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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 bird*s* 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 tree*s* 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 tree*s* 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 thorn*s* and thistle*s* for you,
and you will eat the plant*s* of the field*s*.
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 flock*s*, 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
flock*s* 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.