

THE HOLY BIBLE

Logos King James Version

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Introduction

This version of the Holy Bible is translated from the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament (Textus Receptus) with retention of the flavour of the English version of the 1611 King James Bible as its English base. It is a labour many years of comparative Bible study, prayer and word by word translation. It seeks to be as accurate to the Hebrew and Greek roots as possible. Whenever an English word or phrase is added to render a meaning clearer but which is not in the original text, the added word or phrase would appear in *italics*. Where the root meaning is important but does not flow with modern English usage, a footnote is added to allow the reader to understand the root of the original word.

This translation has been a labour of love for the inspired Word of God. It has been rendered with great fear and trembling, with utmost respect and faith, that one is handling the inspired Word of God, the Holy Bible. The original names of God in the Old Testament have been purposely transliterated rather than translated from its original form to give the reader the depth and beauty of the Hebrew names of God. The archaic use of the name 'Jehovah' is now rendered 'Yahweh' which in its original transliteration would be 'YHWH.' In order to accord respect to God, references to God have been intentionally capitalised although the archaic 'Thees' and 'Thous' have been removed. Where there was no necessity to modernize the English usage of the 1611 King James English, they have been retained because the meaning remains clear although the phrases may sound 'poetic' to the reader. For example, 'I knew not' is retained rather than changing it to 'I do not know,' or 'Here am I' is retained rather than 'Here I am,' and retention of phrases such as 'therein,' 'beseech,' 'unto,' etc. The task was to render the correct translation of the Hebrew and Greek root words while retaining the poetic flow of the 1611 King James Version. The goal was to have a translation true to the original text but readable to a modern 21st century English speaker; both adult and child.

A new concordance for this translation, the Logos King James Version (LKJV) with a new Hebrew and Greek coding is being developed while this translation is being released book by book. Leather versions of the LKJV will be available when all the final proof reading is completed and a publisher appointed.

Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word of God will endure forever.

In Christ Jesus

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Genesis

1:1 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.

1:2 And the earth was without form¹, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 And Elohim said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim divided the light from the darkness.

1:5 And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

1:6 And Elohim said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

1:7 And Elohim made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and thus it was so.

1:8 And Elohim called the firmament Heavens. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

1:9 And Elohim said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together² into one place, and let the dry land appear: and thus it was so.

1:10 And Elohim called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas: and Elohim saw that it was good.

1:11 And Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree bearing fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and thus it was so.

1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree bearing fruit, whose seed was in itself, after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was good.

1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

1:14 And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and thus it was so.

1:16 And Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also.

1:17 And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth,

1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good.

¹ became waste

² Hebrew *qavah* – Bound together. Isaiah 40:31 ‘They that *qavah* on the Lord...’

1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

1:20 And Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life, and birds that fly in the sky in the heavens above the earth.

1:21 And Elohim created great creatures, and every living thing that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was good.

1:22 And Elohim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply in the earth.

1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

1:24 And Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth the living thing after its kind, animals, and creeping things, and living creatures of the earth after its kind: and thus it was so.

1:25 And Elohim made the living creatures of the earth after its kind and animals after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was good.

1:26 And Elohim said, Let us make man³ in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the animals, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

1:27 So Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim He created him; male and female He created them.

1:28 And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

1:29 And Elohim said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree bearing seed; to you it shall be for food.

1:30 And to every creature of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life⁴, I have given every green herb for food: and thus it was so.

1:31 And Elohim saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2:2 And on the seventh day Elohim ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

2:3 And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because in it He had rested from all His work which Elohim created and made.

2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Elohim made the earth and the heavens,

³ Hebrew *adam*

⁴ living soul

2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for Yahweh Elohim had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground.

2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

2:7 And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

2:8 And Yahweh Elohim planted a garden eastward in Eden⁵; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

2:9 And out of the ground Yahweh Elohim made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, and became four heads.

2:11 The name of the first is Pison⁶: that is *the river* which surrounds the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

2:12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

2:13 And the name of the second river is Gihon⁷: it is the same *river* that surrounds the whole land of Cush⁸.

2:14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel⁹: that is *the river* which goes toward the east of Assyria.¹⁰ And the fourth river is Euphrates.¹¹

2:15 And Yahweh Elohim took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to guard it.

2:16 And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:

2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof, in dying, you shall die.

2:18 And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet for him.

2:19 And out of the ground Yahweh Elohim formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the air; and brought them to Adam¹² to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

2:20 And Adam gave names to all animals, and to the birds of the air, and to every living creature of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper meet for him.

⁵ delight

⁶ freely flowing

⁷ stream

⁸ black

⁹ rapid

¹⁰ plain, level

¹¹ bursting, sweet

¹² man, of the ground

2:21 And Yahweh Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh beneath thereof;

2:22 And the rib, which Yahweh Elohim had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her to the man.

2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman¹³, because she was taken out of Man.

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

2:25 And the two were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3:1 Now the serpent became more subtle than any creature of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, Yea, has Elohim said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, In dying, you shall not die:

3:5 For Elohim knows that in the day you eat thereof, that your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as Elohim, knowing good and evil.

3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat.

3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

3:8 And they heard the voice of Yahweh Elohim walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the face of Yahweh Elohim amongst the trees of the garden.

3:9 And Yahweh Elohim called to Adam, and said to him, Where are you?

3:10 And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

3:11 And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, which I commanded you that you should not eat?

3:12 And the man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

3:13 And Yahweh Elohim said to the woman, What is this that you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

3:14 And Yahweh Elohim said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all animals, and above every creature of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life:

¹³ Hebrew *ishshah* – woman, wife

3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He will crush your head, and you shall crush His heel.

3:16 To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.

3:17 And to Adam He said, Because you have hearkened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life;

3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field;

3:19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and to dust shall you return.

3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve¹⁴; because she was the mother of all living.

3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did Yahweh Elohim make coats of skins, and clothed them.

3:22 And Yahweh Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

3:23 Therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

3:24 So he drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life.

4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain¹⁵, and said, I have gotten a man from Yahweh.

4:2 And she again bore his brother Abel.¹⁶ And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

4:3 And it came to pass in *the* process of time, that Cain brought from the fruit of the ground an offering to Yahweh.

4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And Yahweh had respect to Abel and to his offering:

4:5 But to Cain and to his offering He had no respect. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

4:6 And Yahweh said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why is your countenance fallen?

4:7 If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not well, sin lies at the door. And his desire shall be to you, and you shall rule over him.

¹⁴ life, life-giving

¹⁵ acquisition

¹⁶ transitoriness

4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

4:9 And Yahweh said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

4:10 And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries *out* to me from the ground.

4:11 And now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand;

4:12 When you till the ground, it shall never again yield to you her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shall you be in the earth.

4:13 And Cain said to Yahweh, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

4:14 Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from your face I am hidden; and I have become a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one who finds me shall slay me.

4:15 And Yahweh said to him, Therefore whosoever slays Cain, shall be avenged sevenfold. And Yahweh set a mark¹⁷ upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

4:17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Enoch¹⁸: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

4:18 And to Enoch was born Irad:¹⁹ and Irad begot Mehujael²⁰: and Mehujael begot Methusael:²¹ and Methusael begot Lamech.²²

4:19 And Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah,²³ and the name of the other Zillah.²⁴

4:20 And Adah bore Jabal:²⁵ he was the father of those who dwell in tents, and of those who own livestock.

4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal:²⁶ he was the father of all who play the harp and organ.

4:22 And Zillah, she also bore Tubalcain,²⁷ an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.²⁸

¹⁷ sign

¹⁸ *chanok* initiated, trained, disciplined, dedicated

¹⁹ fugitive

²⁰ God is combating

²¹ man who is of God

²² overthrower, wild man

²³ pleasure

²⁴ protection, screen

²⁵ moving

²⁶ playing, nomad

²⁷ offspring of Cain

²⁸ pleasantness

4:23 And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young child to my hurt.

4:24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name Seth:²⁹ For Elohim, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos:³⁰ then began men to call upon the name of Yahweh.

5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that Elohim created man, in the likeness of Elohim He made him;

5:2 Male and female He created them; and blessed them, and called their name mankind³¹, in the day when they were created.

5:3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image; and *he* called his name Seth:

5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begot sons and daughters:

5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

5:6 And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begot Enos:³²

5:7 And Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he begot Enos, and begot sons and daughters:

5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begot Cainan:³³

5:10 And Enos lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he begot Cainan, and begot sons and daughters:

5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalaleel:³⁴

5:13 And Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years after he begot Mahalaleel, and begot sons and daughters:

5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

5:15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begot Jared:

5:16 And Mahalaleel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he begot Jared,³⁵ and begot sons and daughters:

5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety-five years: and he died.

²⁹ compensation, sprout

³⁰ *enosh* mortal

³¹ man

³² mortal

³³ acquisition

³⁴ God is splendour

³⁵ descending

5:18 And Jared lived a hundred and sixty-two years, and he begot Enoch:³⁶
 5:19 And Jared lived eight hundred years after he begot Enoch, and begot sons and daughters:
 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years: and he died.
 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begot Methuselah:³⁷
 5:22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with Elohim three hundred years, and begot sons and daughters:
 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years:
 5:24 And Enoch walked with Elohim: and he was not; for Elohim took him.
 5:25 And Methuselah lived a hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech:
 5:26 And Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he begot Lamech, and begot sons and daughters:
 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years: and he died.
 5:28 And Lamech lived a hundred and eighty-two years, and begot a son:
 5:29 And he called his name Noah,³⁸ saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which Yahweh had cursed.
 5:30 And Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he begot Noah, and begot sons and daughters:
 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years: and he died.
 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begot Shem,³⁹ Ham,⁴⁰ and Japheth.⁴¹

6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,
 6:2 That the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took wives of all whom they chose.
 6:3 And Yahweh said, My Spirit shall not always strive⁴² with men, for they are flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.
 6:4 There were Nephilim⁴³ in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

³⁶ *chanok* initiated, trained, disciplined, dedicated

³⁷ sent out man, man with a mission

³⁸ rest

³⁹ renown

⁴⁰ dark coloured

⁴¹ the extender or fair

⁴² plead

⁴³ fallen ones

6:5 And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6 And Yahweh grieved that He had made man on the earth and His heart was sorrowed.

6:7 And Yahweh said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; from human to animal, and the creeping thing, and the birds of the air; for it grieved Me that I have made them.

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh.

6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and upright⁴⁴ in his generations, and Noah walked with Elohim.

6:10 And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6:11 The earth also was corrupt before Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence.

6:12 And Elohim looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

6:13 And Elohim said to Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

6:14 Make an ark of gopher wood; rooms shall you make in the ark, and shall pitch it within and without with pitch.

6:15 And this is the fashion which you shall make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

6:16 A window shall you make in the ark, and in a cubit shall you finish it above; and you shall set the door of the ark in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shall you make it.

6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, and every thing that is in the earth and beneath the heavens shall die.

6:18 But with you, I will establish My covenant; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every kind shall you bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

6:20 Of birds after their kind, and of animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind shall come to you, to keep them alive.

6:21 And take to yourselves all food that is *to be* eaten, and you shall gather it to yourselves; and it shall be for food for you, and for them.

6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that Elohim commanded him, so did he.

7:1 And Yahweh said to Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before Me in this generation.

7:2 Of every clean animal you shall take to yourselves by sevens, the male and his female: and of animals that are not clean by twos, the male and his female.

⁴⁴ integrity

7:3 Of birds of the air also by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

7:4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

7:5 And Noah did according to all that Yahweh commanded him.

7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

7:8 Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of every thing that creeps upon the earth,

7:9 They went in two by two to Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as Elohim had commanded Noah.

7:10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

7:12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

7:13 In the selfsame day Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, the sons of Noah and Noah's wife entered into the ark, and the three wives of his sons with them;

7:14 They and every creature after its kind, and all the animals after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every wing *type*.

7:15 And they went in with Noah into the ark, two by two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as Elohim had commanded him: and Yahweh shut him in.

7:17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bear up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

7:18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

7:19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains, that were under the whole heavens, were covered.

7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

7:21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds and animals, of *every* creature and of every *living* thing that *lives* upon the earth, and every man:

7:22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, all that was in the dry land died.

7:23 And every living substance which was upon the face of the ground was destroyed, both man and animals, and the creeping things, and the birds of the air; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

8:1 And Elohim remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and Elohim made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subside;

8:2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were also stopped, and the rain from the heavens was restrained;

8:3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

8:4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

8:5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

8:6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

8:7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8:8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

8:9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her to him into the ark.

8:10 And he stayed yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

8:11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, behold, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

8:12 And he stayed yet another seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again to him any more.

8:13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

8:14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, was the earth dried.

8:15 And Elohim spoke to Noah, saying,

8:16 Go forth from the ark, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you.

8:17 Bring forth with you every living thing that is with you, of all flesh, both of birds, and of animals, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

8:18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

8:19 Every living thing, every creeping thing, and every bird, and all that creep upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

8:20 And Noah built an altar to Yahweh; and took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

8:21 And Yahweh smelled a sweet savour; and Yahweh said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; never again will I smite every thing living, as I have done.

8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

9:1 And Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.

9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every thing of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that move upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall you not eat.

9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every living thing will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of Elohim He made man.

9:7 And you, be you fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

9:8 And Elohim spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9:9 And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

9:10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the birds, of the animals, and of every thing of the earth with you; of all that go out from the ark, to every thing of the earth.

9:11 And I will establish My covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

9:12 And Elohim said, This is the sign of the covenant which I set between Me and you and every living creature⁴⁵ that is with you, for perpetual generations:

9:13 I give My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud:

9:15 And I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living being of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

⁴⁵ soul

9:16 And the rainbow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the eternal covenant between Elohim and every living being of all flesh that is upon the earth.

9:17 And Elohim said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

9:18 And the sons of Noah, who went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.⁴⁶

9:19 These are the three sons of Noah: and from them was the whole earth overspread.

9:20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard:

9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren.

9:26 And he said, Blessed be the Yahweh Elohim of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

9:27 Elohim shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

9:28 And after the flood Noah lived three hundred and fifty years.

9:29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10:1 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and to them were sons born after the flood.

10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer,⁴⁷ and Magog,⁴⁸ and Madai,⁴⁹ and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

10:3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

10:4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish,⁵⁰ Kittim, and Dodanim.

10:5 By these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

10:6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut,⁵¹ and Canaan.

10:7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah,⁵² and Sabtah, and Raamah,⁵³ and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.⁵⁴

⁴⁶ low, flat

⁴⁷ completion, heat

⁴⁸ Gog - high, mountain. Magog - from Gog.

⁴⁹ middle

⁵⁰ hard

⁵¹ bow

⁵² circle, district

10:8 And Cush begot Nimrod⁵⁵: he began to be mighty in the earth.
 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh: thus it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Yahweh.
 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel,⁵⁶ and Erech,⁵⁷ and Accad,⁵⁸ and Calneh,⁵⁹ in the land of Shinar.
 10:11 Out of that land went forth Asshur,⁶⁰ and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth,⁶¹ and Calah,⁶²
 10:12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.
 10:13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim,⁶³ and Lehabim,⁶⁴ and Naphtuhim,
 10:14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.
 10:15 And Canaan begot Sidon⁶⁵ his firstborn, and Heth,⁶⁶
 10:16 And the Jebusite,⁶⁷ and the Amorite,⁶⁸ and the Girgasite,
 10:17 And the Hivite,⁶⁹ and the Arkite,⁷⁰ and the Sinite,
 10:18 And the Arvadite,⁷¹ and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite:⁷² and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.
 10:19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you come to Gerar,⁷³ to Gaza;⁷⁴ as you go, to Sodom,⁷⁵ and Gomorrah,⁷⁶ and Admah,⁷⁷ and Zeboim, even to Lasha.⁷⁸

⁵³ trembling

⁵⁴ low

⁵⁵ valiant, strong

⁵⁶ gate of God

⁵⁷ length, size

⁵⁸ castle, fortress

⁵⁹ fort of Ana or Anu, one of the chief Babylonian objects of worship

⁶⁰ level plain

⁶¹ enlargement

⁶² firm

⁶³ rockmen

⁶⁴ flame coloured, red

⁶⁵ fortified

⁶⁶ terrible

⁶⁷ Jebus - trodden down. Jebusite - belonging to Jebus.

⁶⁸ mountaineer

⁶⁹ villager, midlander

⁷⁰ fugitive, belonging to Arka

⁷¹ arvad - refuge. Arvadite - belonging to Arvad.

⁷² Hamath - defended, walled. Hamathite - belonging to Hamath.

⁷³ circle

⁷⁴ the strong place

⁷⁵ place of lime

⁷⁶ fissure, submersion

⁷⁷ earthwork, fortress

⁷⁸ bursting forth

10:20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, and in their nations.

10:21 To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber,⁷⁹ the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.

10:22 The children of Shem; Elam,⁸⁰ and Asshur,⁸¹ and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.⁸²

10:23 And the children of Aram; Uz⁸³, and Hul,⁸⁴ and Gether, and Mash.

10:24 And Arphaxad begot Salah; and Salah begot Eber.

10:25 And to Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg;⁸⁵ for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.⁸⁶

10:26 And Joktan begot Almodad,⁸⁷ and Sheleph,⁸⁸ and Hazarmaveth,⁸⁹ and Jerah,⁹⁰

10:27 And Hadoram,⁹¹ and Uzal, and Diklah,⁹²

10:28 And Obal,⁹³ and Abimael,⁹⁴ and Sheba,

10:29 And Ophir,⁹⁵ and Havilah,⁹⁶ and Jobab:⁹⁷ all these were the sons of Joktan.

10:30 And their dwelling was from Mesha,⁹⁸ as you go to Sephar⁹⁹ a mountain of the east.

10:31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

10:32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

⁷⁹ a shoot

⁸⁰ youth

⁸¹ level plain

⁸² high, exalted

⁸³ firmness

⁸⁴ circle

⁸⁵ division

⁸⁶ little

⁸⁷ the agitator

⁸⁸ drawn out

⁸⁹ court of death

⁹⁰ moon

⁹¹ Hadar - enclosing, fire God, powerful. Hadoram - Hadar is high.

⁹² palm grove

⁹³ bare

⁹⁴ my father is God

⁹⁵ fat, rich

⁹⁶ circle, district

⁹⁷ howling

⁹⁸ departure point

⁹⁹ numerous population

11:3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime for mortar.

11:4 And they said, Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower, whose top may reach to heavens; and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

11:5 And Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built.

11:6 And Yahweh said, Behold, the people are one, and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

11:7 Come, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

11:8 So Yahweh scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they ceased building the city.

11:9 Thus is the name of it called Babel;¹⁰⁰ because Yahweh confounded the language of all the earth there: and from there Yahweh scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

11:10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11:11 And after he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

11:12 And Arphaxad lived one hundred and thirty-five years,¹⁰¹ and begot Salah:

11:13 And after he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

11:14 And Salah lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot Eber:

11:15 And after he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

11:16 And Eber lived one hundred and thirty-four years, and begot Peleg:

11:17 And after he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

11:18 And Peleg lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot Reu:¹⁰²

11:19 And after he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

11:20 And Reu lived one hundred and thirty-two years, and begot Serug:¹⁰³

11:21 And after he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁰⁰ Babil - gate of God. After the confusion of tongues the name was connected by the Hebrews to the word '*balal*' which means 'to confound.' Babylon now means confusion, gate of Bel.

¹⁰¹ Septuagint text adds a hundred years each to Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug when they begot children.

¹⁰² friendship

¹⁰³ strength, firmness

11:22 And Serug lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot Nahor:¹⁰⁴
 11:23 And after he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.
 11:24 And Nahor lived seventy-nine¹⁰⁵ years, and begot Terah:¹⁰⁶
 11:25 And after he begot Terah, Nahor lived a hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.
 11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram,¹⁰⁷ Nahor, and Haran.¹⁰⁸
 11:27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begot Lot.¹⁰⁹
 11:28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur¹¹⁰ of the Chaldees.
 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took for themselves wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai;¹¹¹ and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah,¹¹² the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.¹¹³
 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.
 11:31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran, and dwelt there.
 11:32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

12:1 Now Yahweh had said to Abram, Get out of your land, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you:

12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing:

12:3 And I will bless them who bless you, and curse him who curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

12:4 So Abram departed, as Yahweh had spoken to him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran.

12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance which they had gathered, and the people¹¹⁴ that they had acquired in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

¹⁰⁴ piercer, slayer

¹⁰⁵ Septuagint records the age of Nahor as seventy-nine when he begot Terah, and not twenty-nine

¹⁰⁶ turning, duration, wandering

¹⁰⁷ father of height

¹⁰⁸ strong, enlightened

¹⁰⁹ concealed, dark coloured

¹¹⁰ light, brightness

¹¹¹ Yah is prince. Yah is an abbreviation of Yahweh.

¹¹² counsel

¹¹³ Yah is looking.

¹¹⁴ souls

12:6 And Abram passed through the land to the place of Sichem,¹¹⁵ to the plain of Moreh.¹¹⁶ And the Canaanite was still in the land.

12:7 And Yahweh appeared to Abram, and said, To your seed will I give this land: and there he built an altar to Yahweh, who appeared to him.

12:8 And he removed from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel,¹¹⁷ and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai¹¹⁸ on the east: and there he built an altar to Yahweh, and called upon the name of Yahweh.

12:9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

12:10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was severe in the land.

12:11 And it came to pass, when he was near to enter into Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, Behold, I beseech *you*, I know that you are a fair woman to look upon:

12:12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians see you, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save you alive.

12:13 Say, I beseech you, *that* you are my sister: that it may be well with me for your sake; and my soul shall live because of you.

12:14 And it came to pass, that when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

12:15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her to Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

12:16 And he treated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and male donkeys, and menservants, and maidservants, and female donkeys, and camels.

12:17 And Yahweh plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

12:19 Why *did* you say, She is my sister? I might have taken her as my wife: now therefore behold your wife, take her, and go your way.

12:20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

13:2 And Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

13:3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai;

13:4 To the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of Yahweh.

¹¹⁵ ridge, shoulder

¹¹⁶ teacher

¹¹⁷ house of God

¹¹⁸ the heap

13:5 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and oxen, and tents.

13:6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

13:7 And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite then dwelled in the land.

13:8 And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I beseech you, between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I beseech you, from me: if you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, as you come to Zoar.

13:11 Then Lot chose *for* himself all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves from one another.

13:12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked¹¹⁹ and sinned exceedingly before Yahweh.

13:14 And Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up your eyes now, and look from the place where you are northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

13:15 For all the land which you see, to you I will give it, and to your seed for ever.

13:16 And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be numbered.

13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it to you.

13:18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre,¹²⁰ which is in Hebron,¹²¹ and built there an altar to Yahweh.

14:1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel¹²² king of Shinar, Arioch¹²³ king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer¹²⁴ king of Elam,¹²⁵ and Tidal¹²⁶ king of nations;

¹¹⁹ evil

¹²⁰ firmness, vigour

¹²¹ ford, company

¹²² powerful people

¹²³ lion-like

¹²⁴ sheaf band

¹²⁵ youth

¹²⁶ splendour, renown

14:2 That they made war with Bera¹²⁷ king of Sodom, and with Birsha¹²⁸ king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber¹²⁹ king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela,¹³⁰ which is Zoar.

14:3 All these were joined together in the valley of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

14:4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

14:5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims¹³¹ in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims¹³² in Ham, and the Emims¹³³ in Shaveh¹³⁴ Kiriathaim,

14:6 And the Horites¹³⁵ in their mountain, Seir,¹³⁶ to Elparan,¹³⁷ which is by the wilderness.

14:7 And they returned, and came to Enmishpat,¹³⁸ which is Kadesh,¹³⁹ and smote all the country of the Amalekites,¹⁴⁰ and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.¹⁴¹

14:8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the valley of Siddim;

14:9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

14:10 And the valley of Siddim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

14:11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went their way.

14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

14:13 And there came one who had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew;¹⁴² for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre¹⁴³ the Amorite, brother of Eshcol,¹⁴⁴ and brother of Aner:¹⁴⁵ and these were allied with Abram.

¹²⁷ gift

¹²⁸ thick, strong

¹²⁹ splendour of heroism

¹³⁰ consumption

¹³¹ strong

¹³² prominent, strong, giant

¹³³ the terrible

¹³⁴ level place

¹³⁵ Hori – free, noble

¹³⁶ rough, wooded

¹³⁷ Paran - full of caverns. El paran - oak of Paran.

¹³⁸ fountain of judgment

¹³⁹ holy

¹⁴⁰ Amalek - warlike, dweller in the vale. Amalekite - belonging to Amalek.

¹⁴¹ row of palms

¹⁴² belonging to Eber

¹⁴³ firmness, vigour

¹⁴⁴ cluster of grapes

14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them to Dan.¹⁴⁶

14:15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them to Hobah,¹⁴⁷ which is on the left hand of Damascus.

14:16 And he returned *with* all the goods, and also returned with his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

14:17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings who were with him, at the valley of Shaveh,¹⁴⁸ which is the king's valley.

14:18 And Melchizedek¹⁴⁹ king of Salem¹⁵⁰ brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of El Elyon¹⁵¹.

14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of El Elyon¹⁵², possessor of heaven and earth:

14:20 And blessed be El Elyon¹⁵³, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people¹⁵⁴, and take the goods to yourself.

14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Yahweh El Elyon¹⁵⁵, the possessor of heaven and earth,

14:23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe lace, and that I will not take any thing that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich:

14:24 Except only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

15:1 After these things the Word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.

15:2 And Abram said, Adonai¹⁵⁶ Yahweh, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer¹⁵⁷ of Damascus?

¹⁴⁵ sprout, waterfall

¹⁴⁶ judge

¹⁴⁷ lurking place

¹⁴⁸ level place

¹⁴⁹ my king is righteous

¹⁵⁰ peace, summit

¹⁵¹ The Most High God

¹⁵² The Most High God

¹⁵³ The Most High God

¹⁵⁴ souls

¹⁵⁵ Yahweh the Most High God

¹⁵⁶ The Lord

¹⁵⁷ God is help

15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me you have given no seed: and, behold, one born in my house is my heir.

15:4 And, behold, the Word of Yahweh came to him, saying, This shall not be your heir; but he who comes forth out of your own inward *parts* shall be your heir.

15:5 And He brought him forth outside, and said, Behold, I beseech *you*, towards the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to number them: and He said to him, Thus shall your seed be.

15:6 And he believed in Yahweh; and He counted it to him for righteousness.

15:7 And he said to him, I am Yahweh who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to possess it.

15:8 And he said, Adonai¹⁵⁸ Yahweh, By what *means* will I know that I will possess it?

15:9 And He said to him, Take *for* me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

15:10 And he took to Him all these, and divided them in the middle, and laid each piece one opposite another: but the birds he *did* not divide.

15:11 And when the fowls¹⁵⁹ came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

15:13 And He said to Abram, In knowing, know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, I will judge: and afterward they will come out with great substance.

15:15 And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall return again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

15:17 And it came to pass that when the sun went down, and it was dusk, behold a smoking furnace, and a flaming fire passed between those pieces.

15:18 In the same day Yahweh cut a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed, I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates:

15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bore him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.¹⁶⁰

16:2 And Sarai said to Abram, Behold now, Yahweh has restrained me from bearing: I beseech you, go in to my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

¹⁵⁸ The Lord

¹⁵⁹ swoopers

¹⁶⁰ wandering

16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

16:4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

16:5 And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong be upon you: I have given my maid into your bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: Yahweh judge between me and you.

16:6 But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maid is in your hand; do to her as it pleases you. And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her face.

16:7 And the angel of Yahweh found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, where *do you come from?* And where *are you going?* And she said I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

16:9 And the angel of Yahweh said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands.

16:10 And the angel of Yahweh said to her, I will multiply your seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

16:11 And the angel of Yahweh said to her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael;¹⁶¹ because Yahweh has heard your affliction.

16:12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

16:13 And she called the name of Yahweh who spoke to her, You, El Roi¹⁶², see me: for she said, Here, have I also seen Him who sees me?

16:14 Therefore the well was called Beerlahairoi¹⁶³; behold, it is between Kadesh¹⁶⁴ and Bered.¹⁶⁵

16:15 And Hagar bore Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16:16 And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am El Shaddai;¹⁶⁶ walk before Me, and be upright.¹⁶⁷

17:2 And I will make my covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.

17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and Elohim talked with him, saying,

¹⁶¹ God is hearing

¹⁶² God who sees

¹⁶³ well of the Living One seeing me

¹⁶⁴ holy

¹⁶⁵ seed place

¹⁶⁶ The revelation of the name *El Shaddai* to Abraham is tied to the blessings of the womb. This points to a link between the word *Shaddai* and the Hebrew word for breasts *shadayim*, a symbol of blessedness, fruitfulness, nourishment, tender care and provision – Genesis 28:3; 35:11; 49:25.

¹⁶⁷ integrity

17:4 Assuredly I say, behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be a father of many nations.

17:5 Neither shall your name be called Abram anymore, but your name shall be Abraham;¹⁶⁸ for a father of many nations I have made you.

17:6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you.

17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you, and to your seed after you.

17:8 And I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim.

17:9 And Elohim said to Abraham, You shall keep My covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations.

17:10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

17:11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

17:12 And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money¹⁶⁹ of any stranger, who is not of your seed.

17:13 He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money¹⁷⁰, must be circumcised: and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

17:14 And the uncircumcised male child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.

17:15 And Elohim said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah¹⁷¹ shall her name be.

17:16 And I will bless her, and give you a son also by her: yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be from her.

17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear?

17:18 And Abraham said to Elohim, O that Ishmael might live before you!

17:19 And Elohim said, Sarah your wife shall surely¹⁷² bear you a son; and you shall call his name Isaac:¹⁷³ and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

¹⁶⁸ father of a multitude

¹⁶⁹ silver

¹⁷⁰ silver

¹⁷¹ princess

¹⁷² nevertheless

¹⁷³ laughter

17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time in the next year.

17:22 And He finished talking with him, and Elohim went up from Abraham.

17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all who were born in his house, and all who were bought with his money,¹⁷⁴ every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on the same day, as Elohim had said to him.

17:24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

17:25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

17:26 On the same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

17:27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money¹⁷⁵ of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

18:1 And Yahweh appeared to him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

18:3 And said, my Adonai¹⁷⁶, I beseech You, if I have found grace in Your sight, *do* not pass by, I beseech You, from Your servant:

18:4 Let a little water, I beseech You, be fetched, and wash Your feet, and rest Yourselves under the tree:

18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort Your hearts; after that You shall pass on: for thus You *have* come to Your servant. And they said, Do as you have said.

18:6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd, and fetch a young calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

18:8 And he took butter, and milk, and the young calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

18:9 And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

18:10 And he said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life; and, behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

¹⁷⁴ silver

¹⁷⁵ silver

¹⁷⁶ Lord

18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

18:13 And Yahweh said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I truly bear a child, I who am old?

18:14 Is any thing too hard for Yahweh? At the time appointed I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah will have a son.

18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And He said, No; but you did laugh.

18:16 And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

18:17 And Yahweh said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do;

18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of Yahweh, to do justice and judgment; that Yahweh may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him.

18:20 And Yahweh said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

18:21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come to Me; and if not, I will know.

18:22 And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before Yahweh.

18:23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Will You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

18:24 Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city: will You also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous within?

18:25 Far be it from You to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, far be it from You: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

18:26 And Yahweh said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sakes.

18:27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord¹⁷⁷, I who am but dust and ashes:

18:28 Perhaps there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: will You destroy the whole city for lack of five? And He said, If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.

18:29 And he spoke to Him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

¹⁷⁷ The Adonai

18:30 And he said to Him, Oh let not the Lord¹⁷⁸ be angry, and I will speak: Perhaps there shall thirty be found there. And He said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

18:31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord¹⁷⁹: Perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

18:32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord¹⁸⁰ be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Perhaps ten shall be found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

18:33 And Yahweh went His way, as soon as He had finished communing¹⁸¹ with Abraham: and Abraham returned to his place.

19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom in *the* evening; and Lot sat at the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

19:2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I beseech you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, No; but we will abide in the street all night.

19:3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in to him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

19:4 But before they laid down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

19:5 And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.

19:6 And Lot went out of the door to them, and shut the door after him,

19:7 And said, I beseech you, brethren, do not *be* so wicked.

19:8 Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me, I beseech you, bring them out to you, and you do to them as is good in your eyes: only to these men do nothing; for thus they came under the shadow of my roof.

19:9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one came in to sojourn, and *he is now* a judge, to judge¹⁸² *us*: now we will deal more wickedly with you, than with them. And they pressed greatly upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

19:10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door.

19:11 And they smite the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

19:12 And the men said to Lot, Have you here any others? In-laws, and your sons, and your daughters, and whosoever you have in the city, bring them out of this place:

¹⁷⁸ The Adonai

¹⁷⁹ The Adonai

¹⁸⁰ The Adonai

¹⁸¹ wording

¹⁸² in judging, he judges

19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them has grown great before the face of Yahweh; and Yahweh has sent us to destroy it.

19:14 And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, Arise, get out of this place; for Yahweh will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked to his sons-in-law.

19:15 And when the morning arose, the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take your wife, and your two daughters, who are here; lest you be consumed in the perversity of the city.

19:16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; Yahweh being merciful to him: and they brought him forth, and set him outside the city.

19:17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, Escape for your life¹⁸³; look not behind you, neither stay in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed.

19:18 And Lot said to them, I beseech you, not so, my lord:

19:19 Behold, I beseech you, your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have magnified your mercy, which you have showed to me in saving my life¹⁸⁴; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil overtake¹⁸⁵ me, and I die:

19:20 Behold, I beseech you, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one: I beseech you, let me escape there, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

19:21 And he said to him, Behold, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, of which you have spoken.

19:22 Hasten, escape there; for I cannot do any thing until you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.¹⁸⁶

19:23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

19:24 Then Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh from the heavens;

19:25 And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

19:27 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before Yahweh:

19:28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and saw, and, behold, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

19:29 And it came to pass, when Elohim destroyed the cities of the plain, that Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the destruction¹⁸⁷, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

¹⁸³ soul

¹⁸⁴ soul

¹⁸⁵ cleave

¹⁸⁶ little

¹⁸⁷ overthrow

19:30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

19:31 And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth:

19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve *the* seed of our father.

19:33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

19:34 And it came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and you go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve *the* seed of our father.

19:35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

19:36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

19:37 And the firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab:¹⁸⁸ the same is the father of the Moabites to this day.

19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Benammi:¹⁸⁹ the same is the father of the children of Ammon¹⁹⁰ to this day.

20:1 And Abraham journeyed from there toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh¹⁹¹ and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.¹⁹²

20:2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, she is my sister: and Abimelech¹⁹³ king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

20:3 But Elohim came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you are but a dead man, for the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife.

20:4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Adonai,¹⁹⁴ will you slay also a righteous nation?

20:5 Said he not to me, she is my sister? And she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands have I done this.

20:6 And Elohim said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart; for I also withheld you from sinning against Me: therefore I did not allow¹⁹⁵ you to touch her.

¹⁸⁸ water of a father

¹⁸⁹ son of my people

¹⁹⁰ fellow countrymen

¹⁹¹ holy

¹⁹² circle

¹⁹³ father of the king

¹⁹⁴ Lord

¹⁹⁵ deliver, give

20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live: and if you restore her not, know that in dying, you shall die, you, and all that are yours.

20:8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were greatly afraid.

20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, What have you done to us? And how have I offended¹⁹⁶ you that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done.

20:10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see that you have done this thing?

20:11 And Abraham said, Because I thought¹⁹⁷, Surely the fear of Elohim is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

20:12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

20:13 And it came to pass, when Elohim caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This is your kindness which you shall show to me; at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

20:14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored *to* him Sarah his wife.

20:15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you: dwell where it pleases you.

20:16 And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to you a covering of the eyes, to all that are with you, and with everyone: thus she was reprov'd.

20:17 So Abraham prayed to Elohim: and Elohim healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bore children.

20:18 For Yahweh had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

21:1 And Yahweh visited Sarah as He had said, and Yahweh did to Sarah as He had spoken.

21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which Elohim had spoken to him.

21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as Elohim had commanded him.

21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him.

21:6 And Sarah said, Elohim has made me to laugh, so that all who hear will laugh with me.

¹⁹⁶ sinned against

¹⁹⁷ said

21:7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah should have given children *to nurse*? For I have birth him a son in his old age.

21:8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

21:9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born to Abraham, mocking.

21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

21:11 And the thing was very wicked¹⁹⁸ in Abraham's sight because of his son.

21:12 And Elohim said to Abraham, Let it not be wicked¹⁹⁹ in your sight because of the lad, and because of your bondwoman; in all that Sarah has said to you, hearken to her voice; for in Isaac shall your seed be called.

21:13 And as for the son of the bondwoman I will make a nation, because he is your seed.

21:14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.²⁰⁰

21:15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

21:16 And she went, and sat down opposite him a good way off, a bowshot *distance*: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

21:17 And Elohim heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of Elohim called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not; for Elohim has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

21:18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in your hand; for I will make him a great nation.

21:19 And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

21:20 And Elohim was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21:21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

21:22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol²⁰¹ the chief captain of his host spoke to Abraham, saying, Elohim is with you in all that you do:

21:23 Now therefore swear to me here by Elohim that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land wherein you have sojourned.

¹⁹⁸ evil

¹⁹⁹ evil

²⁰⁰ well of the oath

²⁰¹ great, strong

21:24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

21:25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

21:26 And Abimelech said, I *do* not know who has done this thing: neither did you tell me, nor yet *have* I heard of it, until today.

21:27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

21:28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

21:29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, What *is the* meaning of these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?

21:30 And he said, Take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, that they may be a witness to me, that I have digged this well.

21:31 Therefore he called that place Beersheba,²⁰² because there they swore, both of them.

21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

21:33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of Yahweh, the everlasting El.

21:34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that Elohim tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

22:2 And he said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you loved, and go into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you of.

22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which Elohim had told him.

22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Abide here with the ass; and I and the lad will go on the other side²⁰³ and worship, and come again to you.

22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went, both of them together.

22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

22:8 And Abraham said, My son, Elohim will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went, both of them together.

²⁰² well of the oath

²⁰³ Hebrew *ad koh* – Num. 11:31

22:9 And they came to the place which Elohim had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

22:11 And the angel of Yahweh called to him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

22:12 And he said, Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither do any thing to him: for now I know that you fear Elohim, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.

22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh Yireh:²⁰⁴ as it is said to this day, In the mountain of Yahweh it *will* be provided.

22:15 And the angel of Yahweh called to Abraham out of heaven the second time,

22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, said²⁰⁵ Yahweh, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son:

22:17 That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

22:18 And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice.

22:19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

22:20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she has also born children to your brother Nahor;

22:21 Huz²⁰⁶ his firstborn, and Buz²⁰⁷ his brother, and Kemuel²⁰⁸ the father of Aram,²⁰⁹

22:22 And Chesed, and Hazo,²¹⁰ and Pildash,²¹¹ and Jidlaph,²¹² and Bethuel.²¹³

22:23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah:²¹⁴ these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

22:24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah,²¹⁵ she bore also Tebah,²¹⁶ and Gaham,²¹⁷ and Thahash,²¹⁸ and Maachah.²¹⁹

²⁰⁴ Yahweh will provide

²⁰⁵ Hebrew *naam* – to utter an affirmation

²⁰⁶ firm

²⁰⁷ contempt

²⁰⁸ God stands or rises

²⁰⁹ high, exalted

²¹⁰ vision, seer

²¹¹ flame of fire

²¹² melting away

²¹³ dweller in God

²¹⁴ flattering

23:1 And Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

23:2 And Sarah died in Kirjatharba;²²⁰ the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

23:3 And Abraham stood up from before his deceased, and spoke to the sons of Heth,²²¹ saying,

23:4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burial place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

23:5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

23:6 Hear us, my lord: you are a mighty prince among us: in our choice sepulchres bury your dead; none of us shall withhold from you his sepulchre, but that you may bury your dead.

23:7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

23:8 And he spoke with them, saying, If it be your mind²²² that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron²²³ the son of Zohar,²²⁴

23:9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah,²²⁵ which he has, which is at the end of his field; for as much money²²⁶ as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a burial place among you.

23:10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

23:11 No, my lord, hear me: the field I give you, and the cave that is therein, I give it to you; in the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you: bury your dead.

23:12 And Abraham bowed down before the people of the land.

23:13 And he spoke to Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if you will give it only, hear me: I will give you money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

23:14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

²¹⁵ pearl, coral

²¹⁶ thick, strong

²¹⁷ blackness

²¹⁸ reddish

²¹⁹ depression

²²⁰ Arba – strength of Baal. Kirjatharba – city of Arba.

²²¹ terrible

²²² soul

²²³ strong

²²⁴ nobility, distinction

²²⁵ winding, spiral form

²²⁶ silver

23:15 My lord, hearken to me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that between me and you? Bury therefore your dead.

23:16 And Abraham hearkened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, as it was *in the manner* with the merchant.

23:17 And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were established

23:18 To Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

23:19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

23:20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were established to Abraham for a possession of a burial place by the sons of Heth.

24:1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and Yahweh had blessed Abraham in all things.

24:2 And Abraham said to his eldest servant of his house who ruled over all that he had, please put your hand under my thigh:

24:3 And I will make you swear by Yahweh, the Elohim of the heavens, and the Elohim of the earth that you shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

24:4 But you shall go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son Isaac.

24:5 And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land: must I bring your son again to the land from where you came?

24:6 And Abraham said to him, Beware that you *do* not bring my son there again.

24:7 Yahweh Elohim of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, To your seed I will give this land; He shall send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

24:8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son there again.

24:9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

24:10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

24:11 And he made his camels to kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

24:12 And he said, Yahweh Elohim of my master Abraham, Please cause her to meet me this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

24:13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

24:14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Please let down your pitcher that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: let the same be she whom You have appointed for your servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that You have showed kindness to my master.

24:15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

24:16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

24:17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher.

24:18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

24:19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for your camels also, until they have done drinking.

24:20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

24:21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, in order to know whether Yahweh had made his journey prosperous or not.

24:22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

24:23 And said, Whose daughter are you? Please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?

24:24 And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bore to Nahor.

24:25 She said moreover to him, We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to lodge in.

24:26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped Yahweh.

24:27 And he said, Blessed be Yahweh Elohim of my master Abraham, who has not left destitute my master of His mercy and His truth: I being in the way, Yahweh led me to the house of my master's brethren.

24:28 And the damsel ran, and told those of her mother's house these things.

24:29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban:²²⁷ and Laban ran out to the man, to the well.

24:30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke the man to me; that he came to the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

²²⁷ white, glorious

24:31 And he said, Come in, you blessed of Yahweh; why *do* you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

24:32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and fodder for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

24:33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.

24:34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

24:35 And Yahweh has blessed my master greatly; and he has become great: and He has given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and donkeys.

24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old: and to him has he given all that he had.

24:37 And my master made me swear, saying, You shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

24:38 But you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son.

24:39 And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not follow me.

24:40 And he said to me, Yahweh, before whom I walk, will send His angel with you, and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

24:41 Then shall you be clear from this my oath, when you come to my kindred; and if they give not her²²⁸ to you, you shall be clear from my oath.

24:42 And I came this day to the well, and said, Yahweh Elohim of my master Abraham, if now you do prosper my way which I go:

24:43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin comes forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I beseech you, a little water of your pitcher to drink;

24:44 And she say to me, Drink, and I will also draw for your camels: let the same be the woman whom Yahweh has appointed out for my master's son.

24:45 And before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well, and drew water: and I said to her, Please let me drink.

24:46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

24:47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

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24:48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped Yahweh, and blessed Yahweh Elohim of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son.

24:49 And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The word proceeds from Yahweh: we cannot speak to you bad or good.

24:51 Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as Yahweh has spoken.

24:52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped Yahweh, bowing himself to the earth.

24:53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

24:54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master.

24:55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

24:56 And he said to them, Delay me not, seeing Yahweh has prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

24:57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.

24:59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

24:60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, You are our sister, you *will* be the mother of thousands of millions, and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them.

24:61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

24:62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi;²²⁹ for he dwelt in the south country.

24:63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

24:64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

24:65 For she had said to the servant, Who is this man who walks in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.

24:66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

²²⁹ of the living One who beholds me. Genesis 16:14.

24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

25:1 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.²³⁰

25:2 And she bore him Zimran,²³¹ and Jokshan,²³² and Medan,²³³ and Midian,²³⁴ and Ishbak,²³⁵ and Shuah.²³⁶

25:3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan.²³⁷ And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim,²³⁸ and Letushim,²³⁹ and Leummim.

25:4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah,²⁴⁰ and Epher,²⁴¹ and Hanoch,²⁴² and Abida,²⁴³ and Eldaah.²⁴⁴ All these were the children of Keturah.

25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

25:6 But to the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, to the east country.

25:7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years.

25:8 Then Abraham died,²⁴⁵ and he died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

25:9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

25:10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

25:11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that Elohim blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.

25:12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham:

25:13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth,²⁴⁶ and Kedar,²⁴⁷ and Adbeel,²⁴⁸ and Mibsam,²⁴⁹

²³⁰ fragrance

²³¹ celebrated

²³² fowler

²³³ judgment

²³⁴ contention

²³⁵ free

²³⁶ depression

²³⁷ low

²³⁸ mighty ones

²³⁹ oppressed, struck

²⁴⁰ obscurity

²⁴¹ young deer or calf

²⁴² dedicated

²⁴³ father of knowledge

²⁴⁴ whom God called

²⁴⁵ expired

25:14 And Mishma,²⁵⁰ and Dumah,²⁵¹ and Massa,²⁵²
 25:15 Hadar,²⁵³ and Tema,²⁵⁴ Jetur, Naphish,²⁵⁵ and Kedemah:²⁵⁶
 25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.
 25:17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty-seven years: and he expired and died; and was gathered to his people.
 25:18 And they dwelt from Havilah to Shur, that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.
 25:19 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begot Isaac:
 25:20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram,²⁵⁷ the sister to Laban the Syrian.
 25:21 And Isaac entreated Yahweh for his wife, because she was barren: and Yahweh was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
 25:22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of Yahweh.
 25:23 And Yahweh said to her, Two nations are in your womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from your inward *parts*; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.²⁵⁸
 25:26 And after that his came brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob:²⁵⁹ and Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.
 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was an upright²⁶⁰ man, dwelling in tents.
 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.
 25:29 And Jacob cooked pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

²⁴⁶ husbandry

²⁴⁷ powerful

²⁴⁸ languishing for God

²⁴⁹ sweet odour

²⁵⁰ fame

²⁵¹ silence

²⁵² burden

²⁵³ enclosing, fire God, powerful

²⁵⁴ sun burnt

²⁵⁵ numerous

²⁵⁶ eastern

²⁵⁷ the plain of Aram

²⁵⁸ hairy

²⁵⁹ following after, supplanter

²⁶⁰ integrity

25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I beseech you, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.²⁶¹

25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day your birthright.

25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I am going to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore to him: and he sold his birthright to Jacob.

25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines to Gerar.

26:2 And Yahweh appeared to him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell you of:

26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and to your seed, I will give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father;

26:4 And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

26:5 Because Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.

26:6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

26:7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.

26:8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was caressing Rebekah his wife.

26:9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, Surely she is your wife: and how *could* you say, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die on account of her.

26:10 And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? One of the people might have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.

26:11 And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and Yahweh blessed him.

26:13 And the man became great, and *continued* going forward²⁶², and in greatness, became very great²⁶³.

²⁶¹ red

²⁶² walking forward

²⁶³ in greatening, he greatened

26:14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and a great many servants: and the Philistines envied him.

26:15 For all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

26:16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us; for you are much mightier than we.

26:17 And Isaac departed from there, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

26:18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

26:19 And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of living water.

26:20 And the herdsmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek²⁶⁴; because they contended with him.

26:21 And they dug another well, and contended for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah²⁶⁵.

26:22 And he moved from there, and dug another well; and for that they *did* not contend: and he called the name of it Rehoboth²⁶⁶; and he said, For now Yahweh has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

26:23 And he went up from there to Beersheba.

26:24 And Yahweh appeared to him the same night, and said, I am the Elohim of Abraham your father: fear not, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

26:25 And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of Yahweh, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26:26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath²⁶⁷ one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

26:27 And Isaac said to them, Why *do* you come to me, seeing you hate me, and have sent me away from you?

26:28 And they said, In seeing, we saw that Yahweh was with you: and we said, Let there be now an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us cut a covenant with you;

26:29 That you will do us no harm²⁶⁸, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace: you are now the blessed of Yahweh.

26:30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

26:31 And they rose up at the dawning of the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

²⁶⁴ contention

²⁶⁵ opposition or hatred

²⁶⁶ broad places

²⁶⁷ holding fast

²⁶⁸ evil

26:32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and said to him, We have found water.

26:33 And he called it Shebah:²⁶⁹ therefore the name of the city is Beersheba²⁷⁰ to this day.

26:34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith²⁷¹ the daughter of Beer²⁷² the Hittite, and Bashemath²⁷³ the daughter of Elon²⁷⁴ the Hittite:

26:35 Which were a grief of mind to Isaac and to Rebekah.

27:1 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said to him, My son: and he said to him, Behold, here am I.

27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

27:3 Now therefore take, I beseech you, your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt me *some* game;²⁷⁵

27:4 And make me savoury meat,²⁷⁶ such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless you before I die.

27:5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* game, and to bring it.

27:6 And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,

27:7 Bring me game, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless you before Yahweh before my death.

27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you.

27:9 Go now to the flock, and from there fetch me two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for your father, such as he loved:

27:10 And you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, and that he may bless you before his death.

27:11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

27:12 My father perhaps will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

27:13 And his mother said to him, Upon me be your curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

²⁶⁹ oath

²⁷⁰ well of the oath

²⁷¹ Jewess

²⁷² expounder

²⁷³ fragrant

²⁷⁴ oak, strong

²⁷⁵ hunt me a hunt

²⁷⁶ delicacies

27:14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

27:15 And Rebekah took fine raiment from her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

27:16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

27:17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

27:18 And he came to his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who are you, my son?

27:19 And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your firstborn; I have done according as you bade me: arise, I beseech you, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.

27:20 And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Yahweh your Elohim brought it to me.

27:21 And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I pray you, that I may feel you, my son, whether you be my very son Esau or not.

27:22 And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

27:23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

27:24 And he said, Are you my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

27:25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that my soul may bless you. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

27:26 And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which Yahweh has blessed:

27:28 Therefore Elohim give you of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and wine:

27:29 Let people serve you and nations bow down to you: be lord over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you: cursed be every one that curses you, and blessed be he who blesses you.

27:30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

27:31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me.

27:32 And Isaac his father said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your son, your firstborn Esau.

27:33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who *and* where is he who had taken game, and brought it me, and I have eaten all of *it* before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.

27:34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

27:35 And he said, Your brother came with subtlety, and has taken away your blessing.

27:36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

27:37 And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have made him your lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with grain and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now to you, my son?

27:38 And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

27:39 And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

27:40 And by your sword shall you live, and shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass when you shall have the dominion, that you shall break his yoke from off your neck.

27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing which his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

27:42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, your brother Esau, as concerning you, is comforting himself, purposing to kill you.

27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee you to Laban my brother in Haran;

27:44 And tarry with him a few days, until your brother's fury turn away;

27:45 Until your brother's anger turn away from you, and he forget that which you have done to him: then I will send, and fetch you from there: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth:²⁷⁷ if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life be to me?

28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

28:2 Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

²⁷⁷ terrible

28:3 And El Shaddai bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a multitude of people;

28:4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your seed with you; that you may inherit the land wherein you are a stranger, which Elohim gave to Abraham.

28:5 And Isaac sent Jacob away: and he went to Padan Aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

28:6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan Aram, to take him a wife from there; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

28:7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan Aram;

28:8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

28:9 Then went Esau to Ishmael, and added²⁷⁸ to the wives which he had Mahalath²⁷⁹ the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth,²⁸⁰ to be his wife.

28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

28:11 And he came upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillow,²⁸¹ and lay down in that place to sleep.

28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up²⁸² on the earth, and the top of it reached²⁸³ to the heavens: and behold the angels of Elohim ascending and descending on it.

28:13 And, behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, I am Yahweh Elohim of Abraham your father, and the Elohim of Isaac: the land on which you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed;

28:14 And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

28:15 And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places where you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you.

28:16 And Jacob awake out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Yahweh is in this place; and I knew it not.

28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other but the house of Elohim, and this is the gate²⁸⁴ of the heavens.

28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

²⁷⁸ took

²⁷⁹ mild

²⁸⁰ husbandry

²⁸¹ headpiece

²⁸² stationed

²⁸³ touched

²⁸⁴ portal

28:19 And he called the name of that place Bethel:²⁸⁵ but the name of that city was called Luz²⁸⁶ at the first.

28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If Elohim will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

28:21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall Yahweh be my Elohim:

28:22 And this stone, which I have set as a pillar, shall be the house of Elohim: and of all that You shall give me I will surely give the tenth to you.

29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

29:2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

29:3 And there were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place.

29:4 And Jacob said to them, My brethren, where are you from? And they said, We are from Haran.

29:5 And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

29:6 And he said to them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep.

29:7 And he said, behold, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water the sheep, and go and feed them.

29:8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then *will* we water the sheep.

29:9 And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel²⁸⁷ came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.

29:10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

29:11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

29:12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

29:13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.²⁸⁸

²⁸⁵ house of God

²⁸⁶ bending, curve

²⁸⁷ a lamb

²⁸⁸ words

29:14 And Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him for a month.

29:15 And Laban said to Jacob, Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nought? Tell me, what shall your wages be?

29:16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

29:17 Leah²⁸⁹ was weak eyed; but Rachel was shapely and beautiful.

29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.

29:19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

29:20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days, because of the love he had to her.

29:21 And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.

29:22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

29:23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in to her.

29:24 And Laban gave to his daughter Leah Zilpah²⁹⁰ his maid for a handmaid.

29:25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? Did not I serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?

29:26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

29:27 Fulfil her week, and we will give you this also for the service which you shall serve with me yet another seven years.

29:28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter as wife also.

29:29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah²⁹¹ his handmaid to be her maid.

29:30 And he went in also to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven more²⁹² years.

29:31 And when Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, He opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

29:32 And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben:²⁹³ for she said, Surely Yahweh has looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

²⁸⁹ weary

²⁹⁰ myrrh drop

²⁹¹ tender

²⁹² other

²⁹³ behold, a son

29:33 And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Because Yahweh has heard that I was hated, He has therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.²⁹⁴

29:34 And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined to me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.²⁹⁵

29:35 And she conceived again, and bore a son: and she said, Now will I praise Yahweh: therefore she called his name Judah,²⁹⁶ and stopped²⁹⁷ bearing.

30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

30:2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in Elohim's stead,²⁹⁸ who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?

30:3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in to her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

30:4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid as wife: and Jacob went in to her.

30:5 And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son.

30:6 And Rachel said, Elohim has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son: therefore she called his name Dan.²⁹⁹

30:7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son.

30:8 And Rachel said, With wrestlings of Elohim have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.³⁰⁰

30:9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her to Jacob as wife.

30:10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a son.

30:11 And Leah said, Fortune comes: and she called his name Gad.³⁰¹

30:12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a second son.

30:13 And Leah said, Happy³⁰² am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.³⁰³

30:14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes³⁰⁴ in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I beseech you, of your son's mandrakes.

²⁹⁴ hearing

²⁹⁵ joined

²⁹⁶ praise

²⁹⁷ stayed from

²⁹⁸ place

²⁹⁹ judge

³⁰⁰ wrestling

³⁰¹ fortune, lot

³⁰² blessed

³⁰³ happy, blessed

³⁰⁴ Hebrew *dudai* – love apples

30:15 And she said to her, Is it a small matter that you have taken my husband? And would you take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes.

30:16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, You must come in to me; for surely I have hired you with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

30:17 And Elohim hearkened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son.

30:18 And Leah said, Elohim has given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.³⁰⁵

30:19 And Leah conceived again, and bore Jacob the sixth son.

30:20 And Leah said, Elohim has endowed me with a good dowry;³⁰⁶ now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.³⁰⁷

30:21 And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.³⁰⁸

30:22 And Elohim remembered Rachel, and Elohim hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

30:23 And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, Elohim has taken away my reproach:³⁰⁹

30:24 And she called his name Joseph;³¹⁰ and said, Yahweh shall add to me another son.

30:25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country.

30:26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, and let me go: for you know my service which I have done *for* you.

30:27 And Laban said to him, I beseech you, if I have found grace in your eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience³¹¹ that Yahweh has blessed me for your sake.

30:28 And he said, Set me your wages, and I will give it.

30:29 And he said to him, You know how I have served you, and how your livestock was with me.

30:30 For it was little which you had before I came, and it is now increased to a multitude; and Yahweh has blessed you since my coming: and now when shall I also provide for my own house?

30:31 And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me any thing: if you will do this thing³¹² for me, I will again feed and keep your flock:

³⁰⁵ bearing hire, reward

³⁰⁶ endowment

³⁰⁷ dwelling

³⁰⁸ judged, avenged

³⁰⁹ disgrace

³¹⁰ increaser

³¹¹ prognosticated

³¹² word

30:32 I will pass through all your flock today, removing from them all the speckled and spotted lambs, and every brown sheep among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my wages.

30:33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when you enquire³¹³ about my wages before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen *if it is* with me.

30:34 And Laban said, Behold, let it be according to your word.

30:35 And he removed that day the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

30:36 And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

30:37 And Jacob took rods³¹⁴ of fresh white poplar, and of the almond and plane tree; and peeled white strips in them, laying bare the white which was in the rods.

30:38 And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

30:39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth flocks striped, speckled, and spotted.

30:40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not to Laban's flocks.

30:41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger flocks did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flocks in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

30:42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

30:43 And the man increased exceedingly,³¹⁵ and had much flocks, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and donkeys.

31:1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; and from that which was our father's he has acquired all this wealth³¹⁶.

31:2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.³¹⁷

31:3 And Yahweh said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your kindred; and I will be with you.

31:4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock,

³¹³ come in

³¹⁴ sprouts

³¹⁵ broke forth mightily

³¹⁶ honour

³¹⁷ three yesterdays ago

31:5 And said to them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before;³¹⁸ but the Elohim of my father has been with me.

31:6 And you know that with all my power I have served your father.

31:7 And your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but Elohim *did* not allow him to hurt me.

31:8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be your wages; then all the flocks bore speckled: and if he said thus, The striped shall be your wages; then bore all the flocks striped.

31:9 Thus Elohim has taken away the flock of your father, and given them to me.

31:10 And it came to pass at the time that the flocks conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were striped, speckled, and mottled.

31:11 And the angel of Elohim spoke to me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

31:12 And he said, Lift up now your eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the flocks are striped, speckled, and mottled: for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

31:13 I am the Elohim of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar, and where you vowed a vow to me: now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your kindred.

31:14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

31:15 Are we not counted *as* strangers by him? For he has sold us, and in consuming, has consumed also our money³¹⁹.

31:16 For all the riches which Elohim has taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever Elohim has said to you, do.

31:17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

31:18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods³²⁰ which he had acquired, the multitude of flocks³²¹, which he had acquired in Padan Aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

31:19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the idols³²² that were her father's.

31:20 And Jacob stole away by stealth from³²³ Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

31:21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mountain Gilead.³²⁴

31:22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob fled.

³¹⁸ three yesterdays ago

³¹⁹ silver

³²⁰ acquisition

³²¹ flocks he flocked

³²² Hebrew *teraphim* - a type of household gods, probably in human form

³²³ by deceiving the heart of

³²⁴ strong, rocky

31:23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mountain Gilead.

31:24 And Elohim came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, Take heed that you speak not to Jacob either good or bad.³²⁵

31:25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountain of Gilead.

31:26 And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, that you have stolen away by stealth from me,³²⁶ and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

31:27 Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and did not tell me, that I might have sent you away with mirth, and with songs, with tambourine, and with harp?

31:28 And have not allowed me to kiss my sons and my daughters? You have now done foolishly in so doing.

31:29 It is in the power of my hand to do you harm:³²⁷ but the Elohim of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Take you heed that you speak not to Jacob either good or bad.³²⁸

31:30 And now, though in going, you *need to go*³²⁹, because in yearning, you *indeed* yearn³³⁰ after your father's house, yet why have you stolen my gods?³³¹

31:31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Perhaps you would take by force your daughters from me.

31:32 With whomever you find your gods,³³² let him not live: before our brethren you discern what is yours from mine, and take it to yourself. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

31:33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

31:34 Now Rachel had taken the idols,³³³ and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban searched the entire tent, but found them not.

31:35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before you; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the idols.³³⁴

31:36 And Jacob was angry, and reproved Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? What is my sin that you have so hotly pursued after me?

³²⁵ evil

³²⁶ by deceiving my heart

³²⁷ evil

³²⁸ evil

³²⁹ in going, you go

³³⁰ in yearning, you yearn

³³¹ elohim

³³² elohim

³³³ Hebrew *teraphim* – household gods

³³⁴ Hebrew *teraphim* – household gods

31:37 For you have searched all my stuff, what have you found of all your household stuff? Set it here before my brethren and your brethren that they may judge between us both.

31:38 This twenty years have I been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not cast their young, and the rams of your flock I have not eaten.

31:39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not to you; I bore the loss of it; of my hand did you require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

31:40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from my eyes.

31:41 Thus have I been twenty years in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flocks: and you have changed my wages ten times.

31:42 Except the Elohim of my father, the Elohim of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you *would* have sent me away empty. Elohim has seen my affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked you last night.

31:43 And Laban answered and said to Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these sons are my sons, and these flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine: and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their sons whom they have borne?

31:44 Now therefore come, let us make³³⁵ a covenant, you and I; and let it be for a witness between you and me.

31:45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

31:46 And Jacob said to his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

31:47 And Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha:³³⁶ but Jacob called it Galeed.³³⁷

31:48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and you this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

31:49 And Mizpah;³³⁸ for he said, Yahweh watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another.

31:50 If you shall afflict my daughters, or if you shall take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, Elohim is witness between you and me.

31:51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have put between me and you;

31:52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm³³⁹.

31:53 The Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Nahor, the Elohim of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

31:54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mountain.

³³⁵ cut

³³⁶ heap of witness

³³⁷ heap of witness

³³⁸ watch-tower

³³⁹ evil

31:55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned to his place.

32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of Elohim met him.

32:2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is Elohim's host.³⁴⁰ and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.³⁴¹

32:3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir,³⁴² the country of Edom.

32:4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall you speak to my lord Esau; Your servant Jacob said thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

32:5 And I have oxen, and donkeys, flocks, and menservants, and maidservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in your sight.

32:6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and he also comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him.

32:7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed:³⁴³ and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

32:8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

32:9 And Jacob said, O Elohim of my father Abraham, and Elohim of my father Isaac, Yahweh who said to me, Return to your country, and to your kindred, and I will deal well with you:

32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

32:11 Deliver me, I pray You, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, and the mother with the children.³⁴⁴

32:12 And You said, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

32:13 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

32:14 Two hundred female goats, and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

32:15 Thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows, and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys, and ten foals.

32:16 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said to his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space between drove and drove.

³⁴⁰ camp

³⁴¹ double camp

³⁴² rough, wooded

³⁴³ depressed

³⁴⁴ sons

32:17 And he commanded the first, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, saying, Who *do* you belong to? And where are you going? And whose are these before you?

32:18 Then you shall say, They are your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to my lord Esau: and, behold, he is also behind us.

32:19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, In this manner shall you speak to Esau, when you find him.

32:20 And also say, Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept of me.

32:21 So the present went over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the camp.

32:22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two maidservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.³⁴⁵

32:23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had.

32:24 And Jacob remained alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the break of dawn.

32:25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he struck the socket of his thigh; and the socket of Jacob's thigh was disjointed, as he wrestled with him.

32:26 And he said, Send me away, for the dawn breaks. And he said, I will not let you go, unless you bless me.

32:27 And he said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob.

32:28 And he said, Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel:³⁴⁶ for you have been a prince with Elohim and with men, and have prevailed.

32:29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Reveal your name, I pray. And he said, Why is it that you ask about my name? And he blessed him there.

32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel:³⁴⁷ for I have seen Elohim face to face, and my life is preserved.

32:31 And as he passed over Penuel³⁴⁸ the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh.

32:32 Therefore the children of Israel *do* not eat of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the socket of the thigh, to this day: because he struck the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

33:1 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two maidservants.

³⁴⁵ running, flowing

³⁴⁶ ruling with God

³⁴⁷ face of God

³⁴⁸ face of God

33:2 And he put the maidservants and their children first, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph last.

33:3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

33:4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

33:5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with you? And he said, The children whom Elohim has graciously given your servant.

33:6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

33:7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed themselves.

33:8 And he said, Whose *are* all this company which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

33:9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep *all* that you have for yourself.

33:10 And Jacob said, No, I beseech you, if now I have found grace in your sight, then receive my present at my hand: for thus I have seen your face, as though I had seen the face of Elohim, and you were pleased with me.

33:11 Take, I beseech you, my blessing that is brought to you; because Elohim had dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

33:12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you.

33:13 And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them *in* one day, all the flock will die.

33:14 Let my lord, I beseech you, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on gently, according as the cattle that goes before me and the children are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir.

33:15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with you some of the people who are with me. And he said, What need is there? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

33:16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

33:17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth,³⁴⁹ and built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

33:18 And Jacob came to Shalem,³⁵⁰ a city of Shechem,³⁵¹ which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram;³⁵² and pitched his tent before the city.

33:19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, from the hand of the children of Hamor,³⁵³ Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.³⁵⁴

³⁴⁹ booths

³⁵⁰ peace, summit

³⁵¹ shoulder

³⁵² plain of Aram

³⁵³ large male donkey

33:20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El Elohe Israel.³⁵⁵

34:1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

34:2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

34:3 And his soul cleaved to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spoke to the heart of the damsel.

34:4 And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel as a wife.

34:5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his livestock in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they came.

34:6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

34:7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had brought folly to Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter; a thing which ought not to be done.

34:8 And Hamor spoke with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter: I beseech you, give her to him as a wife.

34:9 And make marriages with us, and give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to you.

34:10 And you shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade in it, and have possessions in it.

34:11 And Shechem said to her father and to her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and whatever you shall say to me, I will give.

34:12 Ask me for however much dowry and gift, and I will give according as you shall say to me: but give me the damsel as a wife.

34:13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

34:14 And they said to them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that is a reproach to us:

34:15 But in this will we consent to you: If you will be as we are, that every male of yours be circumcised;

34:16 Then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

34:17 But if you will not hearken to us, to be circumcised; then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.

34:18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

34:19 And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

³⁵⁴ Hebrew *qesitah* – silver coin

³⁵⁵ El the God of Israel

34:20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying,

34:21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade in it; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

34:22 Only in this manner will the men consent to us to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

34:23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every animal of theirs be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell with us.

34:24 And all that went out of the gate of his city heeded to Hamor and to Shechem his son; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

34:25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

34:26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

34:27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

34:28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their donkeys, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,

34:29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and they took their wives captive, and plundered even all that was in the house.

34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, my house and I.

34:31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

35:1 And Elohim said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar to El, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.

35:2 Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign gods³⁵⁶ that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

35:3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar to El, who answered me in the day of my distress, and who was with me in the way which I went.

35:4 And they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods³⁵⁷ which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

³⁵⁶ elohim

³⁵⁷ elohim

35:5 And they journeyed: and the terror of Elohim was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

35:6 So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him.

35:7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El Bethel:³⁵⁸ because there Elohim appeared to him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

35:8 But Deborah³⁵⁹ Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon Bachuth.³⁶⁰

35:9 And Elohim appeared to Jacob again, when he came out of Padan Aram, and blessed him.

35:10 And Elohim said to him, Your name is Jacob: your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name: and He called his name Israel.

35:11 And Elohim said to him, I am El Shaddai: be fruitful and multiply; you shall become a nation and a company of nations, and kings shall come out of your loins;

35:12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to you I will give it, and to your seed after you will I give the land.

35:13 And Elohim went up from him in the place where He talked with him.

35:14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

35:15 And Jacob called the name of the place where Elohim spoke with him, Bethel.

35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath:³⁶¹ and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

35:17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said to her, Fear not; you shall have this son also.

35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni³⁶²: but his father called him Benjamin³⁶³.

35:19 And Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.³⁶⁴

35:20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

35:21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.³⁶⁵

35:22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

³⁵⁸ God of the house of God

³⁵⁹ bee, wasp

³⁶⁰ oak of weeping

³⁶¹ fertility

³⁶² son of my sorrow

³⁶³ son of my right hand

³⁶⁴ place of food

³⁶⁵ flock

35:23 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:

35:24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:

35:25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:

35:26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Padan Aram.

35:27 And Jacob came to Isaac his father to Mamre, to the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

35:28 And the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.

35:29 And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

36:1 Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.

36:2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan; Adah³⁶⁶ the daughter of Elon³⁶⁷ the Hittite, and Aholibamah³⁶⁸ the daughter of Anah³⁶⁹ the daughter of Zibeon³⁷⁰ the Hivite;

36:3 And Bashemath³⁷¹ Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.³⁷²

36:4 And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz;³⁷³ and Bashemath bore Reuel;³⁷⁴

36:5 And Aholibamah bore Jeush,³⁷⁵ and Jaalam, and Korah.³⁷⁶ these are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

36:6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons³⁷⁷ of his house, and his livestock, and all his animals, and all his substance,³⁷⁸ which he had acquired in the land of Canaan; and went into the country away from the face of his brother Jacob.

36:7 For their possessions³⁷⁹ had become *too* great for them to dwell together; and the land where they were sojourners could not bear them because of their cattle.

36:8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

36:9 And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:

³⁶⁶ pleasure

³⁶⁷ oak, strong

³⁶⁸ tent of the high place

³⁶⁹ answering

³⁷⁰ wild robber

³⁷¹ fragrant

³⁷² husbandry

³⁷³ God is dispenser

³⁷⁴ God is friend

³⁷⁵ collector

³⁷⁶ baldness

³⁷⁷ souls

³⁷⁸ acquisitions

³⁷⁹ acquisitions

36:10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

36:11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar,³⁸⁰ Zepho,³⁸¹ and Gatam,³⁸² and Kenaz.³⁸³

36:12 And Timna³⁸⁴ was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek:³⁸⁵ these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

36:13 And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath,³⁸⁶ and Zerah,³⁸⁷ Shammah,³⁸⁸ and Mizzah:³⁸⁹ these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

36:14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau, Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36:15 These were chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz,

36:16 Chief Korah, chief Gatam, and chief Amalek: these are the chiefs that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.

36:17 And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these are the chiefs that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

36:18 And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; chief Jeush, chief Jaalam, chief Korah: these were the chiefs that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

36:19 These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their chiefs.

36:20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan³⁹⁰, and Shobal,³⁹¹ and Zibeon, and Anah,

36:21 And Dishon,³⁹² and Ezer,³⁹³ and Dishan:³⁹⁴ these are the chiefs of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

36:22 And the children of Lotan were Hori³⁹⁵ and Hemam,³⁹⁶ and Lotan's sister was Timna.

³⁸⁰ mountaineer

³⁸¹ watch

³⁸² burnt valley

³⁸³ side, flank

³⁸⁴ refreshing

³⁸⁵ warlike, dwelling in the vale

³⁸⁶ lowness

³⁸⁷ sprout

³⁸⁸ fame, renown

³⁸⁹ terror, joy

³⁹⁰ a covering

³⁹¹ Yah is glorious

³⁹² leaping

³⁹³ help

³⁹⁴ leaping

³⁹⁵ free, noble

³⁹⁶ raging

36:23 And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan,³⁹⁷ and Manahath,³⁹⁸ and Ebal,³⁹⁹ Shepho,⁴⁰⁰ and Onam.⁴⁰¹

36:24 And these are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah,⁴⁰² and Anah: this was that Anah who found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the donkeys of Zibeon his father.

36:25 And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

36:26 And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan,⁴⁰³ and Eshban,⁴⁰⁴ and Ithran,⁴⁰⁵ and Cheran.⁴⁰⁶

36:27 The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan,⁴⁰⁷ and Zaavan,⁴⁰⁸ and Akan.⁴⁰⁹

36:28 The children of Dishan are these; Uz,⁴¹⁰ and Aran.⁴¹¹

36:29 These are the chiefs that came of the Horites; chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,

36:30 Chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan: these are the chiefs that came of Hori, among their chiefs in the land of Seir.

36:31 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

36:32 And Bela⁴¹² the son of Beor⁴¹³ reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

36:33 And Bela died, and Jobab⁴¹⁴ the son of Zerah of Bozrah⁴¹⁵ reigned in his stead.

36:34 And Jobab died, and Husham⁴¹⁶ of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

36:35 And Husham died, and Hadad⁴¹⁷ the son of Bedad,⁴¹⁸ who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.⁴¹⁹

³⁹⁷ sublime

³⁹⁸ resting place, rest

³⁹⁹ bare

⁴⁰⁰ unconcern

⁴⁰¹ strength

⁴⁰² a vulture

⁴⁰³ pleasant

⁴⁰⁴ man of understanding

⁴⁰⁵ excellent

⁴⁰⁶ cheran

⁴⁰⁷ tender

⁴⁰⁸ causing fear

⁴⁰⁹ acute, twisted

⁴¹⁰ firmness

⁴¹¹ firmness

⁴¹² consumption

⁴¹³ shepherd

⁴¹⁴ howling

⁴¹⁵ fortification, restraint, sheepfold

⁴¹⁶ hasting

⁴¹⁷ mighty

⁴¹⁸ son of Adad

⁴¹⁹ hut, village

36:36 And Hadad died, and Samlah⁴²⁰ of Masrekah⁴²¹ reigned in his stead.
 36:37 And Samlah died, and Saul⁴²² of Rehoboth⁴²³ by the river reigned in his stead.
 36:38 And Saul died, and Baalhanan⁴²⁴ the son of Achbor⁴²⁵ reigned in his stead.
 36:39 And Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar⁴²⁶ reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau;⁴²⁷ and his wife's name was Mehetabel,⁴²⁸ the daughter of Matred,⁴²⁹ the daughter of Mezahab.⁴³⁰
 36:40 And these are the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; chief Timnah,⁴³¹ chief Alvah,⁴³² chief Jetheth,⁴³³
 36:41 Chief Aholibamah, chief Elah,⁴³⁴ chief Pinon,⁴³⁵
 36:42 Chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,⁴³⁶
 36:43 Chief Magdiel,⁴³⁷ chief Iram: these are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: Esau was the father of the Edomites.

37:1 And Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a sojourner, in the land of Canaan.

37:2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought to his father an evil report of them.

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

37:4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it *to* his brethren: and they hated him even more.

37:6 And he said to them, Hear, I beseech you, this dream which I have dreamed:

⁴²⁰ garment

⁴²¹ place of rivers

⁴²² asked

⁴²³ enlargement

⁴²⁴ the lord is gracious

⁴²⁵ a mouse

⁴²⁶ enclosing, fire God, powerful

⁴²⁷ a yawning deep

⁴²⁸ God is doing good

⁴²⁹ God is pursuer

⁴³⁰ offspring of the shining one

⁴³¹ allotment

⁴³² sublimity

⁴³³ subjection

⁴³⁴ oak

⁴³⁵ ore pit

⁴³⁶ fortified

⁴³⁷ God is renown

37:7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, behold, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and bowed to my sheaf.

37:8 And his brethren said to him, Shall you indeed reign⁴³⁸ over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion⁴³⁹ over us? And they hated him yet even more for his dreams, and for his words.

37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it *to* his brethren, and said, Behold, I have again dreamed *another* dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed to me.

37:10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to the earth to you?

37:11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying.

37:12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.⁴⁴⁰

37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brethren tending the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here am I.

37:14 And he said to him, Go, I beseech you, see whether it be well⁴⁴¹ with your brethren, and well⁴⁴² with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

37:15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What *do* you seek?

37:16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I beseech you, where they feed their flocks.

37:17 And the man said, They are departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan.⁴⁴³ And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

37:18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near to them, they conspired against him to slay him.

37:19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer⁴⁴⁴ comes

37:20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some *wild* beast has devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

37:21 And Reuben heard it, and he rescued him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

⁴³⁸ in reigning, reign

⁴³⁹ in reigning, reign

⁴⁴⁰ shoulder

⁴⁴¹ Hebrew *shalom*

⁴⁴² Hebrew *shalom*

⁴⁴³ double feast

⁴⁴⁴ master of dreams

37:22 And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rescue him out of their hands, to return him to his father again.

37:23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come to his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

37:24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

37:25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead⁴⁴⁵ with their camels bearing spices and balm and gum,⁴⁴⁶ on the way down to Egypt.

37:26 And Judah said to his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

37:27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren listened.

37:28 Then there passed by Midianite traders; and they drew and lifted Joseph up out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

37:29 And Reuben returned to the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

37:30 And he returned to his brethren, and said, The child is not *there*; and I, where shall I go?

37:31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

37:32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, We have found this: Do you know whether it is your son's coat or not?

37:33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; a *wild* beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.

37:34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave to my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

37:36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the executioners.

38:1 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite,⁴⁴⁷ whose name was Hirah.⁴⁴⁸

⁴⁴⁵ strong, rocky

⁴⁴⁶ Hebrew *ladanum* – gum of the cistus

⁴⁴⁷ Hebrew *Adullam* – resting place. Adullamite – native of Adullam

⁴⁴⁸ distinction, nobility

38:2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah;⁴⁴⁹ and he took her, and went in to her.

38:3 And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er.⁴⁵⁰

38:4 And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan.⁴⁵¹

38:5 And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah:⁴⁵² and he was at Chezib,⁴⁵³ when she bore him.

38:6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.⁴⁵⁴

38:7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of Yahweh; and Yahweh slew him.

38:8 And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to your brother.

38:9 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother.

38:10 And the thing which he did displeased Yahweh: therefore He slew him also.

38:11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at your father's house, till Shelah my son is grown: for he said, Lest he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

38:12 And in the process of time⁴⁵⁵ the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

38:13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold your father-in-law goes up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

38:14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him as wife.

38:15 When Judah saw her, he took her to be a harlot; because she had covered her face.

38:16 And he turned to her by the way, and said, Come, I beseech you, let me come in to you; (for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me?

38:17 And he said, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge, till you send it?

38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet, and your bracelet cord,⁴⁵⁶ and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave it her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him.

⁴⁴⁹ prosperity

⁴⁵⁰ watcher

⁴⁵¹ strength

⁴⁵² peace

⁴⁵³ deceitful

⁴⁵⁴ palm tree

⁴⁵⁵ after many days

⁴⁵⁶ Hebrew *pathil* – braid, cord

38:19 And she arose, and went away, and removed her veil from her face, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

38:20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

38:21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, who was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

38:22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

38:23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her.

38:24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by harlotry. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

38:25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, to whom these *belong*, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I beseech you, whose are these, the signet, and bracelet cord,⁴⁵⁷ and staff.

38:26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She has been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

38:27 And it came to pass in the time of her labour, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

38:28 And it came to pass, when she laboured, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

38:29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How have you broken forth? This breach be upon you: therefore his name was called Perez.⁴⁵⁸

38:30 And afterward his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah.⁴⁵⁹

39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the executioners, an Egyptian, bought him from the hands of the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down there.

39:2 And Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

39:3 And his master saw that Yahweh was with him, and that Yahweh made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

39:4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

⁴⁵⁷ Hebrew *pathil* – braid, cord

⁴⁵⁸ bursting through

⁴⁵⁹ sprout

39:5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Yahweh blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of Yahweh was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

39:6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not what he had, save the bread which he ate. And Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance.

39:7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

39:8 But he refused, and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master knows not what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand;

39:9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back any thing from me but you, because you are his wife: how then can I do this great evil, and sin against Elohim?

39:10 And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not to her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

39:11 And it came to pass about this time,⁴⁶⁰ that Joseph went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

39:12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and ran outside.

39:13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled outside,

39:14 That she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

39:15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and ran out.

39:16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

39:17 And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me:

39:18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled outside.

39:19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, After this manner your servant did to me; that his anger was kindled.

39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

39:21 But Yahweh was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the captain of the prison.

39:22 And the captain of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

⁴⁶⁰ this day

39:23 The captain of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because Yahweh was with him, and that which he did, Yahweh made it to prosper.

40:1 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended⁴⁶¹ their lord the king of Egypt.

40:2 And Pharaoh was angry with two of his officers; against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

40:3 And he put them under guard in the prison⁴⁶² of the captain of the executioners, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

40:4 And the captain of the executioners charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued *a number of* days under guard.

40:5 And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were imprisoned in the prison.

40:6 And Joseph came in to them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

40:7 And he asked Pharaoh's eunuchs that were with him under guard in his lord's house, saying, Why *do* you look so sad today?

40:8 And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to Elohim? Tell them *to* me, I beseech you.

40:9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

40:10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it blossomed, and her blossoms shot up; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

40:12 And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

40:13 For within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head, and restore you to your place: and you shall deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when you were his butler.

40:14 But remember me when it shall be well with you, and show kindness, I beseech you, to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

40:15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also I have done nothing *for* which they should put me into the dungeon.

40:16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

⁴⁶¹ sinned against

⁴⁶² house

40:17 And in the uppermost basket there were all kinds of baked *goods* for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

40:18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

40:19 For within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head from off you, and shall hang you on a tree; and the birds shall eat your flesh off you.

40:20 And it came to pass *on* the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

40:21 And he restored the chief butler to his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

40:22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

40:23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

41:1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

41:2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven heifers, beautiful in appearance and fat of flesh; and they fed in the meadow.

41:3 And, behold, seven other heifers came up after them out of the river, evil in appearance and lean of flesh; and stood by the other heifers on the bank of the river.

41:4 And the evil in appearance and lean of flesh heifers ate up the seven beautiful in appearance and fat of flesh heifers. So Pharaoh awoke.

41:5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, fat and good.

41:6 And, behold, seven ears of grain, thin and blasted by the east wind sprung up after them.

41:7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

41:9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my sins this day:

41:10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me under guard in the captain of the executioners' prison,⁴⁶³ both me and the chief baker:

41:11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, he and I; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

41:12 And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew servant to the captain of the executioners; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; he interpreted to each man according to his dream.

⁴⁶³ house

41:13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it happened; he restored me to my office, and him he hanged.

41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in to Pharaoh.

41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it: and I have heard it said of you, that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.

41:16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: Elohim shall give Pharaoh an answer of well-being.⁴⁶⁴

41:17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

41:18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven heifers, fat of flesh and beautiful of appearance; and they fed in a meadow:

41:19 And, behold, seven other heifer came up after them, poor and very evil in appearance and lean of flesh, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for evil:

41:20 And the lean and the evil heifers ate up the first seven fat heifers:

41:21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be seen that they had eaten them; but they were still evil in appearance, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

41:22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

41:23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted by the east wind, sprung up after them:

41:24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this to the magicians; but there was no one who could explain it to me.

41:25 And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: Elohim has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

41:26 The seven good heifers are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

41:27 And the seven thin and evil heifers that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted by the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

41:28 This is the word which I have spoken to Pharaoh: What Elohim is about to do He has shown to Pharaoh.

41:29 Behold, there *will* come⁴⁶⁵ seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

41:30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume⁴⁶⁶ the land;

41:31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very severe.

⁴⁶⁴ Hebrew *shalom*

⁴⁶⁵ are coming

⁴⁶⁶ finished off

41:32 And for that the dream was repeated⁴⁶⁷ to Pharaoh twice; it is because the word is established by Elohim, and Elohim will shortly bring it to pass.

41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh seek a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

41:34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

41:35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

41:36 And that food shall be for storage for the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish⁴⁶⁸ not through the famine.

41:37 And the word was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the Spirit of Elohim is?

41:39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In as much as Elohim has shown you all this, there is none as discerning and wise as you are:

41:40 You shall be over my house, and according to your word shall all my people be ruled:⁴⁶⁹ only in the throne will I be greater than you.

41:41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

41:42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen,⁴⁷⁰ and put a gold chain around his neck;

41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

41:44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you no man shall lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah;⁴⁷¹ and he gave him as wife Asenath⁴⁷² the daughter of Potipherah priest of On.⁴⁷³ And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

41:46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

41:47 And in the seven years of plenty the earth brought forth abundantly.

41:48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, he laid up in the same *city*.

⁴⁶⁷ doubled

⁴⁶⁸ be cut off

⁴⁶⁹ kissed *your hand*

⁴⁷⁰ clothe him with fine white garments

⁴⁷¹ saviour of the world

⁴⁷² dedicated to Neit

⁴⁷³ sun

41:49 And Joseph gathered grain as the sand of the sea, abounding mightily, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

41:50 And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bore to him.

41:51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh:⁴⁷⁴ For Elohim, said he, has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

41:52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim:⁴⁷⁵ For Elohim has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

41:53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

41:54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the famine was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

41:55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.

41:56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

41:57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy grain; because the famine was severe in all lands.

42:1 Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look one upon another?

42:2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt: go down there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die.

42:3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy grain in Egypt.

42:4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brethren; for he said, Lest some harm befall him.

42:5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *grain* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

42:6 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and it was he who sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed themselves before him with their faces down to the earth.

42:7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but acted as a stranger to them, and spoke roughly to them; and he said to them, Where have you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

42:8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew him not.

42:9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.

42:10 And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

42:11 We are all one man's sons; we are honest men, your servants are no spies.

42:12 And he said to them, No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land.

⁴⁷⁴ causing forgetfulness

⁴⁷⁵ doubly fruitful

42:13 And they said, Your servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

42:14 And Joseph said to them, This is that which I have spoken to you, saying, You are spies:

42:15 You shall hereby be proved: By the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here, unless your youngest brother come here.

42:16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies.

42:17 And he put them all together under guard for three days.

42:18 And Joseph said to them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear Elohim:

42:19 If you are honest men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go carry grain for the famine of your houses:

42:20 But bring your youngest brother to me; so shall your words be verified, and you shall not die. And they did so.

42:21 And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

42:22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and you would not hear? Therefore, behold, his blood is now required *of us*.

42:23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spoke to them by an interpreter.

42:24 And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and spoke with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

42:25 Then Joseph commanded their sacks to be filled with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus he did to them.

42:26 And they laded their donkeys with the grain, and departed thence.

42:27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder in the encampment, he saw his money;⁴⁷⁶ for, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.

42:28 And he said to his brethren, My money⁴⁷⁷ is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that Elohim has done to us?

42:29 And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell them; saying,

42:30 The man, who is the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

42:31 And we said to him, We are honest men; we are not spies:

⁴⁷⁶ silver

⁴⁷⁷ silver

42:32 We are twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

42:33 And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, Hereby shall I know that you are honest men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone:

42:34 And bring your youngest brother to me: then shall I know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men: so will I deliver you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

42:35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money⁴⁷⁸ was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money,⁴⁷⁹ they were afraid.

42:36 And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

42:37 And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to you: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again.

42:38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left: if harm befall him by the way in which you go, then you shall bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.

43:1 And the famine was severe in the land.

43:2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food.

43:3 And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man did solemnly declare to us, saying, You shall not see my face, unless your brother be with you.

43:4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food:

43:5 But if you will not send him, we will not go down: for the man said to us, You shall not see my face, unless your brother be with you.

43:6 And Israel said, Why do you wrong me by telling the man you still had another brother?

43:7 And they said, The man asked us⁴⁸⁰ concerning our affairs, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? Do you have another brother? And we answered him according to these words. Could we know certainly that he would say, Bring your brother down?

43:8 And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, and also our little ones.

43:9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shall you require him: if I bring him not to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the blame for ever:

⁴⁷⁸ silver

⁴⁷⁹ silver

⁴⁸⁰ In asking, the man asked

43:10 For except we had lingered, surely *by* now we would have returned the second time.

43:11 And their father Israel said to them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and bring down a present to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

43:12 And take double money⁴⁸¹ in your hand; and the money⁴⁸² that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, bring it again in your hand; lest it was an oversight:

43:13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man:

43:14 And El Shaddai give you mercies before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

43:15 And the men took the present, and they took double money⁴⁸³ in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

43:16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slaughter *livestock*,⁴⁸⁴ and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

43:17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

43:18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money⁴⁸⁵ that was returned in our sacks at the first time we are brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for slaves, and our donkeys.

43:19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke with him at the door of the house,

43:20 And said, O lord, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

43:21 And it came to pass, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money⁴⁸⁶ was in the mouth of his sack, our money⁴⁸⁷ in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

43:22 And we have brought other money⁴⁸⁸ down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money⁴⁸⁹ in our sacks.

43:23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your Elohim, and the Elohim of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks: your money⁴⁹⁰ came to me. And he brought Simeon out to them.

⁴⁸¹ silver

⁴⁸² silver

⁴⁸³ silver

⁴⁸⁴ slaughter a slaughter

⁴⁸⁵ silver

⁴⁸⁶ silver

⁴⁸⁷ silver

⁴⁸⁸ silver

⁴⁸⁹ silver

⁴⁹⁰ silver

43:24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder.

43:25 And they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

43:26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

43:27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well,⁴⁹¹ the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?

43:28 And they answered, Your servant our father is in good health, he is still alive. And they bowed down their heads, and prostrated themselves.

43:29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said, Elohim be gracious to you, my son.

43:30 And Joseph made haste; for his affections were deeply moved towards his brother: and he sought *somewhere* to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

43:31 And he washed his face, and went out, and restrained himself, and said, Lay out *the bread*.

43:32 And they laid out for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, eating with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians do not eat bread with the Hebrews; for this is an abomination to the Egyptians.

43:33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

43:34 And he took and sent portions to them from before him: but Benjamin's portion was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

44:1 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money⁴⁹² in his sack's mouth.

44:2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money.⁴⁹³ And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

44:3 At the morning light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys.

44:4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, Rise up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you repaid evil for good?

44:5 Is this not *the cup*⁴⁹⁴ in which my lord drinks, and with which he divines?⁴⁹⁵ You have done evil in so doing.

44:6 And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words.

⁴⁹¹ Hebrew *shalom*

⁴⁹² silver

⁴⁹³ silver

⁴⁹⁴ it

⁴⁹⁵ in prognosticating, prognosticate

44:7 And they said to him, Why does my lord say these words? Far be it that your servants should do according to this word:

44:8 Behold, the money,⁴⁹⁶ which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan. How then could we steal out of your lord's house silver or gold?

44:9 With whoever of your servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves.

44:10 And he said, Now also let it be according to your words: he with whom it is found shall be my slave; and you shall be blameless.

44:11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

44:12 And he searched, and began with the oldest first and the youngest last: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

44:13 Then they rent their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and returned to the city.

44:14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was still there: and they fell before him on the ground.

44:15 And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Did you not know that such a man as I can certainly divine?⁴⁹⁷

44:16 And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? Elohim has found out the iniquity of your servants. Behold, we are my lord's slaves, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

44:17 And he said, Far be it that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my slave; and as for you, go up in peace to your father.

44:18 Then Judah came near to him, and said, Oh my lord, let your servant, I beseech you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant: for you are even as Pharaoh.

44:19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother?

44:20 And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.

44:21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him.

44:22 And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

44:23 And you said to your servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more.

44:24 And it came to pass when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

⁴⁹⁶ silver

⁴⁹⁷ in prognosticating, prognosticate

44:25 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

44:26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

44:27 And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two sons:

44:28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn⁴⁹⁸ in pieces; and I saw him not since:

44:29 And if you take this also from me, and harm befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

44:30 Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

44:31 It shall come to pass, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and your servants shall bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

44:32 For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I bring him not to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

44:33 Now therefore, I beseech you, let your servant abide instead of the lad a slave to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

44:34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? Lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45:1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brethren.

45:2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

45:3 And Joseph said to his brethren, I am Joseph. Does my father still live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they trembled at his presence.

45:4 And Joseph said to his brethren, Come near to me, I beseech you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5 Now therefore do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here: for Elohim did send me before you to preserve life.

45:6 For these two years the famine has been in the land: and there are yet five years, in which there shall be neither ploughing nor harvest.

45:7 And Elohim sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

45:8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but Elohim: and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

45:9 Hasten, and go up to my father, and say to him, Thus said your son Joseph, Elohim has made me lord of all Egypt: come down to me, tarry not:

⁴⁹⁸ in tearing, he is torn

45:10 And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you, and your children,⁴⁹⁹ and your children's children,⁵⁰⁰ and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have:

45:11 And there I will nourish you; for there are yet five years of famine; lest you, and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty⁵⁰¹.

45:12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

45:13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory⁵⁰² in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hasten and bring my father down here.

45:14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

45:15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

45:16 And the word⁵⁰³ was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren have come: and it was well-pleasing in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants.

45:17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brethren, Do this, load your animals and go, depart to the land of Canaan;

45:18 And take your father and your households, and come to me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.

45:19 Now you are commanded, do this; take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

45:20 Also let not your eyes spare your vessels; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

45:21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

45:22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

45:23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten donkeys laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she donkeys laden with grain and bread and food for his father along⁵⁰⁴ the way.

45:24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said to them, See that you do not be troubled⁵⁰⁵ along the way.

45:25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father,

⁴⁹⁹ sons

⁵⁰⁰ sons' sons

⁵⁰¹ be dispossessed

⁵⁰² honour

⁵⁰³ voice

⁵⁰⁴ for

⁵⁰⁵ Hebrew *ragaz* – to be angry or upset or troubled

45:26 And told him, saying, Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

45:27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

45:28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46:1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the Elohim of his father Isaac.

46:2 And Elohim spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

46:3 And he said, I am El, the Elohim of your father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for there I will make of you a great nation:

46:4 I will go down with you into Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon your eyes.

46:5 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

46:6 And they took their livestock, and their goods,⁵⁰⁶ which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

46:7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt.

46:8 And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

46:9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch,⁵⁰⁷ and Phallu,⁵⁰⁸ and Hezron,⁵⁰⁹ and Carmi.⁵¹⁰

46:10 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel,⁵¹¹ and Jamin,⁵¹² and Ohad,⁵¹³ and Jachin,⁵¹⁴ and Zohar,⁵¹⁵ and Shaul⁵¹⁶ the son of a Canaanitish woman.

46:11 And the sons of Levi; Gershon,⁵¹⁷ Kohath,⁵¹⁸ and Merari.⁵¹⁹

⁵⁰⁶ acquisitions

⁵⁰⁷ dedicated

⁵⁰⁸ distinguished, wonderful

⁵⁰⁹ blooming

⁵¹⁰ fruitful, noble

⁵¹¹ God is light

⁵¹² right hand, prosperity

⁵¹³ powerful

⁵¹⁴ founding

⁵¹⁵ nobility, distinction

⁵¹⁶ asked

⁵¹⁷ a stranger there

⁵¹⁸ assembly

⁵¹⁹ bitter, excited

46:12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron⁵²⁰ and Hamul.⁵²¹

46:13 And the sons of Issachar; Tola,⁵²² and Phuvah,⁵²³ and Job,⁵²⁴ and Shimron.⁵²⁵

46:14 And the sons of Zebulun; Sered,⁵²⁶ and Elon,⁵²⁷ and Jahleel.⁵²⁸

46:15 These are the sons of Leah, which she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

46:16 And the sons of Gad; Ziphion,⁵²⁹ and Haggi,⁵³⁰ Shuni,⁵³¹ and Ezbon,⁵³² Eri,⁵³³ and Arodi,⁵³⁴ and Areli.⁵³⁵

46:17 And the sons of Asher; Jimnah,⁵³⁶ and Ishuah,⁵³⁷ and Isui, and Beriah,⁵³⁸ and Serah⁵³⁹ their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber,⁵⁴⁰ and Malchiel.⁵⁴¹

46:18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob, even sixteen souls.

46:19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

46:20 And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bore to him.

46:21 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah,⁵⁴² and Becher,⁵⁴³ and Ashbel,⁵⁴⁴ Gera,⁵⁴⁵ and Naaman,⁵⁴⁶ Ehi,⁵⁴⁷ and Rosh,⁵⁴⁸ Muppim,⁵⁴⁹ and Huppim,⁵⁵⁰ and Ard.⁵⁵¹

⁵²⁰ blooming

⁵²¹ pity

⁵²² warm, crimson

⁵²³ utterance

⁵²⁴ returning

⁵²⁵ watch

⁵²⁶ escape, deliverance

⁵²⁷ oak, strong

⁵²⁸ God waits

⁵²⁹ looking out, serpent, dark

⁵³⁰ festive

⁵³¹ fortunate

⁵³² splendour

⁵³³ my watcher

⁵³⁴ my posterity

⁵³⁵ valiant, heroic

⁵³⁶ prosperity

⁵³⁷ self-answering

⁵³⁸ unfortunate

⁵³⁹ extension

⁵⁴⁰ companion

⁵⁴¹ God is a king

⁵⁴² consumption

⁵⁴³ youth, first born

⁵⁴⁴ man of Baal

⁵⁴⁵ enmity

⁵⁴⁶ pleasant

⁵⁴⁷ unity

46:22 These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

46:23 And the sons of Dan; Hushim.⁵⁵²

46:24 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel,⁵⁵³ and Guni,⁵⁵⁴ and Jezer,⁵⁵⁵ and Shillem.⁵⁵⁶

46:25 These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob: all the souls were seven.

46:26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty-six;

46:27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born *to* him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were seventy-five.⁵⁵⁷

46:28 And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct his face to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

46:29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself to him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

46:30 And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive.

46:31 And Joseph said to his brethren, and to his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

46:32 And the men are shepherds, for they have been men of livestock; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

46:33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

46:34 That you shall say, Your servants' have been men of livestock from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.

47:1 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

47:2 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them to Pharaoh.

⁵⁴⁸ head

⁵⁴⁹ obscurities

⁵⁵⁰ protection

⁵⁵¹ sprout, descent

⁵⁵² hasting

⁵⁵³ God apportions

⁵⁵⁴ protected

⁵⁵⁵ formation

⁵⁵⁶ recompense

⁵⁵⁷ Septuagint recorded seventy-five souls in line with Acts 7:14

47:3 And Pharaoh said to his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

47:4 They said moreover to Pharaoh, We have come to dwell in the land; for your servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we beseech you, let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

47:5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brethren have come to you:

47:6 The land of Egypt is before you; Make your father and brethren dwell in the best of the land; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if you know any men of ability among them, make them chiefs over my livestock.

47:7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

47:8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How old are you?

47:9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

47:10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

47:11 And Joseph caused his father and his brethren to live, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses,⁵⁵⁸ as Pharaoh had commanded.

47:12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

47:13 And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted⁵⁵⁹ by reason of the famine.

47:14 And Joseph gathered up all the money⁵⁶⁰ that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money⁵⁶¹ into Pharaoh's house.

47:15 And when money failed⁵⁶² in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed.⁵⁶³

47:16 And Joseph said, Give your livestock; and I will give you *bread* for your livestock, if money has failed.⁵⁶⁴

⁵⁵⁸ son of the sun

⁵⁵⁹ were exhausted

⁵⁶⁰ silver

⁵⁶¹ silver

⁵⁶² silver was consumed

⁵⁶³ silver is consumed

⁵⁶⁴ silver be consumed

47:17 And they brought their livestock to Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys: and he fed them with bread for all their livestock for that year.

47:18 When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money⁵⁶⁵ is spent; my lord also has our herds of livestock; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

47:19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and the land not be desolate.

47:20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was severe upon them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

47:21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end.

47:22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had a portion assigned to them by Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: therefore they did not sell their lands.

47:23 Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought this day you and your land for Pharaoh: behold, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

47:24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that you shall give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those of your households, and for food for your little ones.

47:25 And they said, You have saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

47:26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's.

47:27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was a hundred and forty-seven years.

47:29 And the time drew near that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, place, I beseech you, your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I beseech you, in Egypt:

47:30 But I will lie with my fathers, and you shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burial place. And he said, I will do as you have said.

47:31 And he said, Swear to me. And he swore to him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

⁵⁶⁵ silver

48:1 And it came to pass after these things, that Joseph was told, Behold, your father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

48:2 And Jacob was told, Behold, your son Joseph comes to you: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

48:3 And Jacob said to Joseph, El Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

48:4 And said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people; and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.

48:5 And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

48:6 And your offspring, which you begot after them, shall be yours, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

48:7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little distance to Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

48:8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

48:9 And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom Elohim has given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I beseech you, to me, and I will bless them.

48:10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

48:11 And Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought to see your face: and, behold, Elohim has also shown me your seed.

48:12 And Joseph brought them out from beside his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

48:13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him.

48:14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, crossing his hands; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, Elohim, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the Elohim who fed me all my life long to this day,

48:16 The Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

48:17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

48:18 And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put your right hand upon his head.

48:19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

48:20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, Elohim make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

48:21 And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die: but Elohim shall be with you, and bring you again to the land of your fathers.

48:22 Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

49:1 And Jacob called to his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

49:2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father.

49:3 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

49:4 Unstable as water, you shall not excel; because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it: he went up to my couch.

49:5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of violence are in their habitations.

49:6 Let not my soul enter their counsel; let not my spirit be joined to their company, for in their anger they slew a man, and in their wrath they uprooted a wall.

49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

49:8 Judah, you are he whom your brethren shall praise: your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you.

49:9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, you are gone up: he stooped down, he crouched as a lion, and as a roaring lion; who shall rouse him up?

49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to him shall the gathering⁵⁶⁶ of the people be.

49:11 Binding his foal to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

49:12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

49:13 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for a haven of ships; and his border shall be beside Sidon.

49:14 Issachar is a strong donkey crouching down between two burdens:

49:15 And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a tribute-slave.⁵⁶⁷

49:16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

⁵⁶⁶ obedience

⁵⁶⁷ to serve as a vassal

49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path that bites the horse's heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

49:18 I have waited for your salvation, O Yahweh.

49:19 Gad, a troop shall press against him: but he shall press against their heel.

49:20 Out of Asher his bread shall be enriched,⁵⁶⁸ and he shall yield royal dainties.

49:21 Naphtali is a hind let loose: he gives forth glorious words.

49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a fountain; whose branches run over the wall:

49:23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and opposed him:

49:24 But his bow abides in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the *El Shaddai* of Jacob; (from there is the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel:)

49:25 Even by the El of your father, who shall help you; and by the *El Shaddai*, who shall bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts,⁵⁶⁹ and of the womb:

49:26 The blessings of your father have excelled above the blessings of my ancestors to the utmost limit of the eternal hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brethren.

49:27 Benjamin tears as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is that which their father spoke to them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

49:29 And he charged them, and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

49:30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a burial place.

49:31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

49:32 The purchase of the field, and of the cave which *was* in it, was from the children of Heth.

49:33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and he died,⁵⁷⁰ and was gathered to his people.

50:1 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

50:2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

50:3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

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⁵⁶⁹ Hebrew *shadayim*

⁵⁷⁰ expired

50:4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I beseech you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

50:5 My father made me swear, saying, Behold, I am dying: in my grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I beseech you, and bury my father, and I will come again.

50:6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury your father, according as he made you swear.

50:7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

50:8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

50:9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

50:10 And they came to the threshing floor of Atad,⁵⁷¹ which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very heavy lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

50:11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim,⁵⁷² which is beyond Jordan.

50:12 And his sons did to him according as he commanded them:

50:13 For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a burial place from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

50:14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all who went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

50:15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, What if Joseph opposes us, and require repayment from us⁵⁷³ for all the evil which we did to him.

50:16 And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father did command before he died, saying,

50:17 So shall you say to Joseph, Forgive, I beseech you now,⁵⁷⁴ the transgression of your brethren, and their sin; for they did to you evil: and now, we beseech you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the Elohim of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

50:18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we are your servants.

50:19 And Joseph said to them, Fear not: for am I in the place of Elohim?

⁵⁷¹ thornbush

⁵⁷² mourning of the Egyptians

⁵⁷³ in returning, returned

⁵⁷⁴ O I beseech, I beseech you

50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but Elohim meant it for good, in order to work, as it is this day, to save many people alive.

50:21 Now therefore fear not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke to their hearts.

50:22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years.

50:23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation: the children also of Machir⁵⁷⁵ the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, I am dying: and Elohim will surely visit⁵⁷⁶ you, and bring you out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

50:25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, Elohim will surely visit⁵⁷⁷ you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.

50:26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

⁵⁷⁵ salesman

⁵⁷⁶ in visiting, Elohim visits you

⁵⁷⁷ in visiting, Elohim visits you