she *is* really
your wife! So how could you say, ‘She *is* my sister’?” And
Isaac said to him, “Because I said, ‘I might die because of
her.’” 10 Then Abimelech said, “What *is* this you have done to
us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife,
and you would have brought guilt on us!” 11 Then Abimelech
ordered all the people by saying, “Whoever touches this man
or his wife will surely be killed!”
12 Then Isaac sowed seeds in that land, and in that year he
obtained a hundredfold, and Yahweh blessed him. 13 And the
man became great, and he continued to become even greater
until he was exceedingly great. 14 And he had possession of
flocks and possession of herds and many servants. So the
Philistines envied him, 15 and the Philistines stopped up all
the wells that the servants of his father had dug in the days
of Abraham his father and filled them with dirt.
16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us,
because you are more powerful than we *are*.” 17 So Isaac
went from there and camped in the Valley of Gerar and
settled there. 18 Then Isaac returned and dug out the water
wells that they had dug in the days of Abraham his father
and *that* the Philistines had stopped up after the death of
Abraham, and he called them names like the names that his
father had called them.
19 Then the servants of Isaac dug in the valley and found
a well of living water there. 20 But the herdsmen of Gerar
quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying, “The water
belongs to us!” So he called the name of the well Esek, because
they disputed with him. 21 Then they dug another well, but
they quarreled over it too, so he called its name Sitnah.
22 Then he moved from there and he dug another well, and
they did not quarrel over it, so he called its name Rehoboth,
and he said, “Because now Yahweh has made space for us,
and we will be fruitful in the land.”
23 Then from there he went up to Beersheba. 24 And
Yahweh appeared to him during that night and said, “I *am*
the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, because I

am with you. And I will bless you and multiply your offspring for the sake of Abraham my servant." 25 Then he built an altar there and called on the name of Yahweh. And he pitched his tents there, and the servants of Isaac dug a well there.

26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the commander of his army. 27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and you sent me away from you?" 28 And they said, "We have clearly seen that Yahweh has been with you, so we said, 'There should be an oath between us'—between us and you. So let us cut a covenant with you, 29 that you will not do evil against us, just as we did not touch you, and just as we did only good to you and sent you away in peace. Now you are blessed by Yahweh." 30 Then he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. 31 Then they got up early in the morning and swore to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left from him in peace.

32 Then it happened on that day, the servants of Isaac came and told him about the matter of the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water!" 33 So he called it Shibah. For that *reason* the name of the city *is* Beersheba to this day.

34 And Esau was a son of forty years, and he took *as* a wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

27 Then it happened, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, then he called Esau, his older son, and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Behold me." 2 Then he said, "Behold, please, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. 3 So now, please take your weapons, your quiver, and your bow, and go out *in* the field and hunt game for me. 4 Then prepare tasty food for me such as I love, and bring it to me so I can eat it, so that my soul can bless you before I die."

5 And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to Esau his son. Then Esau went *to* the field to hunt game to bring it back. 6 Then Rebekah said to Jacob her son, saying, "Behold, I heard your father speaking to Esau your brother, saying, 7 'Bring game for me and prepare tasty food for me so that I can eat it and I can bless you in the presence of Yahweh, before my death.' 8 So now, my son, listen to my voice, to what I command you. 9 Please go to the flock and bring to me from there two good kids of the goats so that I will prepare from them tasty food for your father such as he loves. 10 Then you take it to your father, and he will eat *it*, so that he will bless you before his death."

11 Then Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, but I *am* a smooth man. 12 Suppose my father touches me? Then I will be in his eyes as a deceiver, and I will bring a curse on me and not a blessing." 13 But his mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son. Just listen to my voice, and go get *them* for me." 14 So he went and got *them* and brought *them* to his mother. Then his mother prepared tasty food such as his father loved. 15 Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son that *were* with her in the house and put them on Jacob her younger son. 16 And she put the skins of the kid goats over his hands and over the smooth part of his neck.

17 Then she gave the tasty food and the bread that she had made into the hand*s* of Jacob her son, 18 and he went to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Behold me. Who *are* you, my son?" 19 Then Jacob said to his father, "I *am* Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please get up, sit and eat some of my game, so that your soul will bless me." 20 Then Isaac said to his son, "How *is* this you were quick to find *it*, my son?" And he said, "Because Yahweh your God caused *it* to happen before me."

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, so that I can touch you, my son, *and know* whether you are really my son Esau or not." 22 So Jacob went close to Isaac his father, and he touched him and said, "The voice *is* the voice of Jacob, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau." 23 So he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like the hands of Esau his brother, and he was about to bless him. 24 But he said, "*Are* you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I *am*." 25 Then he said, "Bring *the food* to me, and I will eat some of my son's game, so that my soul will bless you." Then he brought *it* to him, and he ate; and he brought wine to him, and he drank.

26 Then Isaac his father said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son." 27 So he went close and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothes, so he blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son
is like the smell of a field
that Yahweh has blessed!
28 And may God give to you from the dew of the heavens
and from the fatness of the earth,
and an abundance of grain and wine.
29 May peoples serve you,
and may nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brothers,
and may the sons of your mother bow down to you.
May those *who* curse you be cursed,
and *may* those *who* bless you be blessed."

30 Then it happened, just as Isaac finished blessing Jacob, and it happened, scarcely had Jacob just left from the presence of Isaac his father, then Esau his brother came in from his hunt. 31 Then he too prepared tasty food, and he brought *it* to his father and said to his father, "Let my father get up and eat from his son's game so that your soul can bless me." 32 But Isaac his father said to him, "Who *are* you?" And he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn Esau." 33 Then Isaac trembled a very great tremble, and he said, "Then who *was* it that hunted game and brought *it* to me? And I ate from *it* all just before you came, and I blessed him. Indeed, he will be blessed." 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, then he cried out a great and exceedingly bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, me too, my father!" 35 And he said, "Your brother came in deceit and took your blessing." 36 Then he said, "Is it because his name is called Jacob that he has defrauded me these two times? He took my birthright, and behold, now he has taken my blessing!"

Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" 37 But Isaac responded and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him master over you, and I have given all his brothers to him as servants. And I have sustained him with grain and wine. So then, what can I do for you, my son?" 38 But Esau said to his father, "Is there one blessing that you have, my father? Bless me, me too, my father!" Then Esau lifted his voice and sobbed. 39 Then Isaac his father responded and said to him,

"Behold, your dwelling will be

away from the fatness of the earth
and away from the dew of the heavens from above.
40 And you will live by your sword,
and you will serve your brother.
But it will happen when you become restless,
then you will break his yoke
off of your neck."

41 Then Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing that his father had blessed him with, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of the mourning of my father are near; then I will kill Jacob my brother." 42 But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called for Jacob her younger son and said to him, "Behold, Esau your brother is consoling himself about you, planning to kill you. 43 So now, my son, listen to my voice and get up, flee for yourself to Laban my brother in Haran! 44 And stay with him for a few days until the fury of your brother turns away, 45 until the anger of your brother turns away from you and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I also lose both of you *in* one day?"

46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am disgusted with my life because of the daughters of Heth! If Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth like these, from daughters of the land, what *would* life *be* to me?"

28 Then Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him, and commanded him and said to him, "Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. 2 Get up, go to Paddan Aram, to the home of Bethuel the father of your mother, and take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother. 3 And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you so that you become an assembly of peoples. 4 And may he give the blessing of Abraham to you, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham." 5 Then Isaac sent Jacob, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean and the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife for himself from there, *and that* when he blessed him, then he commanded him, saying, "Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," 7 and *that* Jacob listened to his father and to his mother and went to Paddan Aram. 8 Then Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were displeasing in the eyes of Isaac his father. 9 So Esau went to Ishmael and he took as a wife Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, in addition to his wives *who belonged* to him.

10 And Jacob left from Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11 Then he reached a *certain* place, and he stopped there because the sun had gone. And he took *one* of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and he lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, a stairway was set up on the earth and its top reached to the heavens, and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, Yahweh was standing above it, and he said, "I *am* Yahweh, the God of Abraham your grandfather and the God of Isaac. The land that you are lying on I will give to you and to your offspring. 14 And your offspring will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. And in you and in your offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed. 15 And behold, I *am* with you, and I will watch over you in every *place* that you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." 16 Then Jacob woke up from his sleep and said, "Surely Yahweh is in this place, but I did not know *it*!" 17 So he was afraid and said, "How awesome this place is! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this *is* the gateway of heaven!"

18 Then in the morning Jacob got up early, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and stood it up *as* a pillar, and he poured oil on its top. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, even though Luz *had been* the name of the town at first.

20 Then Jacob vowed a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and watch over me on this road that I am walking on and give to me bread to eat and clothes to wear, 21 and *if* I return in peace to the home of my father, then Yahweh will be God to me, 22 and this stone that I have stood up *as* a pillar will be the house of God, and all that you give to me I will tithe a tenth to you."

29 Then Jacob lifted his feet and went to the land of the sons of the east. 2 And he looked, and behold, a well *was* in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there near it, because from that well the flocks were watered, and the stone over the mouth of the well *was* large. 3 And all the flocks would be gathered there, then they would roll the stone from over the mouth of the well and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 Then Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where *are* you from?" And they said, "We *are* from Haran." 5 Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban, the grandson of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him." 6 Then he said to them, "Are *things* well for him?" And they said, "*Things are* well. And behold, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep." 7 Then he said, "Behold, the day *is* still large. *It is* not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go pasture *them*." 8 But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered and they roll the stone from over the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

9 He was still talking with them when Rachel came with the sheep that *belonged* to her father, because she was tending them. 10 Then it happened, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, then Jacob went over and rolled the stone from over the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted his voice and cried. 12 Then Jacob told Rachel that he *was* a relative of her father and that he *was* a son of Rebekah. Then she ran and told her father.

13 And it happened, when Laban heard the news about Jacob the son of his sister, then he ran to meet him. Then he embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then he told Laban all these things, 14 and Laban said to him, "You *are* indeed my bone and my flesh!"

Then he stayed with him a month of days. 15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you *are* my relative, should you then serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *are* your wages?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. 17 And the eyes of Leah *were* delicate, but Rachel was lovely of form and beautiful of appearance. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger

daughter." 19 And Laban said, "*It is* better for me to give her to you than for me to give her to another man. Stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, but in his eyes they were like a few days because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give *me* my wife, because my days are completed, so that I may go to her." 22 Then Laban gathered all the people of the place and made a feast. 23 But it happened in the evening that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to him, and he went to her. 24 And Laban gave to her Zilpah his maidservant, to Leah his daughter, *to be* a maidservant.

25 Then it happened in the morning, that behold, she *was* Leah! So he said to Laban, "What *is* this you have done to me? Was *it* not for Rachel that I served with you? So why have you deceived me?" 26 But Laban said, "It is not done so in our place to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfill the week of this *one*, then we will also give you this *one* for service that you will serve with me for another seven years."

28 So Jacob did so, and he fulfilled the week *for* that *one*. Then he gave to him Rachel his daughter as a wife for him. 29 And Laban gave Bilhah his maidservant to Rachel his daughter as a maidservant for her. 30 Then he also went to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served him for another seven years.

31 Now Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, so he opened her womb, but Rachel *was* barren. 32 Then Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, because she said, "Because Yahweh has looked on my misery, surely now my husband will love me."

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, "Because Yahweh heard that I am hated, then he gave to me this *son* also." So she called his name Simeon.

34 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, "This time now my husband will be joined to me, because I have born three sons for him." For that *reason* he called his name Levi.

35 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, "This time I will praise Yahweh." For that *reason* she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

30 Now Rachel saw that she was not bearing *children* for Jacob, so Rachel envied her sister, and she said to Jacob, "Give me children, and if not, I will die!" 2 And Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept the fruit of the womb from you?" 3 Then she said, "Behold my slave woman Bilhah. Go to her so that she will bear *children* on my knees, and I also will be built up from her." 4 And she gave to him Bilhah her maidservant as a wife, and Jacob went to her.

5 Then Bilhah conceived and bore a son for Jacob, 6 and Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and indeed, he has listened to my voice and given to me a son!" For that *reason* she called his name Dan.

7 Then Bilhah the maidservant of Rachel conceived again and bore a second son for Jacob. 8 So Rachel said, "*With* mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister. Indeed I have prevailed!" And she called his name Naphtali.

9 Now Leah saw that she had ceased from bearing *children*, so she took Zilpah her maidservant and gave her to Jacob as a wife. 10 Then Zilpah the maidservant of Leah bore a son for Jacob, 11 and Leah said, "What good fortune!" So she called his name Gad.

12 Then Zilpah the maidservant of Leah bore a second son for Jacob, 13 and Leah said, "How blessed I am! For women will call me blessed." So she called his name Asher.

14 Then in the days of the wheat harvest, Reuben went out and found mandrakes in the field, and he brought them to Leah his mother. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give to me some of your son's mandrakes." 15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter you have taken my husband? And would you also take my son's mandrakes?" Then Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

16 Then Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come to me, because I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her during that night, 17 and God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore a fifth son for Jacob. 18 Then Leah said, "God has given *me* my reward because I gave my maidservant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

19 Then Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son for Jacob. 20 And Leah said, "God has presented me a good present. This time my husband will honor me because I have born six sons for him." So she called his name Zebulun.

21 Then later she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. 23 Then she conceived and bore a son, and she said, "God has taken away my disgrace!" 24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May Yahweh add another son to me."

25 Then it happened, after Rachel bore Joseph, then Jacob said to Laban, "Send me off, so that I may go to my place and to my land. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, so that I may go. For you yourself know my service that I have served you."

27 Then Laban said to him, "Please *stay*, if I have found favor in your eyes. I have learned by divination that Yahweh has blessed me because of you." 28 Then he said, "Name your wages to me, and I will give *them*." 29 And he said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you and how your livestock have been with me. 30 For *there was* little that was yours before me, and it has prospered to abundance, and Yahweh has blessed you at my feet. But now, when will I also do something for my household?"

31 Then he said, "What should I give to you?" And Jacob said, "Do not give anything to me. If you will do this thing for me, I will continue tending your flock*s* watching over *them*: 32 I will pass through all your flock*s* today to remove from there every speckled and spotted lamb and every dark-colored lamb among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled *young* among the goats. And that will be my wages. 33 So my righteousness will testify for me in future days when you go over my wages in front of you: any that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and dark-colored among the sheep, it was stolen *if it is* with me."

34 And Laban said, "Behold, let it be according to your word." 35 Then on that day he removed the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, any that *had* white on it, and all the dark-colored *ones* among the lambs. Then he gave *them* into the hand of his sons, 36 and he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob was tending the rest of Laban's flock*s*.

37 Then Jacob took for himself fresh-cut branches of poplar
and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them,
exposing the white that *was* inside the branches. 38 Then he
put the branches that he had peeled in the troughs, in the
water troughs where the flock*s* came to drink, in front of
the flock*s*. And they were in heat when they came to drink,
39 and the flock*s* would mate by the branches, and the flock*s*
would bear streaked, speckled, and spotted *young*. 40 Then
Jacob set apart the lambs, and he made the faces of the flock*s*
look at the streaked and all the dark-colored *animals* in the
flock*s* of Laban. And he put flocks for himself by themselves,
and he did not put them with the flock*s* of Laban.
41 So it happened whenever the strong animals were in
heat, then Jacob put the branches in the troughs before the
eyes of the flocks so that they would mate by the branches.
42 But when the animals were weak, he did not put *them in*.
So it was the weak *ones went* to Laban, and the strong *ones*
to Jacob, 43 so that the man prospered very greatly, and he
owned large flock*s*, and maidservants and menservants and
camels and donkeys.

31 Then he heard the words of the sons of Laban,
who were saying, "Jacob has taken everything that
belonged to our father, and from what *belonged* to our father
he has gained all this wealth!" 2 And Jacob saw the face of
Laban, and behold, he was not with him as yesterday *and*
three days ago. 3 Then Yahweh said to Jacob, "Go back to
the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be
with you."
4 Then Jacob sent and called for Rachel and Leah to the
field to his flock*s*. 5 Then he said to them, "I have seen the
face of your father, that he is not toward me as yesterday
and three days ago, but the God of my father has been with
me. 6 And you know that with all my might I have served
your father, 7 but your father has deceived me and changed
my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to
harm me. 8 If he said like this: 'The speckled *animals* will
be your wages,' then all the flock*s* bore speckled *young*. But
if he said like this: 'The streaked *ones* will be your wages,'
then all the flock*s* bore streaked *young*. 9 So God took away
the livestock of your father and gave *them* to me.
10 And it happened in the season the flock*s* were in heat,
and I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream that, behold,
the he-goats that were mounting the flock*s were* streaked,
speckled, and spotted. 11 Then an angel of God said to me
in the dream, 'Jacob!' and I said, 'Behold me.' 12 Then he
said, 'Please lift up your eyes and see all the he-goats that
are mounting the flock*s are* streaked, speckled, and spotted,
because I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. 13 I *am*
the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you
vowed a vow to me. Now get up, go out from this land, and
return to the land of your birth.'"
14 Then Rachel replied, and Leah, and they said to him,
"Is there still for us a portion or inheritance in the house
of our father? 15 Are we not regarded by him *as* foreigners?
For he sold us, and he has indeed completely eaten up our
silver. 16 For all the wealth that God took from our father
belongs to us and to our children. So now, do all that God
has said to you."
17 So Jacob got up and put his sons and his wives on the
camels. 18 Then he drove all his livestock and all his property
that he had acquired, the livestock in his possession that he
had acquired in Paddan Aram, to go to Isaac his father, to
the land of Canaan.
19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, so Rachel stole
the idols that *belonged* to her father, 20 and Jacob stole the
heart of Laban the Aramean by not informing him that he
was fleeing. 21 And he fled and all that *belonged* to him. And
he got up and crossed the River and set his face *toward* the
mountain*s* of Gilead.
22 And on the third day it was told to Laban that Jacob had
fled. 23 So he took his relatives with him and pursued after
him a seven-day journey and overtook him in the mountain*s*
of Gilead. 24 But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream
that night and said to him, "Watch yourself that you do not
speak with Jacob either good or bad."
25 And Laban overtook Jacob, and Jacob had pitched his
tent*s* in the mountain*s*, so Laban with his relatives pitched
theirs in the mountain*s* of Gilead. 26 Then Laban said to
Jacob, "What have you done? And you have stolen my heart
and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword!
27 Why did you secretly flee and deceive me and not tell me?
For I would have sent you with joy and with songs, with
tambourine*s* and with lyre*s*! 28 And you did not let me kiss
my grandchildren and my daughters! Now you have acted
foolishly by doing *that*! 29 It is in the power of my hand to
do harm to you, but last night the God of your father said to
me, saying, 'Keep yourself from speaking with Jacob either
good or bad.' 30 So now, you have surely gone because you
greatly long for the house of your father. Why did you steal
my gods?"
31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I
was afraid, because I said that perhaps you would seize your
daughters from me. 32 Whomever you find your gods with
will not live! In front of our relatives, observe for yourself
what *is* with me, and take *what belongs* to you." Now Jacob
did not know that Rachel had stolen them.
33 Then Laban went into the tent of Jacob and into the
tent of Leah and into the tent of the two slave women, but
he did not find *anything*. Then he came out of Leah's tent
and went into Rachel's tent. 34 Now Rachel had taken the
idols and put them inside the camel's saddle and was sitting
on them. And Laban felt throughout the entire tent, but he
did not find *them*. 35 And she said to her father, "Do not let
it burn in the eyes of my lord that I am not able to stand up
in your presence, because the way of women *is* on me." So
he searched, but he did not find the idols.
36 Then it burned within Jacob, and he disputed with
Laban, and Jacob responded and said to Laban, "What *is* my
crime? What *is* my sin, that you have hotly pursued after
me? 37 Since you have felt through all my things, what have
you found from any of the things of your house? Put *it* here
in front of my relatives and your relatives, and let them
judge between the two of us!
38 These twenty years I *have been* with you! Your ewes
and your she-goats did not miscarry, and I have not eaten
rams from your flocks. 39 I did not bring torn *animals* to you;
I bore the loss of it myself. You required it from my hand,
those stolen by day and *those* stolen by night. 40 There I was:
In the day, heat devoured me, and in the night the frost,
so that my sleep fled from my eyes. 41 That *is how it was*
for me twenty years in your house. I served you fourteen
years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock*s*,
and you changed my wages ten times. 42 If the God of my
father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not
been with me, surely now you would have sent me away
empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the toil of
my palms, and he judged *you* last night."

43 And Laban responded and said to Jacob, “The daughters *are* my daughters, and the children *are* my grandchildren, and the flock*s are* my flock*s*. And everything that you see *belongs* to me! But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children whom they have born? 44 So now, come, let us cut a covenant, I and you, and let it be a witness between me and you.” 45 So Jacob took a stone and set it up *as* a pillar. 46 Then Jacob said to his relatives, “Gather stones.” So they took stones and made a heap. Then they ate there by the heap. 47 And Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. 48 And Laban said, “This heap *is* a witness between me and you today.” For that *reason* he called its name Galeed. 49 *It is* also Mizpah, because he said, “May Yahweh watch between me and you when we are hidden one from the other. 50 If you afflict my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, *even though* there is not someone with us, behold, God *is* a witness between me and you.”

51 Then Laban said to Jacob, “Behold this heap, and behold the pillar which I set up between me and you. 52 This heap *is* a witness and the pillar *is* a witness that I will not pass by this heap to you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm. 53 May the God of Abraham and the gods of Nahor, the gods of their father, judge between us!” Then Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, 54 and Jacob sacrificed a sacrifice on the mountain. Then he called his relatives to eat bread. Then they ate bread and spent the night on the mountain.

55 Then in the morning Laban got up early and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters, and he blessed them. Then Laban left and returned to his place.

32 Then Jacob went on his way, and angels of God met him. 2 And when he saw them, Jacob said, “This *is* God’s camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the country of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying, “This *is what* you will say to my lord, to Esau: ‘This *is what* your servant Jacob says, “I have been sojourning with Laban and have remained there until now. 5 And I have cattle and donkey*s*, flock*s*, and menservant*s* and maidservant*s*. And I have sent *messengers* to speak with my lord, so that I will find favor in your eyes.”’”

6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We went to your brother, to Esau. And also, he is coming to meet you, and 400 men with him!” 7 And Jacob was exceedingly afraid, and it was distressing for him, so he divided the people who *were* with him and the flock*s* and the herd*s* and the camels into two camps. 8 And he said, “If Esau comes to one camp and strikes them, then the camp that is left will escape.”

9 Then Jacob said, “God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, Yahweh, who said to me, ‘Return to your land and to your relatives, and I will cause things to prosper with you,’ 10 I am unworthy of all the kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have shown your servant. For I crossed this Jordan with my staff, but now I have become two camps. 11 Please save me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, because I am afraid of him, that he will come and strike me *and* the mothers with the children! 12 But you said, ‘I will surely cause things to prosper with you, and I will make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted from *their* abundance.’”

13 Then he stayed there for that night, and he took gifts from what was in his hand for Esau his brother: 14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty nursing camels and their young, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. 16 And he gave them into the hand*s* of his servants, each herd by itself. And he said to his servants, “Go before me, and put space between each herd.” 17 And he commanded the first *one*, saying, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, ‘Whom do you *belong* to, and where are you going? And whom do these *animals belong* to *that are* before you?’ 18 then you say, ‘*They belong* to your servant, to Jacob. They *are* a gift sent to my lord, to Esau. And behold, he *is* also behind us.’”

19 Then he also commanded the second *servant*, also the third, also all who followed behind the herds, saying, “Say the same thing to Esau when you find him. 20 And also say, ‘Behold, your servant Jacob *is* behind us.’” For he said, “I will cover his face with the gift that is going before me, and after that, when I see his face, perhaps he will receive my face.” 21 Then the gift went before him, and he himself stayed for that night in the camp.

22 Then during that night he got up and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23 So he took them and had them cross over the stream, and he sent what *belonged* to him across. 24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the dawn came up. 25 And he saw that he was not prevailing over him, so he touched *him* on the socket of his hip, so that the socket of Jacob’s hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, “Release me, because the dawn has come up!” But he said, “I will not release you unless you bless me!” 27 So he said to him, “What *is* your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28 Then he said, “Your name will not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed.”

29 Then Jacob asked and said, “Please tell *me* your name.” But he said, “Why *is* this you are asking for my name?” Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, because *he said*, “I saw God face to face, but my life was preserved!”

31 And the sun rose on him as he passed Penuel, and he was limping because of his hip. 32 For that *reason*, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the muscle of the tendon that *is* on the socket of the hip, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the muscle of the tendon.

33 Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and with him 400 men. Then he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maidservants. 2 And he put the maidservants and their children first, and Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph after them. 3 Then he himself went before them, and he bowed to the ground seven times as he came near to his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and he fell on his neck and kissed him, and they cried. 5 Then he lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and he said, “Who *are* these with you?” And he said, “The children whom God has graciously given to your servant.” 6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and they bowed down. 7 Then Leah also came near and her children,

and they bowed down. Then after *that*, Joseph came near and Rachel, and they bowed down.

8 Then he said, “What to you *are* all these groups that I met?” And he said, “To find favor in the eyes of my lord.” 9 Then Esau said, “I have plenty, my brother. Let what *belongs* to you be yours.” 10 But Jacob said, “No, please. If, please, I have found favor in your eyes, then take my gift from my hand. For indeed I have seen your face, *which is* like seeing the face of God, and you have received me. 11 Please take my blessing that was brought to you, because God has been gracious to me, and because I have everything.” And he urged him, so he took *it*.

12 Then he said, “Let’s travel and go, and I will go in front of you.” 13 But he said to him, “My lord knows that the children *are* tender and the flock*s* and the herd*s that* are nursing *are* with me. And if they drive them one day, then all the flock*s* will die. 14 Please let my lord go on before his servant, and I will lead them on at my gentle pace, at the pace of the livestock that *are* ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

15 And Esau said, “Please let me leave with you some of the people who *are* with me.” But he said, “Why *do* that? Let me find favor in the eyes of my lord.” 16 So on that day Esau went on his way back to Seir. 17 And Jacob traveled to Succoth, and he built a house for himself, and for his livestock he made shelters. For that *reason* he called the name of the place Succoth. 18 Then Jacob came *in* peace *to* the city of Shechem, which *was* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan Aram, and he camped before the city. 19 And he bought the portion of the field where he pitched his tent*s* from the hand*s* of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred kesitahs. 20 And there he set up an altar, and he called it El Elohe Israel.

34 Then Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she had born for Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her, and he took her and lay with her and violated her. 3 And his soul was attached to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke to the heart of the young woman. 4 Then Shechem said to Hamor his father, saying, “Get this girl for me as a wife.”

5 Then Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, and his sons were with his livestock in the fields, so Jacob kept quiet until they came. 6 And Hamor the father of Shechem came out to Jacob to talk with him. 7 Then the sons of Jacob came from the fields. When they heard, then the men were grieved and it burned within them greatly, because he had done something disgraceful to Israel by lying with the daughter of Jacob, and such a thing should not have been done! 8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “Shechem my son, his soul is attached to your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. 9 And intermarry with us: Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves, 10 and settle with us. And the land is before you. Settle and trade in it, and acquire *property* in it.”

11 Then Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you say to me I will give. 12 Increase greatly the dowry and gift for me, and I will give according to what you say to me. Then give the young woman to me as a wife.”

13 Then the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit when they spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. 14 And they said to them, “We are not able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who has a foreskin, because that *is* a disgrace to us! 15 Only on this *condition* will we consent with you: if you become like us by every male among you being circumcised. 16 Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for us. And we will settle with you, and we will become one people. 17 But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go.”

18 And their words were good in the eyes of Hamor and in the eyes of Shechem, Hamor’s son. 19 So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with the daughter of Jacob, and he was honored more than all of the house of his father. 20 So Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate of their city, and they spoke to the men of their city, saying, 21 “These men *are* peaceful with us, so let them settle in the land, and let them trade in it. And behold, the land *is* broad of hands before them. We can take their daughters for ourselves as wives, and we can give our daughters to them. 22 Only on this *condition* will the men consent with us to settle with us, to become one people: when every male among us is circumcised just as they are circumcised. 23 Their livestock and their property and all their animals, will they not *belong* to us? Only let us consent with them, and they will settle with us!”

24 And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 Then it happened on the third day, when they were in pain, then two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, each took his sword and went upon the city boldly and killed every male. 26 And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the mouth of the sword, and they took Dinah from the house of Shechem and left. 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flock*s* and their herd*s* and their donkeys, and what *was* in the city and what *was* in the field*s*. 29 And all their wealth and all their little ones and their women they took captive, and they also plundered everything that *was* in the houses.

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi, “You have brought trouble on me by making me stink among *those* who live in the land, among the Canaanites and among the Perizzites! And I am few of number, and if they gather together against me and attack me, then I will be destroyed, I and my house!” 31 But they said, “Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?”

35 Then God said to Jacob, “Get up, go up to Bethel and settle there, and make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you were fleeing from the presence of Esau your brother.” 2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who *were* with him, “Remove the foreign gods that *are* among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. 3 Then let us get up and go up to Bethel, and there I will make an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress. And he has been with me in the way that I have gone.” 4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that *were* in their hand*s* and the rings that *were* in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that *was* by Shechem.

5 Then they set out, and the dread of God was on the cities that *were* around them, so that they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 Then Jacob came to Luz, which *is* Bethel, which *is* in the land of Canaan, he and all the people

who *were* with him. 7 And there he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from the presence of his brother.

8 Then Deborah, the nurse of Rebekah, died and was buried below Bethel, under the oak tree. So he called its name Allon Bacuth.

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he had come from Paddan Aram, and he blessed him, 10 and God said to him, "Your name *is* Jacob. Your name will not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel will be your name!" So he called his name Israel.

11 Then God said to him, "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and an assembly of peoples will be from you, and kings will come from your loins. 12 And the land that I gave to Abraham and to Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you." 13 Then God went up from him at the place where he spoke with him.

14 Then Jacob set up a pillar at the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him Bethel.

16 Then they set out from Bethel, and there was still a distance of land to come to Ephrath. Then Rachel started giving birth but was having great difficulty while she was giving birth. 17 And it happened when she was in hard labor, then the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid, because this *is* also a son for you!" 18 Then it happened as her soul was leaving *her*—for she was dying, then she called his name Ben-oni, but his father called him Benjamin.

19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21 Then Israel set out and pitched his tents beyond Migdal Eder. 22 And it happened while Israel was living in that land, then Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, the concubine of his father, and Israel heard.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23 The sons of Leah *were* Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun. 24 The sons of Rachel *were* Joseph and Benjamin. 25 And the sons of Bilhah, the maidservant of Rachel, *were* Dan and Naphtali. 26 And the sons of Zilpah, the maidservant of Leah, *were* Gad and Asher. Those *are* the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan Aram.

27 Then Jacob came to Isaac his father in Mamre, Kiriath Arba, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were 180 years. 29 Then Isaac exhaled and died, and he was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

36 And these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom. 2 Esau had taken his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah *and* the *grand*daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, 3 and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael *and* the sister of Nebaioth.

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz for Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel, 5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. Those *were* the sons of Esau who were born for him in the land of Canaan.

6 Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all the people of his house, and his livestock and all his animal*s* and all his possession*s* that he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and he went to a land from the presence of Jacob his brother, 7 because their possession*s* were *too* great for them to remain together, and the land of their sojournings was not able to support them because of their livestock. 8 So Esau settled in the mountains of Seir; Esau, who *is* Edom.

9 Now these *are* the generations of Esau, the father of the Edomites in the mountains of Seir. 10 These *are* the names of the sons of Esau: Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath. 11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz. 12 And Timna was a concubine for Esau's son Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek for Eliphaz. Those *were* the grandsons of Adah, the wife of Esau.

13 And these *were* the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. Those were the grandsons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

14 And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah *and* the *grand*daughter of Zibeon: and she bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah for Esau.

15 These *were* the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, *were* Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, 16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, Chief Amalek. Those *were* the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. Those *were* the grandsons of Adah.

17 And these *were* the sons of Reuel, the son of Esau: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. Those *were* the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. Those *were* the grandsons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

18 And these *were* the sons of Oholibamah, the wife of Esau: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, Chief Korah. Those *were* the chiefs of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. 19 Those *were* the sons of Esau, and those *were* their chiefs. He *is* Edom.

20 These *were* the sons of Seir the Horite who were inhabiting the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah 21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. Those *were* the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam, and the sister of Lotan *was* Timna.

23 And these *were* the sons of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *were* the sons of Zibeon: both Aiah and Anah. He *is* Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys for Zibeon his father. 25 And these *were* the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. 26 And these *were* the sons of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Keran.

27 These *were* the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan.

28 These *were* the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

29 These *were* the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah, 30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. Those *were* the chiefs of the Horites, according to their clans in the land of Seir.

31 And these *were* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned for the sons of Israel. 32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. 33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah from Bozrah reigned in his place. 34 Then Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad reigned
in his place, who struck the Midianites in the field of Moab.
And the name of his city *was* Avith. 36 Then Hadad died, and
Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. 37 Then Samlah
died, and Shaul from Rehoboth *on* the river reigned in his
place. 38 Then Shaul died, and Baal-Hanan the son of Acbor
reigned in his place. 39 Then Baal-Hanan the son of Acbor
died, and Hadar reigned in his place, and the name of his
city *was* Pau. And the name of his wife *was* Mehetabel, the
daughter of Matred *and* the granddaughter of Me-Zahab.
40 And these *are* the names of the chiefs of Esau, according
to their clans, according to their places, by their names: Chief
Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth, 41 Chief Oholibamah, Chief
Elah, Chief Pinon, 42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
43 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. Those *were* the chiefs of Edom,
according to their dwellings in the land of their possession.
That *was* Esau, the father of the Edomites.

37 And Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings,
in the land of Canaan. 2 These *are* the generations
of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was shepherding
the flock*s* with his brothers, and he *was* a young man with
the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives,
and Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father.
3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all of his sons because
he *was* a son of his old age. So he made a multicolored tunic
for him. 4 And his brothers saw that their father loved him
more than all of his brothers, so they hated him and were
not able to speak to him peaceably.
5 Then Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers,
and they continued to hate him even more. 6 And he said to
them, "Please hear this dream that I dreamed: 7 And behold,
we were binding sheaves in the middle of a field, and behold,
my sheaf got up and also stood upright, and behold, your
sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."
8 Then his brothers said to him, "Will you really reign over
us? Will you really rule over us?" And they continued to
hate him even more because of his dreams and because of
his words.
9 Then he dreamed yet another dream, and he related it
to his brothers. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed another
dream, and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars
were bowing down to me." 10 And he related it to his father
and to his brothers, but his father rebuked him and said
to him, "What *is* this dream that you dreamed? Will your
mother and I and your brothers really come to bow down to
the ground to you?" 11 And his brothers envied him, but his
father kept the matter *in mind*.
12 Then his brothers went to shepherd the flock*s* of their
father near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not
your brothers shepherding near Shechem? Come and I will
send you to them." And he said to him, "Behold me." 14 Then
he said to him, "Please go and see the well-being of your
brothers and the well-being of the flock*s*, and bring me
word." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he
went to Shechem. 15 And a man found him, and behold,
he was wandering around in the fields. So the man asked
him, saying, "What are you looking for?" 16 And he said,
"I am looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they
are shepherding." 17 Then the man said, "They set out from
here. For I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'"
Then Joseph went after his brothers and found them at
Dothan. 18 But they saw him from a distance, and before
he came near to them, then they conspired against him to
kill him. 19 And they said each to his brother, "Behold, that
master of dreams is coming! 20 So now, come and let us kill
him and throw him into one of the cisterns. Then we will
say an evil animal devoured him, and we will see what his
dreams become!"
21 But Reuben heard, and he rescued him from their hand*s*
and said, "Let us not strike his life." 22 And Reuben said to
them, "Do not shed blood. Throw him into this cistern which
is in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him," in order
to rescue him from their hand*s*, to return him to his father.
23 Then it happened when Joseph came to his brothers,
then they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the multicolored tunic
that *was* on him. 24 Then they took him and threw him into
the cistern. And the cistern *was* empty; there was not water
in it.
25 Then they sat down to eat bread, and they lifted their
eyes and looked, and behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was
coming from Gilead. And their camels were carrying spices
and balm and myrrh *that* they were going to take down to
Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What gain *is there*
if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come and
let us sell him to the Ishmaelites so that our hand*s* will not
be on him. For he *is* our brother, our flesh." And his brothers
listened. 28 Then the Midianite men, traders, passed by, and
they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the cistern and
sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels of* silver.
Then they brought Joseph to Egypt.
29 Then Reuben returned to the cistern, but behold, Joseph
was not in the cistern, so he tore his clothes. 30 Then he
returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is not *there*! And
I, where am I going?" 31 Then they took Joseph's tunic and
slaughtered a kid of the goats and dipped the tunic in the
blood.
32 Then they sent the multicolored tunic and had it
brought to their father and said, "We found this. Please
examine whether it *is* your son's tunic or not." 33 And he
examined it and said, "*It is* my son's tunic! An evil animal has
devoured him! Surely Joseph was torn to pieces!" 34 Then
Jacob tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his loins, and he
mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all
his daughters got up to comfort him, but he refused to be
comforted and said, "For I will go down to my son in Sheol
mourning." So his father wept for him.
36 And the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an
official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards.

38 And it happened at that time that Judah went down
from his brothers and settled near an Adullamite
man, and his name *was* Hirah. 2 And there Judah saw the
daughter of a Canaanite man, and his name *was* Shua, and he
took her. Then he went to her, 3 and she conceived and bore
a son, and he called his name Er. 4 Then she conceived again
and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. 5 And she
added yet and bore a son, and she called his name Shelah.
And he was in Chezib when she bore him.
6 Then Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her
name *was* Tamar. 7 But Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil
in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh killed him.
8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Go to the wife of your brother
and perform your duty to her and produce offspring for your
brother." 9 However, Onan knew that the offspring would
not be his, so it happened when he went to the wife of his
brother, then he spilled *it* on the ground so that he would

not give offspring to his brother. 10 And what he did was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so he killed him also.

11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, “Remain a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up.” For he said, “So that he does not also die like his brothers!” So Tamar went and lived in the house of her father.

12 Then the days were many, and Shua’s daughter, the wife of Judah, died. Then Judah was comforted, and he went up to Timnah, to *the men* who were shearing his sheep, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And it was told to Tamar, saying, “Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.” 14 So she took off her widow’s clothes from her and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself. Then she sat at the entrance of Enaim, which *is* on the road to Timnah, because she saw that Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.

15 Then Judah saw her, and he thought she was a prostitute because she had covered her face. 16 So he turned to her beside the road and said, “Please come, let me come to you,” because he did not know that she *was* his daughter-in-law. And she said, “What will you give to me if you will come to me?” 17 And he said, “I will send a kid goat from the flock.” And she said, “If you will give a pledge until you send *it*.” 18 Then he said, “What *is* the pledge that I should give to you?” And she said, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that *is* in your hand.” So he gave *them* to her and went to her, and she conceived by him. 19 Then she got up and left, and she took off her veil from her and put on her widow’s clothes.

20 Then Judah sent the kid goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite to get back the pledge from the hand of the woman, but he did not find her. 21 So he asked the men of her place, saying, “Where *is* the temple prostitute who *was* at Enaim beside the road?” But they said, “There has not been a temple prostitute in this place.” 22 So he returned to Judah and said, “I did not find her. And also, the men of the place said, ‘There has not been a temple prostitute in this *place*.’” 23 And Judah said, “Let her take *the things* for herself so that we do not become a laughingstock. Behold, I sent this kid, but you did not find her.”

24 And it happened about three months later that it was told to Judah, saying, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has prostituted herself, and also, behold, *she is* pregnant by her prostitutions!” So Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned!” 25 She was being brought out, and she sent *a message* to her father-in-law, saying, “By the man whom these things belong to, I *am* pregnant.” Then she said, “Please identify whose signet and cords and staff these *are*.” 26 And Judah identified *the things* and said, “She is more righteous than I *am*, because I did not give her to Shelah my son!” And he did not continue to know her more.

27 Then it happened when *it was* time for her to give birth, then behold, twins *were* inside her womb! 28 And it happened, as she was giving birth, then *one* put out a hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied *it* on his hand, saying, “This *one* came out first.” 29 But it happened, when he drew his hand back in, then behold, his brother came out. Then she said, “How have you breached for yourself a breach?” So he called his name Perez. 30 And afterwards, his brother came out, who *had* the scarlet thread on his hand, and he called his name Zerah.

39 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an Egyptian man, an official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards, had bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. 2 And Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 And his master saw that Yahweh *was* with him and *that* Yahweh made all that he was doing successful in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his eyes, and he served him. And he put him in charge over his house and gave into his hand all *that* was his. 5 And it happened from the time he put him in charge in his house and over all that was his, then Yahweh blessed the house of the Egyptian because of Joseph. So the blessing of Yahweh was on all that was his, in the house and in the fields. 6 And he left all that *belonged* to him in the hand of Joseph, and he did not think to himself *about* anything except for the bread that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance. 7 And it happened after those things, then the wife of his master lifted her eyes toward Joseph and said, “Lie with me!” 8 But he refused and said to the wife of his master, “Behold, with me *here*, my master does not think *about* what *is* in the house, and all that is his he has given into my hand. 9 He is not greater than me in this house, and he has not withheld anything from me except for you, because you *are* his wife. So how can I do this great evil, and sin against God?” 10 And it happened, even though she kept speaking to Joseph day *after* day, yet he did not listen to her to lie beside her, to be with her.

11 Then it happened on such a day that he went into the house to do his work, and there were no other men of the house there in the house. 12 So she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and went outside. 13 Then it happened when she saw that he had left his garment in her hands and had fled outside, 14 then she called for the men of her house and said to them, saying, “Look! He brought to us a Hebrew man to laugh at us! He came to me to lie with me, but I called out with a loud voice! 15 Then it happened when he heard that I raised my voice and called out, then he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside!”

16 Then she kept his garment beside her until his master came to his house. 17 Then she spoke to him according to those words, saying, “The Hebrew slave whom you brought to us came to me to laugh at me! 18 Then it happened when I raised my voice and called out, then he left his garment beside me and fled outside!” 19 And it happened when his master heard the words of his wife that she spoke to him, saying, “Such *are* the things your slave did to me!” then his anger burned. 20 Then Joseph’s master took him and put him in the round-house, the place where the prisoners of the king were bound.

So he was there in the round-house, 21 but Yahweh was with Joseph and showed kindness to him and gave him favor in the eyes of the chief of the round-house. 22 And the chief of the round-house gave into the hand of Joseph all the prisoners who *were* in the round-house, and all that they were doing there, he was *the one* doing *it*. 23 The chief of the round-house did not look *at* anything in his hand, because Yahweh was with him, and Yahweh made what he was doing successful.

40 Then it happened after those things *that* the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the baker sinned against

their lord, against the king of Egypt. 2 And Pharaoh broke out in anger against his two officials, against the chief of the cupbearers and against the chief of the bakers, 3 and he put them in custody in the house of the chief of the guards, in the round-house, the place where Joseph was bound. 4 And the chief of the guards assigned Joseph to them, so he attended them, and they were in custody *for* days.

5 Then the two of them dreamed a dream. Each *had* his *own* dream in the same night, *and* each *man's* dream had its own interpretation. *They were* the cupbearer and the baker who *belonged* to the king of Egypt, who were bound in the round-house. 6 And Joseph came to them in the morning and saw them, and behold, they were upset. 7 So he asked Pharaoh's officials who *were* with him in custody *in* the house of his master, saying, "Why *are* your faces sad today?" 8 And they said to him, "We dreamed a dream, but *there is* no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do interpretations not *belong* to God? Please tell *them* to me."

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "And behold, in my dream a grapevine *was* before me, 10 and on the grapevine *were* three branches. Then while it was budding, its blossoms came out, *and* its clusters ripened *into* grapes. 11 Then the cup of Pharaoh *was* in my hand and I took the grapes and squeezed them into the cup of Pharaoh. Then I put the cup into the hand of Pharaoh."

12 Then Joseph said to him, "This *is* its interpretation: The three branches *are* three days. 13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former custom when you were his cupbearer. 14 But if you remember me with you, when it goes well for you, then please show kindness to me, and mention me to Pharaoh, and get me out from this house. 15 For indeed, I was stolen from the land of the Hebrews. And also here I did not do anything that they should put me in the pit."

16 And the chief of the bakers saw that he interpreted favorably, so he said to Joseph, "I also *was* in my dream, and behold, *there were* three baskets of white bread on my head. 17 And in the top basket *were* all *kinds* of food for Pharaoh, baker's goods, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

18 Then Joseph responded and said, "This *is* its interpretation: The three baskets *are* three days. 19 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh from you."

20 Then it happened on the third day, the day Pharaoh was born, that he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the presence of his servants. 21 Then he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his position, and he put the cup into the hand of Pharaoh, 22 but the chief of the bakers he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted for them.

23 However, the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

41 Then it happened *at* the end of two years of days that Pharaoh was dreaming and behold, he was standing beside the river. 2 Then behold, from the river came up seven cows, fine-looking and fat-fleshed, and they grazed among the reeds. 3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the river, ugly-looking and thin-fleshed, and they stood beside the *other* cows on the bank of the river. 4 Then the ugly-looking and thin-fleshed cows ate the seven fine-looking and fat cows, and Pharaoh woke up.

5 Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second *time*. And behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, fat and good. 6 Then behold, seven heads of grain, thin and scorched *by* the east wind, sprouted after them. 7 Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven fat and full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up, and behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it happened in the morning that his spirit was agitated, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Then Pharaoh told his dreams to them, but no one could interpret them for Pharaoh. 9 Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Pharaoh, saying, "Today I remember my offenses. 10 Pharaoh broke out in anger against his servants, and he put me in custody *in* the house of the chief of the guards, me and the chief of the bakers. 11 And we dreamed a dream in the same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his dream. 12 Now there with us *was* a young Hebrew man, a servant for the chief of the guards. And we told *our dreams* to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. He interpreted *for* each according to his dream. 13 And it happened, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened: me he restored to my position, and him he hanged."

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph. So they quickly brought him from the pit. Then he shaved and changed his clothes and came to Pharaoh. 15 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I dreamed a dream, but no one could interpret it. But I heard about you, saying *that* you hear a dream *and are able* to interpret it." 16 And Joseph responded to Pharaoh, saying, "*It is* not in me; God will answer with Pharaoh's peace."

17 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the river. 18 Then behold, from the river came up seven cows, fat-fleshed and of fine form, and they grazed among the reeds. 19 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly of form and thin-fleshed. I have not seen *cows* as ugly as those in all the land of Egypt! 20 Then the thin and ugly cows ate the first seven fat cows. 21 So they went into their bellies, but it could not be known that they had gone into their bellies, and their appearance *was* just as ugly as at the beginning. Then I woke up.

22 Then I saw in my dream, and behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, full and good. 23 Then behold, seven heads of grain, withered, thin *and* scorched *by* the east wind sprouted after them. 24 Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. And I told *this* to the magicians, but no one *could* explain *it* to me."

25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams *are* one. What God is doing, he has shown to Pharaoh. 26 The seven good cows *are* seven years, and the seven good heads of grain *are* seven years. The dreams *are* one. 27 And the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them *are* seven years, and *so are* the seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind. There will be seven years of famine. 28 That *is* the word that I have spoken to Pharaoh: What God is doing he has shown to Pharaoh. 29 Behold, seven years are coming *of* great abundance in all the land of Egypt. 30 But seven years of famine will rise up after them, so that all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will consume the land. 31 And the abundance in the land will not be remembered because of that famine after it, because it *will be* very heavy. 32 And as for the repeating

of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it is* because the matter has been established by God, and God will soon do it.

33 And now let Pharaoh seek a man *who is* discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do *this*: Let him set supervisors over the land, and let him take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. 35 And they should gather all the food of the good years that are coming. And they should store *that* grain under Pharaoh's hand *for* food in the cities and guard *it*. 36 And the food should be in reserve for the land for the seven years of famine that will come on the land of Egypt, so that the land will not be cut off by the famine."

37 And the word was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this who *has* the Spirit of God in him?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown all this to you, *there is* no one *as* discerning and wise as you. 40 You will be over my house, and all my people will kiss on your mouth. Only I *on* the throne will be greater than you." 41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have put you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand. And he dressed him *in* garments of fine linen and put a gold chain on his neck. 43 Then he had him ride in the second chariot that *belonged* to him, and they shouted before him, "Bow down!" So he put him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I *am* Pharaoh, and without you a person will not lift his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt!" 45 Then Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paneah, and he gave to him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, as a wife. Then Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

46 Now Joseph *was* a son of thirty years when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and passed through all the land of Egypt. 47 And in the seven years of abundance, the land produced *grain* by the handfuls. 48 So he gathered all the food of the seven years that were in the land of Egypt, and he put the food in the cities. The food of the fields that surrounded *each* city he put inside it. 49 So Joseph stored up grain like the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped measuring *it* because it was without number.

50 And before the years of the famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On, bore for him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn *son* Manasseh, because *he said*, "God has made me forget all my toil and all of my father's house." 52 And the name of the second *son* he called Ephraim, because *he said*, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 Then the seven years of abundance that was in the land of Egypt ended, 54 and the seven years of famine started to come, just as Joseph had said. And there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 Then all the land of Egypt became famished, and the people cried to Pharaoh for the bread. So Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. Whatever he says to you, do *it*." 56 And the famine was over all the face of the land, so Joseph opened all *the buildings* that *had grain* in them and sold *grain* to the Egyptians. And the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. 57 Then all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy *grain*, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

42 Then Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, so Jacob said to his sons, "Why are you looking at each other?" 2 And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy *some* for us from there so that we will live and not die." 3 Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, the brother of Joseph, with his brothers, because he said, "So that harm does not meet him!"

5 And the sons of Israel came among *those* who came to buy *grain*, because the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6 Now Joseph *was* the governor over the land. *It was* he who was selling *grain* to all the people of the land. So the brothers of Joseph came and bowed down to him *with their* noses to the ground. 7 And Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted like a stranger to them, and he spoke with them harshly and said to them, "Where did you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." 8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them, and he said to them, "You *are* spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!" 10 But they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 11 All of us *are* sons of one man. We *are* honest. Your servants are not spies."

12 But he said to them, "No, indeed you have come to see the nakedness of the land!" 13 But they said, "Your servants *are* twelve brothers. We *are* sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And behold, the youngest *is* with our father today, and the one is not *alive*."

14 Then Joseph said to them, "It *is* just as I told you, saying, 'You *are* spies!' 15 By this you will be tested: *By* the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave from this *place* unless your youngest brother comes here. 16 Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, and you will be bound. Then your words will be tested *as to whether* the truth *is* in you. And if not, *by* the life of Pharaoh, surely you *are* spies!" 17 Then he put them together in custody *for* three days.

18 Then Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, *because* I fear God: 19 If you *are* honest, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison house, and you go take grain back *for* the famine of your households. 20 Then you will bring your youngest brother to me so that your words will be verified, and you will not die." And they did so.

21 Then each *man* said to his brother, "We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we did not listen. For that *reason* this distress has come upon us." 22 Then Reuben responded to them, saying, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'Do not sin against the lad'? But you did not listen, so now behold, his blood is being accounted for!" 23 And they did not know that Joseph understood *them*, because the interpreter *was* between them. 24 And he turned away from them and cried. Then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph ordered *his servants* and they filled their bags *with* grain. And *he ordered them* to return *each* man's silver to his sack and to give provisions to them for the road. And he did that for them. 26 Then they loaded their grain onto their donkeys and went from there.

27 Then one *of them* opened his sack to give fodder to his donkey at the lodging place, and he saw his silver, and behold, it *was* in the mouth of his sack! 28 So he said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned! And indeed behold, *it is* in my sack!" Then their hearts went out, and each *man*

trembled to his brother, saying, “What *is* this God has done to us?”

29 Then they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, and they reported to him all that had happened to them, saying, 30 “The man, the lord of the land, spoke to us harshly and treated us as *if we were* spying out the land! 31 But we said to him, ‘We *are* honest. We are not spies. 32 We *are* twelve brothers, the sons of our father. The one is not *alive*, and the youngest *is* with our father today in the land of Canaan.’

33 Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, ‘By this I will know that you *are* honest: Leave one of your brothers with me, and take *grain for* the famine of your households and go. 34 Then bring your youngest brother to me so that I will know that you *are* not spies, that you *are* honest. *Then* I will give your brother to you, and you *can* trade *in* the land.’”

35 Then it happened they were emptying their sacks, and behold, each *man’s* pouch of his silver *was* inside his sack! And they and their father saw the pouches of their silver, and they were afraid. 36 Then Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me! Joseph is not *here*! And Simeon is not *here*! And you will take Benjamin! All *these* things are against me!”

37 Then Reuben said to his father, saying, “You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Put him in my hand, and I will return him to you.” 38 But he said, “My son will not go down with you, because his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And *if* harm were to meet him on the road that you are going on, then you would bring my gray head down in sorrow to Sheol!”

43 Now the famine *was* heavy in the land. 2 So it happened when they finished eating the grain that they had brought from Egypt, then their father said to them, “Return, buy a little food for us.” 3 But Judah said to him, saying, “The man strongly warned us, saying, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother *is* with you!’ 4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you. 5 But if you will not send *him*, we will not go down, because the man said to us, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother *is* with you!’”

6 Then Israel said, “Why did you treat me badly by telling the man you have yet *another* brother?” 7 And they said, “The man asked persistently about us and our relatives, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have *another* brother?’ And we answered him according to those words. How could we possibly know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down’?”

8 Then Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the young man with me, and we will get up and go so that both we and you and our little ones will live and not die. 9 I myself will guarantee him. From my hand you can require him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then I will have sinned against you all the days. 10 Surely if we had not delayed, surely we could have returned here twice by now.” 11 Then Israel their father said to them, “If *it must be* so, then do this: Take *some* of the choice produce of the land in your bags, and take *it* down to the man *as* a gift: a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. 12 And take double the silver in your hand*s*, because you must return in your hand*s* the silver that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it *was* a mistake. 13 So take your brother and get up, return to the man. 14 And may God Almighty give you mercies before the man, and may he send your other brother and Benjamin with you. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved.”

15 Then the men took that gift, and they took double the silver in their hand*s*, and Benjamin. Then they got up and went down *to* Egypt and stood before Joseph. 16 And Joseph saw Benjamin with them. Then he said to *the one* who *was* over his house, “Take the men to the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare *a meal*, because the men will eat with me at noon.”

17 So the man did just as Joseph *had* said, and the man brought the men to Joseph’s house. 18 And the men were afraid when they were brought *to* Joseph’s house, and they said, “Because of the matter of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time, we have been brought. *He wants* to roll himself over us and throw himself on us and take us as slaves, and our donkeys!”

19 Then they went near to the man who *was* over Joseph’s house and spoke to him *at* the entrance of the house. 20 And they said, “Please, my lord, we surely came down *here* the first time to buy food. 21 But it happened when we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks and behold, *each* man’s silver *was* in the mouth of his sack; our silver *was there* in its *full* weight! So we have brought it back in our hand*s*. 22 And we have brought down other silver in our hand*s* to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks.” 23 But he said, “Peace *be* to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks; your silver came to me.” Then he brought Simeon out to them.

24 Then the man took the men into Joseph’s house and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet, and he gave fodder to their donkeys. 25 And they prepared the gift for Joseph’s arrival at noon, because they had heard that they would eat bread there.

26 Then Joseph came to the house, and they brought to him the gift that *was* in their hand*s* into the house, and they bowed down to him to the ground. 27 Then he asked them about *their* wellbeing, and he said, “*Are things* well *for* your aged father whom you spoke about? Is he still alive?” 28 And they said, “*Things are* well for your servant our father. He *is* still alive.” Then they bowed and bowed down.

29 Then he lifted his eyes and saw Benjamin his brother, the son of his mother, and he said, “Is this your youngest brother whom you spoke to me *about*?” Then he said, “May God be gracious to you, my son.” 30 Then Joseph hurried out, because his emotions boiled over for his brother, and he sought to cry, and he went to the inner room and cried there.

31 Then he washed his face and came out. Then he controlled himself and said, “Serve the bread.” 32 So they served to him by himself, and to them by themselves, and to the Egyptians who were eating with him by themselves, because Egyptians cannot eat bread with Hebrews, because that *is* an abomination to Egyptians. 33 And they were sitting before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men were astonished each to his neighbor. 34 Then he served to them servings *of food* from before him, but Benjamin’s serving was five times larger than any of their servings. And they drank and became drunk with him.

44 Then he commanded *the one* who *was* over his house, saying, “Fill the men’s sacks *with* food, as much as

they are able to carry, and put the silver of each *one* in the mouth of his sack. 2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest *one*, and his grain's silver." So he did according to Joseph's word that he spoke.

3 The morning became light, and the men were sent off, they and their donkeys. 4 They had left the city, they had not gone far, and Joseph said to *the one* who *was* over his house, "Get up, follow after the men, and *when* you overtake them, then say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5 Is this not what my lord drinks from and what he indeed divines with? You have done evil *in* what you have done!'"

6 Then he overtook them and spoke those words to them. 7 But they said to him, "Why does my lord speak words like those? Far be it from your servants to do something like that! 8 Behold, the silver that we found in the mouth of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. So how would we steal silver or gold from the house of your lord? 9 Whoever of your servants is found with it, then he will die, and we also will be slaves for my lord."

10 And he said, "Indeed now, according to your words, so it *will be*: Whoever is found with it will be a slave for me, but you *others* will be blameless." 11 Then they each hurried and lowered his sack to the ground, and they each opened his sack. 12 Then he searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack! 13 Then they tore their clothes, and each *one* loaded up his donkey, and they returned to the city.

14 Then Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there, so they fell to the ground before him. 15 Then Joseph said to them, "What *is* this deed that you have done? Did you not know that a man who *is* like me indeed divines?" 16 And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the sin of your servants. Behold, we *are* slaves for my lord, both we and *the one* in whose hand the cup was found." 17 But he said, "Far be it from me to do that! The man in whose hand the cup was found, he will be a slave for me. But you, go up in peace to your father."

18 Then Judah went near to him and said, "Please, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant, since you *are* like Pharaoh. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Do you have a father or *another* brother?' 20 And we said to my lord, 'We have an aged father and the youngest son of *his* old age. But his brother is dead, so he is left by himself from his mother, and his father loves him.'

21 Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, and I will set my eyes on him.' 22 And we said to my lord, 'The young man is not able to leave his father, because *if* he leaves his father, then he will die.' 23 But you said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will not see my face again.'

24 And it happened when we went up to your servant my father, then we related to him the words of my lord. 25 Then our father said, 'Return, buy a little food for us.' 26 But we said, 'We cannot go down. *But* if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go. For we are not able to see the man's face and our youngest brother not *be* with us.' 27 Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore two *sons* for me. 28 And the one went away from me, and I have said, "He was surely torn to pieces," and I have not seen him until now. 29 So *if* you also take this *one* from my presence, and harm were to meet him, then you would bring my gray head down in misery to Sheol.'

30 And now, when I go to your servant my father and the young man is not with us, since his soul is bound to his soul, 31 then it will happen when he sees that the young man is not *there*, then he will die! And your servants will bring the gray head of your servant our father down in sorrow to Sheol! 32 For your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him *back* to you, then I will have sinned against my father all the days.'

33 And now, please let your servant stay *as* a slave for my lord instead of the young man, and let the young man go up with his brothers. 34 For how will I go up to my father if the young man is not with me? I fear to see the misery that would find my father!"

45 Then Joseph was not able to control himself before all who were standing by him, and he called out, "Have every man leave from beside me!" So no man stood with him when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. 2 And he gave his voice in crying, and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come close to me." So they came close, and he said, "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now, do not be grieved and do not let it burn in your eyes that you sold me here, because God sent me ahead of you for the preservation of life. 6 For this *is* two years the famine *has been* in the midst of the land, and *there are* still five years *in* which *there will* not be plowing and harvesting. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve a remnant for you on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. 8 So now, *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God. And he has made me father to Pharaoh, and lord over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Egypt.

9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'This *is what* your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord over all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay. 10 And you will live in the land of Goshen so that you will be near to me—you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that *belongs* to you. 11 And I will provide for you there, because *there are* still five years of famine, so that you will not become impoverished, you and your household and all that *belongs* to you."'

12 And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that is speaking to you. 13 So report to my father all my glory in Egypt and all that you have seen. Then hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he fell on the neck of Benjamin his brother and cried, and Benjamin cried on his neck. 15 Then he kissed all his brothers and cried over them. And after that his brothers talked with him.

16 And the report was heard *in* the house of Pharaoh, saying, "The brothers of Joseph have come." And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants. 17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and leave; go to the land of Canaan. 18 Then get your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give to you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.'

19 And you are commanded, 'Do this: Take carts with you from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and get your father and come. 20 And do not let your

eyes grieve over your belongings, because the best of all the land of Egypt *belongs* to you.'"

21 Then the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave to them carts according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and he gave provisions to them for the road. 22 To all of them, to each *one*, he gave changes of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave 300 *shekels* of silver and five changes of clothes. 23 And to his father he sent this: ten he-donkeys loaded with the best of Egypt, and ten she-donkeys loaded *with* grain and bread and provisions for his father for the road. 24 Then he sent his brothers, and *as* they left, then he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the road."

25 Then they went up from Egypt and came *to* the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father. 26 And they reported to him, saying, "Joseph *is* still alive! And in fact, he *is* the ruler over all the land of Egypt!" But his heart went numb because he did not believe them. 27 Then they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and he saw the carts that Joseph had sent to carry him, then the spirit of Jacob their father revived. 28 And Israel said, "Enough! Joseph my son *is* still alive! I will go and see him before I die."

46 Then Israel set out and all that *belonged* to him. Then he came to Beersheba, and he sacrificed sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" And he said, "Behold me." 3 And he said, "I *am* God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, because I will make you into a great nation there. 4 I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I myself will also surely bring you up. And Joseph will put his hand over your eyes."

5 Then Jacob got up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father and their little ones and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in the land of Canaan. Then they came to Egypt, Jacob and all of his offspring with him, 7 his sons and his sons' sons with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters. So all his offspring he brought with him to Egypt.

8 Now these *are* the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the firstborn of Jacob *was* Reuben. 9 And the sons of Reuben *were* Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon *were* Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jakin and Zohar and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. 11 And the sons of Levi *were* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 And the sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. 13 And the sons of Issachar *were* Tola and Puvah and Job and Shimron. 14 And the sons of Zebulun *were* Sered and Elon and Jahleel. 15 Those *were* the sons of Leah, whom she bore for Jacob in Paddan Aram, and Dinah his daughter. All the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad *were* Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli. 17 And the sons of Asher *were* Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malkiel. 18 Those *were* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban had given to Leah his daughter. And she bore those sixteen souls for Jacob.

19 The sons of Rachel, the wife of Jacob, *were* Joseph and Benjamin. 20 And Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore for him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin *were* Bela and Beker and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, Ehi and Rosh, Muppim and Huppim and Ard. 22 Those *were* the sons of Rachel, whom she bore for Jacob; all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 And the sons of Dan *were* Hushim. 24 And the sons of Naphtali *were* Jahziel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem. 25 Those *were* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban had given to Rachel his daughter. And she bore those for Jacob; all the souls *were* seven.

26 All the souls who went with Jacob to Egypt, who came out of his thigh, apart from the wives of Jacob's sons; all the souls *were* sixty-six. 27 And the sons of Joseph who were born for him in Egypt *were* two souls. All the souls *belonging* to the house of Jacob who went to Egypt *were* seventy.

28 And he sent Judah before him to Joseph to show *the way* before him to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. 29 Then Joseph harnessed his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. And he appeared to him, and he fell on his neck and cried on his neck a long time. 30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now I can die, since I have seen your face, that you *are* still alive!"

31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and to the household of his father, "I will go up and report to Pharaoh, and I will say to him, 'My brothers and the household of my father who *were living* in the land of Canaan have come to me. 32 And the men *are* herders of sheep, for they are livestock men, and they have brought their flock*s* and their herd*s* and everything that *belongs* to them.' 33 Then it will be, when Pharaoh calls for you and says, 'What *is* your work?' 34 then you should say, 'Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we *and* also our fathers,' so that you can settle in the land of Goshen, because every herder of sheep *is* an abomination *to* Egyptians."

47 Then Joseph went and reported to Pharaoh and said, "My father and my brothers and their flock*s* and their herd*s* and all that *belongs* to them have come from the land of Canaan, and behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen." 2 Then he took five men from among his brothers, and he presented them before Pharaoh. 3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What *is* your work?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants *are* herders of sheep, both we and our fathers." 4 Then they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, because there is not pasture for the flock*s* that *belong* to your servants, because the famine *is* heavy in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants settle in the land of Goshen."

5 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. 6 The land of Egypt *is* before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land; let them settle in the land of Goshen. And if you know that there are men of ability among them, then appoint them overseers of livestock over *those* that *belong* to me."

7 Then Joseph brought Jacob his father and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 Then Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many *are* the days of the years of your life?" 9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojournings *are* 130 years. The days of the years of my life have been few and difficult, and they have not reached the days of the years of my fathers' lives in the days of their sojournings." 10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and left from the presence of Pharaoh.

11 Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and he gave them property in the land of Egypt, in the best

land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.
12 And Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all the household of his father *with* bread, according to the mouth*s* of the little ones.

13 Now there was no bread in all the earth, because the famine *was* very heavy, and the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were languishing because of the famine. 14 And Joseph collected all the silver that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they were buying, and Joseph brought the silver to the house of Pharaoh. 15 So the silver was consumed from the land of Egypt and from the land of Canaan, and all Egypt came to Joseph, saying, "Give us bread! And why should we die before you? For the silver is gone!" 16 And Joseph said, "Bring your livestock and I will give *grain* to you *in exchange* for your livestock, since the silver is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave bread to them *in exchange* for the horses and for the herd*s* of sheep and for the herd*s* of cattle and for the donkeys. So he provided them with bread in that year *in exchange* for all their livestock.

18 And *when* that year had ended, then they came to him in the second year and said to him, "We cannot hide *it* from my lord that since the silver is consumed and the herd*s* of livestock *belong* to my lord, there is nothing left before my lord except our bodies and our lands. 19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land *in exchange* for the bread, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. Give *us* seed so that we will live and not die, and the land will not be desolate!"

20 Then Joseph bought all the *farm*land of Egypt for Pharaoh, because every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was heavy for them. So the land became Pharaoh's.
21 And *as for* the people, he moved them to the cities from *one* end of the border of Egypt to its *other* end. 22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, because *there was* an allotment for the priests from Pharaoh, and they ate *from* their allotment that Pharaoh gave to them. For that *reason* they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, today I have bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Here *is* seed for you so that you can sow the ground. 24 And it will happen in the harvests that you must give a fifth to Pharaoh, and the four parts will be for you as seed of the field and as your food and for those in your houses and for your little ones to eat."
25 And they said, "You have kept us alive! Let us find favor in the eyes of my lord, and we will be slaves for Pharaoh."
26 And Joseph established it as a law to this day concerning the *farm*land of Egypt, *that* the fifth *belongs* to Pharaoh. Only the land of the priests by itself did not become Pharaoh's.

27 And Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they acquired *possessions* in it. And they were fruitful and multiplied greatly. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, and the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years, 29 and the days of Israel drew near *for him* to die. So he called for his son, for Joseph, and said to him, "If, please, I have found favor in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal with me *in* kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt.
30 And *when* I lie down with my fathers, then carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their tomb." And he said, "I will do according to your word." 31 Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. Then Israel bowed at the head of the bed.

48 Then it happened after those things that *someone* said to Joseph, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons with him, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 And *someone* announced to Jacob and said, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel gathered his strength and sat up on the bed. 3 Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and he blessed me 4 and said to me, 'Behold, I am making you fruitful, and I will multiply you and make you into an assembly of peoples. And I will give this land to your offspring after you *as* an everlasting possession.'

5 And now, your two sons, who were born for you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, they *are* mine, Ephraim and Manasseh, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. 6 But your children whom you father after them will be yours. They will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. 7 And I, as I was coming from Paddan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, while *there was* still a distance of land to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there beside the road of Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem."

8 Then Israel saw the sons of Joseph and said, "Who *are* these?" 9 And Joseph said to his father, "They *are* my sons whom God has given to me in this *place*." Then he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." 10 Now the eyes of Israel were heavy from age, *so that* he was not able to see. So he brought them near to him, and he kissed them and embraced them. 11 Then Israel said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face, but behold, God has let me see also your offspring!" 12 Then Joseph removed them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his nose to the ground.

13 Then Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right, and brought *them* near to him. 14 But Israel extended his right hand and placed *it* on the head of Ephraim, and he *was* the younger, and *he placed* his left hand on the head of Manasseh. He guided his hands, because Manasseh *was* the firstborn. 15 Then he blessed Joseph and said,

> "May the God whom my fathers Abraham and
> Isaac walked before,
> the God who has been shepherding me from
> since I *was born* until this day,
> 16 the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,
> may he bless *these* boys,
> and may my name be called in them, and the name
> of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,
> and may they grow into a multitude in the
> midst of the earth."

17 And Joseph saw that his father had placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim, and it was displeasing in his eyes, so he took hold of the hand of his father to move it from the head of Ephraim to the head of Manasseh. 18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, because that *one is* the firstborn son. Put your right hand on his head."
19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He will also become a people, and he will also be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be greater than he, and his offspring will become a multitude of nations." 20 And he blessed them on that day, saying,

> "By you Israel will bless *people*, saying,

‘May God make you like Ephraim and
like Manasseh.’”

So he put Ephraim before Manasseh.
21 Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am dying, and
God will be with you, and he will bring you back to the land
of your fathers. 22 And I give you Shechem, one *portion* above
your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite*s*
with my sword and with my bow.”

49 Then Jacob called for his sons and said, “Gather
together, and I will reveal to you what will meet
you in the end of days.

2 Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob,
and listen to Israel your father.

3 Reuben, you *are* my firstborn,
my might and the first of my strength,
excelling *in* rank and excelling *in* power.
4 Turbulent like waters, you will not excel,
because you went up *onto* your father’s bed,
and you defiled *it*. He went up *onto* my couch!

5 Simeon and Levi *are* brothers.
Their swords *are* weapons of violence.
6 Do not let my soul enter into their council!
Do not let my glory join in their assembly,
because in their anger they killed a man,
and for their pleasure they hamstrung an ox.
7 Cursed *be* their anger because *it is* strong,
and their fury because *it is* cruel!
I will divide them in Jacob,
and I will scatter them in Israel.

8 Judah, *it is* you your brothers will praise.
Your hand *will be* on the neck of those opposing you.
The sons of your father will bow down to you.
9 Judah *is* the cub of a lion.
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He crouches *and* lies down like a lion.
And like a lioness, who will rouse him?
10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the staff from between his feet,
until Shiloh comes
and to him *belongs* the obedience of the peoples.
11 He will tether his donkey to the *grape*vine,
and the son of his donkey to the choice branch.
He will wash his garment*s* in wine
and his robe*s* in the blood of grapes.
12 *His* eyes *will be* brilliant from wine,
and *his* teeth *will be* white from milk.

13 Zebulun will settle at the shore of the sea,
and he *will live* at the shore of ships,
and his border *will reach* to Sidon.

14 Issachar *is* a strong donkey
lying down between two saddlebags.
15 And he sees *his* resting place that *it is* good
and the land that it is pleasant.
Then he will bend his shoulder to bear *the loads*,
and he will be a forced labor servant.

16 Dan will judge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.
17 Dan will be a snake beside the road,
a viper beside the path,
that bites the heels of a horse,
and its rider falls off backward.

18 I am waiting for your salvation, Yahweh!

19 *As for* Gad, raider*s* will attack him,
but he will attack *their* heel*s*.

20 From Asher, his bread *will be* fat,
and he will provide king’s delicacies.

21 Naphtali *is* a doe that is let loose.
He gives words of beauty.

22 Joseph *is* the son of a fruit-bearing *vine*,
the son of a fruit-bearing *vine* beside a spring,
whose daughters go up over a wall.
23 And masters of arrows will attack him
and shoot and harass him.
24 But his bow will remain in strength
and the arms of his hands will be made limber
by the hands of the Mighty *One* of Jacob,
by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
25 by the God of your father, and he will help you,
and with the Almighty, and he will bless you
with blessings of the heavens above,
blessings of the deep that lies below,
blessings of breasts and womb.
26 The blessings of your father have surpassed
the blessings of my ancestors,
even to the bounties of the eternal hills.
May they rest on the head of Joseph,
even on the top of the head of the one consecrated
from *among* his brothers.

27 Benjamin *is* a ravenous wolf.
In the morning it devours *its* prey,
and in the evening it divides the plunder.”

28 All those *are* the twelve tribes of Israel, and that *is* what
their father said to them. And he blessed them, each one,
according to his blessing he blessed them.
29 Then he commanded them and said to them, “I am
being gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in
the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 in the
cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah that *is* in front of
Mamre in the land of Canaan, that Abraham bought with the
field from Ephron the Hittite as property *for* a burial place.
31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they
buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.
32 The purchase of the field and the cave that *is* in it *was*
from the sons of Heth.” 33 Then Jacob finished commanding
his sons, and he drew his feet into the bed and exhaled and
was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph fell on the face of his father, and he wept
over him and kissed him. 2 Then Joseph commanded
his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the
physicians embalmed Israel, 3 and they completed forty days

for him, for so they complete the days of embalmings. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

4 And the days of his mourning passed, then Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, “Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 ‘My father made me swear, saying, “Behold, I am dying. In my grave that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you must bury me.” So now, please let me go up *there* and bury my father, then I will return.’” 6 And Pharaoh said, “Go up and bury your father just as he made you swear.”

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house and all elders of the land of Egypt 8 and all of the house of Joseph and his brothers and the house of his father. Only their little ones and their flock*s* and their herd*s* they left in the land of Goshen. 9 And with him went up both chariot*s* and horsemen, and the company was very great.

10 Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which *is* beyond the Jordan, and they lamented there *with* a very great and heavy lamentation. And he did seven days *of* mourning for his father. 11 And the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, and they said, “This *is* a heavy mourning for the Egyptians!” For that *reason* they called its name Abel Mizraim, which *is* beyond the Jordan.

12 And his sons did for him just as he had commanded them: 13 And his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham had bought with the field as property for a burial place from Ephron the Hittite, in front of Mamre. 14 Then after he buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

15 And the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, and they said, “What if Joseph hates us? Then he will surely repay us *for* all the evil that we did to him!” 16 Then they ordered *a messenger to go* to Joseph, saying, “Your father commanded before his death, saying, 17 ‘This you must say to Joseph: “I beg *you*, please forgive the crime of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ So now, please forgive the crime of the servants of your father’s God.” And Joseph cried when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also came and fell before him and said, “Behold us, *we belong* to you as slaves!” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid. For *am* I in place of God? 20 And *as for* you, you intended evil against me, *but* God intended it for good in order to do as *he is doing* this day, to save many people. 21 So now, do not be afraid. I will support you and your little ones.” So he comforted them, and he spoke to their heart*s*.

22 Then Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and the house of his father. And Joseph lived 110 years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim’s sons *to* the third *generation*. Also, the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on the knees of Joseph.

24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am dying, and God will surely visit you and take you up from this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear *an oath*, saying, “Surely God will visit you, and you must take my bones up from this *place*.”

26 Then Joseph died, a son of 110 years. Then they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.