

## The Hebrew Corner

The book of Genesis is not primarily a book concerning the creation of the universe, or on the flood, or on the diversity of languages, although all of these are covered. Instead, the primary focus of the book is on the covenant between God and Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the genesis of the twelve tribes of Israel, how they came into being. Keeping this in mind will help the reader understand Genesis and the subsequent books of the Torah better. The following is a translation from the original Hebrew into English of the book of Genesis. The reader should take note of the following explanatory items concerning this translation. Whenever an asterisk (\*) appears after “the Lord” or “God” in the text, this is referring to the Hebrew name of God יהוה, also known as the tetragrammaton. Two Hebrew words that have a meaning more broad in scope than an English word can represent are usually left untranslated; these are the Hebrew words shalom (שלום) and Torah (תורה). Words or letters in parentheses are added to clarify the meaning or make the grammar more correct in English. Words or phrases that appear in brackets are used to give clarity to the English translation that is evident in the Hebrew but not in English. The author would like to acknowledge that the Hebrew lexicon Brown-Driver-Briggs was used almost exclusively to determine the meaning of Biblical Hebrew words, and many phrases.

Enjoy your reading and God bless.

# Genesis

## Chapter 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,

2 And the earth was dull and null, and darkness was upon the surface of the deep, but the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the waters,

3 Then God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

4 God saw that the light was good, and God made a division between the light and the darkness.

5 God gave the name day to the light, and to the darkness he gave the name night, and there was evening, and there was morning, day one.

6 God said, Let there be an extended space in the middle of the waters, and let it make a separation between waters adjacent to waters.

7 So God made the extended space, and it made a separation between the waters that were beneath the extended space, and the waters that were above the extended space, and it was so.

8 God gave the name heavens to the extended space, and there was evening, and there was morning, the second day.

9 God said, Let the waters beneath the heavens be collected into one place, and let the dry ground appear, and it was so.

10 God gave the name land to the dry ground, and to the collected mass of waters, he gave the name seas, and God saw that it was good.

11 God said, Let the land sprout up grass, the herb producing seed, the fruit tree bearing fruit of its kind on the land, whose seed is within itself, and it was so.

12 Then the land generated grass, the herb producing seed of its own kind, and the tree bearing fruit of its own kind, whose seed was within itself, and God saw that it was good.

13 So there was evening, and there was morning, the third day.

14 God said, Let there be lights in the extended space of the heavens, to make a division between the day and the night, and let them be for signs, for sacred seasons, and for days and years.

15 They will be for lights in the extended space of the heavens, for light over

the earth, and it was so.

16 So God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night, and the stars,

17 And God put them into the extended space of the heavens for light over the earth,

18 To govern by day and by night, and to make a division between the light and the darkness, and God saw that it was good.

19 So there was evening, and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 God said, Let the waters swarm a swarm of living creatures, and let the fliers fly over the land, in front of the extended space of the heavens.

21 So God created the great sea creatures, and all the gliding animal life that the waters swarmed with, of their own kind, and all the winged fliers of their own kind, and God saw that it was good.

22 Then God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fliers become numerous on the earth.

23 So there was evening, and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 God said, Let the land bring forth the living creature of its kind: cattle, creeping things, and each land animal of its kind, and it was so.

25 Then God made the land animal of its kind, and every creeping thing of the ground of its kind, and God saw that it was good,

26 And God said, Let us make mankind in our own image, according to what we are like, and let them have dominion of the fish in the sea, and the fliers of the heavens, and the cattle, and in all the land, and of every creeping creature that creeps on the land.

27 So God created mankind in his image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and said, Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and dominate it, and have dominion of the fish of the sea, the fliers of the heavens, and every animal that moves upon the land. Then God said, Behold, I have given to you all the herbage that yields seed upon the surface of all the land, and every tree that is on it, the fruit tree that yields seed. It will be yours for food.

30 All the greens of the herbage will also be to every land animal, the fliers of the heavens, and everything that creeps on the land, that the life of the

animal is in it, for eating, and it was so.

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

## Chapter 2

So the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their array,

2 And God brought to an end on the seventh day the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done,

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and he sanctified it, because he rested on it from all the work that he had fashioned to do.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, on the day the Lord\* God made the earth and the heavens.

5 Now it was before any plant of the field was on the land, and before any herb of the field had sprouted, for the Lord\* God had not sent rain upon the land, and there was no man to cultivate the ground,

6 But mist would rise up from the earth and irrigate all the surface of the ground.

7 So the Lord\* God formed the man of the dust from the ground, and he breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

8 Then the Lord\* God planted a garden in Eden, from the East, and placed there the man whom he had formed.

9 The Lord\* God caused to sprout up from the ground every tree (that) was desirable as to appearance, and good for food, and the tree of life was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river went out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided, and became four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pishon. It circles about all the land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 The gold of that land is good. There is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 The name of the second river is Gihon. It circles about all the land of Ethiopia.

14 The name of the third river is the Tigris. It goes east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 So the Lord\* God took the man, and placed him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate it, and to care for it.

16 Then the Lord\* God gave a command to the man, saying, From every tree of the garden you may freely eat,

17 But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you must not eat from it, for on the day you eat from it, you will surely die.

18 The Lord\* God said, It is not good (for) the man to be by himself. I will make for him a help corresponding to him.

19 Now the Lord\* God formed from the ground every animal of the field, and every flier of the heavens, and he brought along the man to see what name he would give to it, and every one that the man, the living being, gave a name to, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to every beast, and to the flier of the heavens, even to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a help corresponding to him.

21 So the Lord\* God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept. Then he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath it.

22 Then the Lord\* God formed the rib that he took from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man,

23 And the man said, Now this one is the bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh, for this one will be called woman, because this one was taken from a man.

24 Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and cleave to his wife, and they will be of one flesh.

25 The two of them were naked, the man and the woman, and they were not ashamed before one another.

### Chapter 3

But the serpent was more crafty than all the animals of the field that the Lord\* God had made, and he said to the woman, Has God indeed said that

you may not eat from every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent, From the fruit of trees of the garden we may eat,

3 But from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God said, Do not eat from it, and do not touch on it, lest you die.

4 The serpent said to the woman, You will certainly not die,

5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, one who knows good and evil.

6 The woman saw that the tree was good for food, it was desirable to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make one wise, so she took some of its fruit and ate, and also gave (some) to her husband beside her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of the two of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together, and made loin-coverings for themselves.

8 Then they heard the sound of the Lord\* God, who was walking about in the garden during the breeze of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord\* God, in the midst of the trees of the garden.

9 The Lord\* God called out to the man and said, Where are you?

10 He said, I heard your sound in the garden, and I was afraid, for I was naked, and I hid myself,

11 And he said, Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from it?

12 Then the man said, The woman whom you set by my side, she gave to me from the tree, and I ate.

13 The Lord\* God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

14 Then the Lord\* God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, cursed are you, apart from every beast, yes, apart from every animal of the field. Upon your belly you will go, and dust you will eat, all the days of your life,

15 And I will put personal hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise you (on) the head, and you will bruise him (on) the heel.

16 To the woman he said, I will greatly increase your pain, and your pregnancy will be in travail. You will give birth to children, your longing will be to your husband, and he will rule over you.

17 To Adam he said, Because you listened to the voice of your wife, and you ate from the tree that I commanded you, saying, Do not eat from it, cursed is the ground on account of you. By your toil you will eat, all the days of your life,

18 And it will cause the thornbush and thistles to spring up for you, and you will eat the herbage of your field.

19 By the sweat of your face you will eat your food, until you return to the ground, for from it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you will return.

20 The man called the name of his wife Eve [living], because she would be the mother of all living.

21 The Lord\* God made tunics of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

22 But the Lord\* God said, Behold, the man is like one of us, knowing good and evil, and now, beware, he could stretch out his hand, and also take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever.

23 So the Lord\* sent him out of the garden of Eden, to cultivate some of the ground of where he was taken.

24 He drove away the man, and placed cherubim and a flaming sword, turning in every direction, in front of the garden of Eden, to guard the way of the tree of life.

## Chapter 4

Then the man knew his wife intimately, and she conceived, and gave birth to Cain [acquired], and she said, I have acquired a man with the help of the Lord\*.

2 She again gave birth, to his brother Abel. Now Abel was a shepherd of a flock, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 So it was after a time that Cain brought in, from the fruit of the ground, a

grain offering to the Lord\*.

4 Then Abel, he also brought in from the firstborn of his flock, and some of their fat parts, and the Lord\* had regard concerning Abel and his offering.

5 But concerning Cain and his offering he did not have regard, and Cain burned with anger very much, and his countenance fell.

6 So the Lord\* said to Cain, Why do you burn with anger, and why has your countenance fallen?

7 If you do well, does it not lift up? But if you do not do well, sin lies down at the door. Its desire is against you, so you must have dominion over it.

8 Cain then spoke to Abel, his brother, and when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and killed him.

9 Now the Lord\* said to Cain, Where is Abel, your brother? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's guardian?

10 And he said, What have you done? The voice of the blood of your brother cries out to me from the ground.

11 So now, cursed are you, on account of the ground whose mouth you opened to take the blood of your brother from your hand.

12 Though you may cultivate the ground, it will never again give its produce to you. A vagabond and a fugitive on the earth you will be.

13 Then Cain said to the Lord\*, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Look, you have thrust (me) today over the surface of the ground. I will be hidden from your presence. I will be a vagabond and a fugitive on the earth, and anyone who finds me will kill me.

15 So the Lord\* said to him, Therefore anyone who kills Cain, he will be avenged seven-fold. Then the Lord\* put a mark on Cain so that anyone who found him would not strike him down.

16 Cain then went out from the presence of the Lord\*, and dwelled in the land of Nod, east of Eden,

17 And Cain knew his wife intimately, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. He built a city, and called the name of the city as the name of his son, Enoch.

18 There was born to Enoch, Irad. Irad fathered Mehujael, Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.

19 Lamech took to himself two wives. The name of one was Adah, and the



name of the second was Zillah.

20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal. He was the father of those who dwelled (in) a tent and (with) livestock.

21 The name of his brother was Tubal. He was the father of all who played the lyre and flute with skill.

22 And Zillah, she also gave birth, (to) Tubal-Cain, a hammerer (for) all who engraved copper and iron. The sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

23 Now Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice! (You) wives of Lamech, hear my speech. For I have killed someone for wounding me, even a young man, for injuring me.

24 If Cain was avenged seven-fold, then Lamech seventy and seven.

25 Adam again knew his wife intimately, and she gave birth to a son, and called his name Seth [set], For God set for me offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.

26 To Seth, there was also a son born, and he called his name Enosh. Then (people) began to call on the name of the Lord\*.

## Chapter 5

This is the book of the generations of Adam. On the day God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

2 Male and female he created them, blessed them and called their name mankind on the day they were created.

3 Adam lived one hundred thirty years, and he fathered (one) in his likeness, according to his image, and he called his name Seth.

4 The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were eight hundred years, and he fathered sons and daughters.

5 So all the days of Adam, which he was living, were nine hundred thirty years, then he died.

6 Seth lived one hundred five years, and fathered Enosh.

7 Seth lived after his fathering of Enosh eight hundred seven years, and fathered sons and daughters.

8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years, then he died.

9 Enosh lived ninety years, and fathered Cainan.

10 Enosh lived after his fathering of Cainan eight hundred fifteen years, and fathered sons and daughters.

11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years, then he died.

12 Cainan lived seventy years, and fathered Mahalalel.

13 Cainan lived after his fathering of Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and fathered sons and daughters.

14 So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred ten years, then he died.

15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and fathered Jared.

16 Mahalalel lived after his fathering of Jared eight hundred thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters.

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years, then he died.

18 Jared lived one hundred sixty-two years, and fathered Enoch.

19 Jared lived after his fathering of Enoch eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, then he died.

21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and fathered Methuselah.

22 Enoch walked along with God after his fathering of Methuselah three hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years,

24 And Enoch walked along with God, then he was not (there), for God took him.

25 Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and fathered Lamech.

26 Methuselah lived after his fathering of Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and fathered sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, then he died.

28 Lamech lived one hundred eighty-two years, and fathered a son,

29 And he called his name Noah [resting], saying, This (one) will comfort us from our work and toil of our hands, on account of the ground that was cursed of the Lord\*.

30 Lamech lived after his fathering of Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and fathered sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, then he died.

32 Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

## Chapter 6

Now mankind began to become numerous upon the surface of the ground, and daughters were born to them.

2 When the sons of God saw the daughters of mankind, that they were fair, they took for themselves wives from all whom they chose,

3 And the Lord\* said, My spirit will not abide in mankind forever, because of their going astray; he is (but) flesh. So his days will be one hundred twenty years.

4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterwards, when the sons of God would go in to the daughters of mankind, and they would give birth for them. They were valiant (men), who were men of fame from antiquity.

5 But the Lord\* saw that great was the wickedness of mankind on the earth, and every purpose of thoughts in his mind was altogether evil all the day long.

6 The Lord\* was grieved that he had made mankind on the earth, and was vexed to his heart.

7 So the Lord\* said, I will wipe out mankind whom I created from off the surface of the ground, from man, to beast, to creeping things, to fliers of the heavens, for I regret that I made them.

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord\*.

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He was one who had integrity among his generation. Noah walked along with God.

10 Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 But the earth became corrupt before God, and was full of violence,

12 And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its way on the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, The end of all flesh is coming before me, for the earth is full of violence because of them, so now I am destroying them along with the earth.

14 Make an ark of resinous wood for yourself. You will make the ark (with) cells. You will cover it on the inside and outside with pitch.

15 Now this is the way you will build it. The length of the ark will be three hundred cubits. It will be fifty cubits wide, and its height will be thirty cubits.

16 You will make a roof for the ark, and to a cubit you will finish (it) from above. You will place a doorway on one side (of) the ark. You will make lower stories, second, and third.

17 (As for) me, now I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh that are on it, the breath of life from under the heavens. All that are on the land will perish.

18 But I am establishing my covenant with you, so you will enter into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and the wives of your sons with you.

19 Some of all the living of the earth, two from each, you will bring into the ark with you to keep alive. There will be a male and a female.

20 From the flier of its kind, from the beast of its kind, from every (creature) creeping on the land of its kind, two from each will come to you to keep alive.

21 (As for) you, take for yourself some of all the food that is to be eaten. You will gather (it) to yourself, and it will be for you and them for food.

22 Thus Noah did, according to all God commanded him, so he did.

## Chapter 7

Then the Lord\* said to Noah, Come, you and all your house, into the ark, for I have seen you (to be) righteous before me in this generation.

2 From all the clean animals you will take seven, male and his female, and from the animals that are not clean it will be two, male and his female.

3 Also seven from the fliers of the heavens, seven male and female, to keep alive offspring on the face of all the earth.

4 For at the end of seven more days, I will cause (it) to rain upon the earth

forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe out all in existence that I have made over the surface of the ground.

5 So Noah did according to all that the Lord\* commanded him.

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood water (came) over the earth,

7 And Noah, his sons, his wife, and the wives of his sons with him entered into the ark out of the presence of the waters of the flood.

8 Some of the clean animals, some of the animals that were not clean, some of the fliers, and anything that crept upon the ground,

9 Two (by) two they came to Noah into the ark, male and female, according to what God commanded Noah.

10 Now it was at the end of seven days, that the waters of the flood (came) upon the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of the life of Noah, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the springs of the great deep burst open, and the sluices of the heavens were opened,

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

13 On this very day, Noah, the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the wife of Noah, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark,

14 They, and all the living (creatures) of their kind, and all cattle of its kind, every creeping (creature) of its kind, and every flier of its kind, every bird, every winged (creature).

15 They came to Noah into the ark two (by) two, out of all flesh that in it was the breath of life,

16 And those who came in, male and female from all flesh, came in according to what God commanded him, and the Lord\* closed (the door) behind him.

17 When the flood had been forty days on the earth, the waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it was up above the land,

18 And the waters prevailed, they greatly increased on the land, and the ark went upon the surface of the waters.

19 The waters prevailed exceedingly over the land, and all the high mountains that were under all the heavens were covered.

20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits from above, and the mountains were covered.

21 All flesh perished that crept upon the land, with the flier, the cattle, the beast, every swarming (creature) that swarmed upon the land, and all mankind.

22 All whose breath of life was in its nostrils, from all who were on the dry ground, died.

23 So he wiped out all in existence who were on the surface of the ground, from mankind, to cattle, to creeping (creature), even to the flier of the heavens. Thus were they wiped out from the earth. But only Noah remained, and those who were with him in the ark.

24 The waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred fifty days.

## Chapter 8

Then God remembered Noah, and every living (thing), and every beast that was with him in the ark, so God brought a wind upon the earth, and the waters subsided.

2 So the springs of the deep and the sluices of the heavens were shut up, and the rain from the heavens was ended,

3 And the waters continually turned back from over the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters decreased,

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

5 The waters were continually decreasing until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

6 At the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made,

7 And he sent out a raven, that kept going out and returning, until the waters over the earth had dried up.

8 Then he sent a dove away from him to see if the waters had diminished from above the surface of the ground,

9 But the dove did not find a resting place for the claw of her foot, so she

returned to him into the ark, for the waters were upon the surface of all the land. Then he put out his hand, took her, and brought her back to himself into the ark.

10 He waited still another seven days, and again he sent the dove away from the ark.

11 The dove came (back) to him at evening time, and now she had a fresh-plucked leaf of an olive tree in her beak. Then Noah knew that the waters had diminished from upon the land.

12 So he waited still another seven days, and sent the dove away, but she no more returned to him again.

13 It was in the six hundred first year, in the first (month), on the first (day) of the month, the waters from over the land had dried. So Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and now the surface of the ground was dry,

14 And by the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying:

16 Go out from the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and the wives of your sons with you.

17 All the animals that are with you from all flesh, with the flier, the cattle, and every creeping (thing) that creeps on the land, lead them out with you. Let them teem on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.

18 So Noah went out, and his sons, his wife, and the wives of his sons with him.

19 All the animals, all the creeping (things), all the fliers, all that creep upon the land, they went out according to their families from the ark.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord\*, and took some of all the clean beasts, and some of all the clean fliers, and offered up sacrifices on the altar,

21 And the Lord\* smelled the soothing odor, and the Lord\* said in his heart, I will no more curse again the ground for the sake of mankind, for the imagination of the mind of man is bad from his youth. So I will no more strike down all living, as I have done.

22 Once again, all the days of the earth, sowing and harvest, cold and heat, summer and autumn, and day and night, will not cease.

## Chapter 9

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 Fear and terror of you will be upon all the animals of the earth, and upon all the fliers of the heavens, upon all that creep on the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

3 Every moving (thing) that is alive, it will be to you for food. I give all to you, (just) as the green herbs.

4 However, flesh with its life, its blood, you must not eat,

5 And surely your blood, of your own life, I will demand. I will demand it from the hand of every living (being). From the hand of mankind, from the hand of each his brother, I will demand the life of the man.

6 The man who sheds blood, by man his blood will be shed, for in the image of God, he made mankind.

7 (As for) you, be fruitful and multiply. Move about on the land, and multiply in it.

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

9 (As for) me, here am I, establishing a covenant with you, and with your offspring after you,

10 And with every living being that is with you, with the flier, cattle, and all animals of the earth with you, from all that came out of the ark, to all animals of the earth.

11 I am establishing my covenant with you, that I will not again cut off all flesh through the waters of the flood, and there will not again be a flood to destroy the earth,

12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant, that I am giving between me, you, and every living being that is with you, for generations forever.

13 My bow I have set in the cloud, and it will be for a sign of the covenant between me and the earth,

14 And it will be when I bring a cloud over the earth, then the bow will appear in the cloud,

15 And I will remember my covenant that is between me, you, and every living being among all flesh, and there will not again be the waters of a flood



to destroy all flesh.

16 The bow will be in the cloud, and I will see it, to remember the eternal covenant between God and every living being among all flesh that is on the earth.

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

18 The sons of Noah who went out from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham, he was the father of Canaan.

19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these all the earth was dispersed.

20 Now Noah began (to be) a tiller, and planted a vineyard,

21 And he drank some of the wine, became drunk, and he was uncovered inside his tent,

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told (it) to his brothers on the outside.

23 Then Shem and Japheth took a mantle, placed (it) upon both their shoulder(s), walked backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father, but their faces were backwards (to him), so they did not see the nakedness of their father.

24 Then Noah awoke from his wine, and he knew what his younger son had done to him,

25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he will be to his brothers.

26 Then he said, Blessed be the Lord\*, the God of Shem, and let Canaan be a servant to him.

27 May God open wide for Japheth, and may he abide in the tents of Shem, but let Canaan be a servant to him.

28 Noah lived after the flood three hundred fifty years,

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

## Chapter 10

These are the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Sons also were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittim, and the Dodanim.

5 From these the borders of the nations were divided by their lands, each one to his language, to their families in their nations.

6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

8 Cush also fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty (man) in the land.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord\*. Therefore it was said, Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord\*.

10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 From that land he went out to Assyria, and he built Ninevah, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

12 And Resen, between Ninevah and Calah, that was the great city.

13 Mizraim fathered the Ludim, the Anamim, the Lehabim, the Naphthuhim,

14 The Pathrusim, and the Casluhim, where the Philistines and the Caphtorim came from.

15 Canaan fathered Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

17 The Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

18 The Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterwards, the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad,

19 And the boundary of the Canaanites was from Sidon until you come to Gerar extending to Gaza. Then you come to Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These were the sons of Ham, as to their families, as to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

21 To Shem, (children) were also born. He was the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder.

22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.

23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.  
24 Arphaxad fathered Salah, and Salah fathered Eber.  
25 To Eber two sons were born. The name of the one was Peleg [channel],  
for in his days the earth was divided, and the name of his brother was  
Joktan.  
26 Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Jerah, Hazarmaveth,  
27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,  
28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,  
29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.  
30 Their territory was from Mesha until you come to Sephar, the mount of  
the East.  
31 These were the sons of Shem, as to their families, as to their languages,  
in their lands, as to their nations.  
32 These were the families of the sons of Noah, as to their generations in  
their nations, and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the  
flood.

## Chapter 11

Now it came to pass that all the earth was of one language, and one (set of) words.

2 It was when they set out from the east that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelled there.

3 Now each one said to his friend, Come, let us make bricks and temper them. They had brick for stone, and asphalt for mortar.

4 So they said, Come, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower, and its top will be in the heavens, so we will make for ourselves a name, lest we be dispersed over the face of all the earth.

5 Then the Lord\* descended to see the city and the tower that the sons of mankind were building,

6 And the Lord\* said, Behold, the people are one, all of them have one language, and they are beginning to do this. So now, nothing will be withheld from them, all that they purpose to do.

7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, (so) that each one will not understand the language of his neighbor.

8 So the Lord\* dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

9 Therefore, he called its name Babel [in confusion], for there the Lord\* confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord\* dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old when he fathered Arphaxad, two years after the flood,

11 And Shem lived after his fathering of Arphaxad five hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and fathered Salah,

13 And Arphaxad lived after his fathering of Salah four hundred three years, and fathered sons and daughters.

14 Salah lived thirty years, and fathered Eber,

15 And Salah lived after his fathering of Eber four hundred three years, and fathered sons and daughters.

16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and fathered Peleg,

17 And Eber lived after his fathering of Peleg four hundred thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters.

18 Peleg lived thirty years, and fathered Reu,

19 And Peleg lived after his fathering of Reu two hundred nine years, and fathered sons and daughters.

20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and fathered Serug,

21 And Reu lived after his fathering of Serug two hundred seven years, and fathered sons and daughters.

22 Serug lived thirty years, and fathered Nahor,

23 And Serug lived after his fathering of Nahor two hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.

24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and fathered Terah,

25 And Nahor lived after his fathering of Terah one hundred nineteen years, and fathered sons and daughters.

26 Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 These are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and

Haran, and Haran fathered Lot.

28 Haran died in the lifetime of Terah, his father, in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

29 Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of the wife of Abram was Sarai, and the name of the wife of Nahor was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.

30 Now Sarai was barren. She did not have a child.

31 Terah took Abram, his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, the son of his son, and Sarai, his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram, his son, and went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan, and went as far as Haran, and dwelled there.

32 The days of Terah were two hundred five years, and Terah died in Haran.

## Chapter 12

Now the Lord\* said to Abram, Go for yourself away from your land, your kindred, and the house of your father, to the land that I will show you,  
2 And I will make you into a great nation, bless you, and make your name great, and it will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and those who treat you with contempt, I will curse. All the families of the land will be blessed by you.

4 Abram went when the Lord\* spoke to him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran.

5 Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot, the son of his brother, all their goods that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, they went out to go to the land of Canaan, and came into the land of Canaan.

6 Then Abram crossed over into the land as far as the location of Shechem, as far as Elon Moreh [teacher's terebinth]. The Canaanites were then in the land.

7 Then the Lord\* appeared to Abram, and said, I will give this land to your offspring. So he built there an altar to the Lord\* who appeared to him.

8 He proceeded from there toward the hill east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, Bethel being westward and Ai eastward. He built there an altar to the

Lord\*, and called on the name of the Lord\*.

9 Then Abram went on journeying toward the Negev.

10 Now there was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for heavy was the famine in the land.

11 When he came near to enter into Egypt, then he said to Sarai, his wife, Look, I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance,

12 And it will happen, that the Egyptians will see you, and say, This is his wife, and they will kill me, but keep you alive.

13 Say (that) you are my sister so that it will be well for me because of you, and I will live on account of you.

14 So it was when Abram entered into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful,

15 And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken (to) the house of Pharaoh.

16 He did good (things) for Abram on account of her. So he had a flock, cattle, donkeys, servants, maidservants, she-donkeys, and camels.

17 But the Lord\* struck (against) Pharaoh and his house, great plagues, on account of the matter of Sarai, the wife of Abram.

18 So Pharaoh called to Abram, and said, What is this you have done to me? Why did you not declare to me that she is your wife?

19 Why did you say, She is my sister, that I might have taken her to me for a wife. So now, behold your wife! Take her and go!

20 Then Pharaoh commanded men on behalf of him, and sent away him, his wife, and all that he had.

## Chapter 13

So Abram went up from Egypt, he, his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him to the Negev.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.

3 He went out according to his stages, from the Negev, and on to Bethel, as far as the place where his tent was at first, between Bethel and Ai,

4 To the place where he first made the altar, and where Abram called on the

name of the Lord\*.

5 Also Lot, who went with Abram, had a flock, cattle, and tents,

6 And the land could not bear them to dwell together, for their property was (so) much, that they were not able to dwell together.

7 So there was a contention between the shepherds of the livestock of Abram, and the shepherds of the livestock of Lot. Also the Canaanites and Perizzites dwelled in the land then.

8 Then Abram said to Lot, Let there not be a contention between me and you, or between my shepherds and your shepherds, for men, we are brothers.

9 Is not all the land before you? Separate from me. If the left, then I will be to the right, but if the right, then I will be to the left.

10 Then Lot lifted his eyes, and saw all the oval of the Jordan, that all of it was well-irrigated, before the Lord\* destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. It was like the land of Egypt, as far as Zoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself all the oval of the Jordan, and he journeyed eastward, and they separated, each one away from his brother.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the oval, and he moved (his) tent near Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and very sinful against the Lord\*.

14 Then the Lord\* said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, to the north, south, east, and west.

15 For all the land that you see, I will give it to you and your offspring forever,

16 And I will set your offspring as the dust of the earth, that if someone can measure the dust of the earth, then also your offspring can be counted.

17 Arise, walk about in the land, to the length and the breadth of it, for to you I am giving it.

18 Then Abram moved (his) tent, came in and dwelled by the oaks of Mamre in Hebron, and built an altar to the Lord\* there.

## Chapter 14

Now it was in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of nations.

2 They made war with Bera, king of Sodom, Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

3 All of these came as allies to the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 Then in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came in, and the kings that were with him, and they struck the Rephaim in Ashtoroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites, among the mountain-dwellers of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 Then they turned back, and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and struck every field of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who dwelled in Hazezon Tamar.

8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and arranged a battle with them in the Valley of Siddim,

9 Against Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, Tidal, king of nations, Amraphel, king of Shinar, and Arioch, king of Ellasar, four kings against five.

10 Now the Valley of Siddim was pits, pits of asphalt, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there, and the rest fled to the mountains.

11 They took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, then they went away.

12 They also took Lot, the son of the brother of Abram, and his goods (he dwelled in Sodom), and went away.

13 But a fugitive came, and gave information to Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelled by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, and they were confederates of Abram.

14 When Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born of his house, three hundred eighteen men, and pursued



(them) as far as Dan.

15 Then he divided himself at night against them, he and his servants, and struck them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which was north of Damascus,

16 And he returned with all the goods, and also brought back Lot, his brother, his goods, and all the women and the people.

17 So the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from striking down Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, to the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the Valley of the King).

18 Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought bread and wine. He was the priest of El Elyon [God Most High].

19 He blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of El Elyon, owner of the heavens and earth,

20 And blessed be El Elyon, who has delivered your adversaries into your hand. Then he gave to him a tithe out of all.

21 Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give to me the living ones, but take for yourself the goods.

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have raised my hand to the Lord\*, El Elyon, owner of the heavens and earth,

23 Surely not a thread or as much as a sandal-thong, no, surely I will not take from anything that is yours, that you cannot say, I have made Abram rich,

24 Except only what the young men ate, and a portion (for) the men of Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre, who went with me. They may take their portion.

## Chapter 15

After these matters, the word of the Lord\* came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram. I am a shield to you, your very great reward.

2 Abram said, O Lord God\*, what will you give to me, for I am one who walks childless, and the beneficiary of my house (he is of Damascus) is Eliezer?

3 Abram then said, See, you have not given me offspring, so now the beneficiary of my house is the one who will inherit me.

4 Then the word of the Lord\* came to him, saying, This one will not inherit

you, for instead, one who comes forth from inside you, he will inherit you.  
5 Then he brought him outside, and said, Gaze to the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. Thus will your offspring be, he said to him.

6 So he trusted in the Lord\*, and he considered it righteousness for him.

7 Then he said to him, I am the Lord\*, who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give to you this land to inherit it.

8 But he said, O Lord God\*, by what means may I know that I will inherit it?

9 So he said to him, Take for me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old-ram, a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

10 So he took all of these to him, cut them in two through the middle, and set each one of its pieces to meet with its piece, but he did not cut the birds in two,

11 And birds of prey descended upon the carcasses, but Abram shooed them away.

12 Now the sun was setting, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and behold, a great terror of darkness was falling upon him.

13 Then he said to Abram, You should surely know that your offspring will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years,

14 And also the nation that they serve, I will judge, and after that they will go out with many possessions.

15 (As for) you, you will go to your fathers in shalom. You will be buried in a good old age.

16 But the fourth generation will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites will not be complete until then.

17 Then the sun went down, and there was thick darkness. Now there was a smoking fire-pot, and a torch of fire that passed between these parts.

18 On that day, the Lord\* cut a covenant with Abram, saying, To your offspring I have given this land, from the river of Egypt, as far as the great river, the Euphrates River,

19 The Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

20 The Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

21 The Amorites, the Canaanites, the Gergashites, and the Jebusites.

## Chapter 16

Now Sarai, the wife of Abram, could not bear a child for him, but she had a maidservant, an Egyptian, and her name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, See, the Lord\* has prevented me from bearing a child. Please go in to my maidservant. Perhaps I will be built up through her. Abram listened to the voice of Sarai,

3 And Sarai, the wife of Abram, took Hagar the Egyptian, her maidservant, and gave her to Abram, her husband, for a wife to him, at the end of ten years of the dwelling of Abram in the land of Canaan.

4 So he went into Hagar, and she conceived. Then she saw that she was pregnant, and her mistress became trifling in her sight,

5 And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong be upon you. I gave my maidservant into your bosom, she saw that she was pregnant, and I became trifling in her sight. May the Lord\* judge between me and you.

6 Then Abram said to Sarai, See, your maidservant is in your power. Do to her as is good in your sight. Then Sarai humbled her, and she fled away from her presence,

7 And an angel of the Lord\* found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

8 So he said, Hagar, maidservant of Sarai, from where are you coming, and where are you going? She said, I am fleeing away from the presence of Sarai, my mistress.

9 Then the angel of the Lord\* said to her, Return to your mistress, and humble yourself under her authority,

10 And the angel of the Lord\* said to her, I will greatly multiply your offspring, so that because of the multitude, they cannot be counted.

11 Then the angel of the Lord\* said to her, Now you are pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Ishmael [God listens], for the Lord\* has listened to your affliction.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man. His hand will be against all, the hand of all will be against him, and he will abide in the presence of all his brothers.

13 She called the name of the Lord\* who spoke to her, You are El Roi [the God who sees me], for she said, Have I also here looked after the one seeing me?

14 Therefore, he gave the name to the well, Beer Lahai-Roi [well of the living one who sees me]. Now it was between Kadesh and Bered.

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, to whom Hagar gave birth to, Ishmael.

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

## Chapter 17

Now Abram was ninety-nine years old, and the Lord\* appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am El Shaddai [God Almighty]. Walk constantly in my presence, and be of integrity,

2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and multiply you in great abundance.

3 Then Abram fell upon his face, and God spoke with him, saying:

4 (As for) me, now my covenant will be with you, and you will be for a father of a multitude of nations,

5 And your name will no longer be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

6 I will make you fruitful, in great abundance, I will make you into nations, and kings will come forth from you,

7 And I will establish (it) according to my covenant between me, you, and your offspring after you, by their generations, for a covenant forever, to be to you, and your offspring after you, for God.

8 I also will give to you, and your offspring after you, the land of which you are sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for a possession forever, and I will be to them for God.

9 Then God said to Abraham, But you must keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you, for their generations.

10 This is my covenant that you must keep between me, you, and your offspring after you. Every male of yours is to be circumcised.

11 You will be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it will be for a sign of the covenant between me and you.

12 A child of yours who is eight days old will be circumcised, every male

throughout your generations, one born in the house, or purchased of money from any foreign-born (person) who is not from your offspring.

13 You will surely circumcise one born in your house, or purchased (by) your money, and my covenant will be in your flesh for a covenant forever.

14 But an uncircumcised male who will not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, yes, that soul will be cut off from your people. He has violated my covenant.

15 Then God said to Abraham, Sarai, your wife, you will no longer call her name Sarai, for Sarah will be her name,

16 And I will bless her, and also I will give a son to you from her. So I will bless her, and she will be for nations. Kings of peoples will be from her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed, and he said in his heart, For one who is one hundred years old, can he be a father, and if Sarah is ninety years old, can she give birth?

18 So Abraham said to God, If only Ishmael might live before you.

19 Then God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear a son to you, you will call his name Isaac, and I will establish my covenant with him, for an eternal covenant to his offspring after him.

20 But concerning Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I will bless him, make him fruitful, and multiply him in great abundance. Twelve princes will he father, and I will make him into a great nation.

21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, to whom Sarah will give birth for you at this time next year.

22 So he finished speaking with him, and God departed from Abraham.

23 So Abraham took Ishmael, his son, all those born in his house, and all those purchased with his money, every male among the people of the house of Abraham, and circumcised (them) in the flesh of their foreskin, on this very day when God spoke to him.

24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised (in) the flesh of his foreskin,

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

26 On this very day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael, his son,

27 And all the men of his house who were born (in) the house, and those

purchased with money from a foreign-born (person), were circumcised with him.

## Chapter 18

Now the Lord\* appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, and he was sitting (in) the entrance of the tent at the time of the heat of the day,

2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and now there were men standing by him. He saw and ran out of the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed down toward the earth.

3 Then he said, My lord, if I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by, away from your servant.

4 Please let a little water be brought, wash your feet, and lean under the tree,

5 And let me take a portion of food, and sustain your heart, after that you may pass through. For thus have you passed your servant. They said, Yes, you may do according to what you have spoken.

6 Then Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, Hurry, knead three measures of fine flour, and make cakes,

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a calf, tender and good, gave (it) to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8 Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and put (it) before them. He was standing by them under the tree, and they ate.

9 Then they said to him, Where is Sarah, your wife? And he said, See, in the tent.

10 Then he said, Certainly I will return to you at springtime, and, behold, your wife Sarah will have a son. But Sarah was listening (at) the entrance of the tent, and it was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advancing in days. It had ceased to be for Sarah according to the way of women.

12 So Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am worn out, will I have delight, and my lord is old?

13 Then the Lord\* said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Indeed? Will I really give birth, and I am old?

14 Is anything too difficult for the Lord\*? For at the appointed time, I will return to you, at springtime, and Sarah will have a son.

15 But Sarah was deceptive, saying, I did not laugh, for she was afraid, but he said, Oh no, but you did laugh.

16 Then the men arose from there, and looked down upon the area of Sodom, and Abraham walked with them to send them off,

17 And the Lord\* said, Should I conceal from Abraham what I am doing?

18 Now Abraham will surely be for a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed by him.

19 For I have known him, to the end that he would command his children and his house after him, that they would keep the way of the Lord\*, to do righteousness and justice, to the end that the Lord\* would bring upon Abraham that (which) he spoke concerning him.

20 Then the Lord\* said, The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah, indeed, it is great, and their sins, indeed, are very heavy.

21 Let me go down now, and I will see (if) the like of her outcry coming in to me is altogether (as) they do, and if not I will know.

22 The men turned away from there, and walked toward Sodom, but Abraham was still standing before the Lord\*,

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Would you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 Perhaps there are fifty righteous in the midst of the city. Would you indeed sweep away and not provide sustenance for the place for the sake of fifty righteous who are in her midst?

25 Far be it from you to do anything like this, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so it would be, like wicked, like righteous. Far be it from you! Would the judge of all the earth not do justice?

26 The Lord\* said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous in the midst of the city, then I will grant forgiveness to the entire place for the sake of them.

27 Abraham answered and said, Now, please, I have undertaken to speak to my Lord, but I am dust and ashes.

28 Perhaps the fifty righteous will lack five. Will you destroy all the city on account of five? And he said, I will not destroy if I find forty-five there.

29 Then he continued to speak more to him, and said, Perhaps there will be

found there forty, and he said, I will not do (it) for the sake of forty.

30 Then he said, Let not the anger of my Lord\* kindle, and I will speak.

Perhaps thirty would be found there, and he said, I will not do (it) if I find thirty there.

31 Then he said, Now, please, I have undertaken to speak to my Lord\*.

Perhaps twenty would be found there, and he said, I will not destroy for the sake of the twenty.

32 Then he said, Let not the anger of my Lord kindle, and I will speak only once. Perhaps there will be found there ten, and he said, I will not destroy for the sake of the ten.

33 So the Lord\* went away when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham (went) to his place there.

## Chapter 19

Then the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. Then Lot saw and rose up to meet them, and he bowed (his) face toward the earth.

2 Then he said, Now, my lords, turn aside, please, to the house of your servant, spend the night, and wash your feet, then you may rise up early, and go along your way. But they said, No, we will spend the night in an open place.

3 But he pressed very much upon them, so they turned aside to him and went to his house. Then he made a feast for them, baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 They had not yet laid down when the men of the city, the men of Sodom, closed round upon the house, from young man even to old man, all the people in its entirety.

5 Then they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them intimately.

6 Lot went out among them toward the door, and he closed the door behind him,

7 And he said, Please do not do wickedly, my brothers!

8 Please now, I have two daughters who have not known a man intimately.



Let me come out with them for you, and do to them as is good in your sight. Only to these men do not do a thing, for thus have they come into the shadow of my roof.

9 So they said, Move away! Then they said, (This) one came to sojourn, and will he indeed be a judge? Now we will do wickedly to you instead of them. Then, to a man, they pressed very hard against Lot, and drew near to break down the door.

10 But the men stretched out their hand, brought Lot to themselves into the house, and closed the door.

11 Then they struck the men who were (at) the door of the house with sudden blindness, from the least even to the greatest, that they became weary to find the door.

12 The men said to Lot, Who are still here of yours, a son-in-law, or your sons, or your daughters, or any who are yours in the city? Bring (them) out away from (this) place.

13 For we are destroying this place, for great is their outcry in the presence of the Lord\*, and the Lord\* has sent us to destroy it.

14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who took to wife his daughters, and said, Rise up! Go out away from this place, for the Lord\* is destroying the city. But it was like a jest in the eyes of his sons-in-law.

15 As dawn ascended, the angels made haste with Lot, saying, Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are present, lest you be swept away by the punishment of the city.

16 But he lingered, so the men took hold of his hand, and the hand of his wife and his two daughters, in the mercy of the Lord\* upon him, brought him out, and led him away from the outside of the city.

17 It was when they had brought them toward the outside, that (one) said, Flee for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not remain in all the Jordan valley. Flee toward the mountain, lest you be swept away.

18 But Lot said to them, Please, no, my lords.

19 Now your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have magnified your kindness that you have done with me, to keep me alive, but I am not able to flee to the mountain, lest distress would cling to me, and I would die.

20 See, this city is nearby to flee there, and it is a small one. May I flee there

(is it not a small one), that I may live?

21 So he said to him, Now I have granted your request for this matter also, to not overthrow the city that you have spoken (about).

22 Hurry! Flee there, for I am not able do to a thing until you enter in there. Thus he called the name of the city Zoar [insignificance].

23 The sun came out over the land as Lot entered into Zoar,

24 And the Lord\* caused brimstone and fire to rain upon Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord\* out of the heavens.

25 So he overthrew the cities, all the Jordan valley, all the inhabitants of the cities, and the foliage of the ground.

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

27 Now Abraham made an early start in the morning to the place where he had stood in the presence of the Lord\*,

28 And he looked down upon the area of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all the area of the land of the Jordan valley, and saw that now thick smoke ascended (over) the land, like the thick smoke of the kiln.

29 So it was when God was destroying the cities of the Jordan valley, that God remembered Abraham, and he sent Lot away from the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelled.

30 Lot went up from Zoar, and he dwelled in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar. He dwelled in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is no man in the land to come in to us, according to the way of all the earth.

32 Come, let us give our father wine to drink, and let us lie down with him, and we will preserve the posterity of our father alive.

33 So she gave their father wine to drink on that night. Then the firstborn went in and laid down with her father, but he did not know when she laid down or rose up.

34 Now it was on the morning after, that the firstborn said to the younger, See, I laid down yesterday with my father. Let us give him wine to drink tonight also, and go lie down with him, and we will preserve the posterity of our father alive.

35 So she gave their father wine to drink on that night also, and the younger

got up and laid down with him, but he did not know when she laid down or rose up.

36 So the two daughters of Lot became pregnant from their father,

37 And the firstborn gave birth to a son, and called his name Moab. He is the father of Moab up to today.

38 The younger, she also gave birth to a son, and called his name Ben-Ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites up to today.

## Chapter 20

Now Abraham journeyed from there to the land of the Negev, dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 Now Abraham said with regard to Sarah, his wife, She is my sister. So Abimelech, king of Gerar, sent for and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, Behold, you are dead because of the woman you took, for she is married to a husband.

4 But Abimelech had not come near to her, and he said, My Lord, will you also slay righteous people?

5 Did he not say to me, She is my sister, and she, even she said, He is my brother. In the integrity of my mind, and the cleanness of my palms, I have done this.

6 Then God said to him in the dream, I also knew that you did this in the integrity of your mind, so I also kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not permit you to touch upon her.

7 So now, return the wife of the man, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you (to) stay alive, but if you do not return (her), know for certain that you will die, you and all who are yours.

8 So Abimelech rose up early in the morning, called to all who served him, and spoke all these words in their hearing, and the men were very afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called for Abraham, and said to him, What have you done to us, and what is my sin against you? For you have brought a great sin upon me and my kingdom. Deeds that should not be done, you have done with me.

10 Then Abimelech also said to Abraham, What have you seen that you have done this thing?

11 Abraham said, For I had said, Surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me for the sake of my wife,

12 And also, truly (she is) my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she is mine for a wife.

13 So it was when God caused me to roam away from the house of my father, that I said to her, This is your kindness that you will do on my account. At every place where we go, say for me, He is my brother.

14 Then Abimelech took a flock, cattle, servants, and maidservants, gave (them) to Abraham, and returned Sarah, his wife, to him,

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you. (If) it is to the good in your sight, stay.

16 Then to Sarah he said, Now I am giving one thousand (pieces) of silver to your brother. See, it is for you a covering of the eyes, for all that are with you, and before all. Now you are set right.

17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his concubines, and they gave birth.

18 For the Lord\* had made a severe restraint extending to every womb of the house of Abimelech, because of the matter of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

## Chapter 21

Now the Lord\* visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord\* did for Sarah as he had promised,

2 And Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham for his old age, at the appointed time that God had promised him.

3 Abraham called the name of his son born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac,

4 And Abraham circumcised Isaac, his son, (at) eight days old, according to what God commanded him.

5 Abraham was one hundred years old when Isaac, his son, was born to him.

6 Sarah said, God has made laughter for me. Everyone who hears, let him

laugh for me.

7 She also said, Who would have said to Abraham, Sarah will nurse sons, for I have given birth to a son for his old age.

8 The young boy grew, and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.

9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, whom she bore to Abraham, making sport,

10 And she said to Abraham, Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of the maid will not inherit with my son, with Isaac.

11 The matter was very displeasing in the sight of Abraham, because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, Do not let (it) be displeasing in your sight, concerning the boy and your maid. All that Sarah said to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac, offspring will be reckoned to you.

13 The son of the maid, I will also make him into a people, for he is your offspring.

14 So Abraham rose up early in the morning, took food and a waterskin of water, and gave (them) to Hagar. He placed (them) upon her shoulder, and sent her and the boy away. Then she went away, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 When they had finished off the water from the waterskin, she cast the boy under one of the shrubs,

16 And she walked and sat to herself, opposite (him), at a distance of about a bowshot off. For she said, I must not look at the death of the boy. So she sat opposite (him), and lifted up her voice and wept.

17 But God heard the voice of the boy, and an angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, What do you need, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has listened to the voice of the boy where he is at.

18 Rise up! Lift up the boy, and make your hand strong on him, for I will make him into a great people.

19 Then God opened her eyes, she saw a well of water, and went and filled the waterskin (with) water, and gave the boy drink.

20 So God was with the boy. He grew up, and dwelled in the wilderness. He became a bowman growing up,

21 And he dwelled in the wilderness of Paran. His mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

22 It was at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, a captain, spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you are doing.

23 So now, swear to me here by God you will not deal in falsehood to me, or my offspring, or my posterity. According to the kindness that I have done with you, you should do with me, and the land in which you are sojourning.

24 Abraham said, I swear.

25 But Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water that the servants of Abimelech seized.

26 Then Abimelech said, I do not know who did this thing, and also you had not told (it) to me, nor had I heard (it), except today.

27 So Abraham took a flock and cattle, gave (them) to Abimelech, and the two of them cut a covenant,

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

29 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, What are these seven ewe lambs here, that you have set by themselves?

30 And he said, For the seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, because they will be to me for a witness that I dug this well.

31 Therefore he called the name of the place Beersheba [well of an oath], for there the two of them swore an oath.

32 So they cut a covenant in Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phichol, his captain, rose up, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 Then he planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord\*, the eternal God,

34 And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

## Chapter 22

Now it was after these matters, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham, and he said, Here am I,

2 And he said, Take your son, your only one, whom you love, Isaac, and go for yourself to the land of Moriah, and there offer him up for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains that I say to you.

3 So Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and two of his young men were with him, and Isaac, his son. Then he cleaved the wood for the burnt offering, rose up, and went to the place that God spoke of to him.

4 It was on the third day, that Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place from a distance.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, (As) for you, remain here with the donkey, and the boy and I will go over there, we will worship, then we will return to you.

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and set (it) upon Isaac, his son. Then he took the fire and the knife in his hand, and they walked together, the two of them.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham, his father, and he said, My father, and he said, Here am I, my son, and he said, Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?

8 Abraham said, God will provide for himself the sheep for the burnt offering, my son, and the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had spoken to him. Abraham built the altar there, laid the wood in order, bound Isaac, his son, and set him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 Then Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11 But an angel of the Lord\* called out to him from heaven, and said, Abraham! Abraham! And he said, Here am I,

12 And he said, Do not stretch out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him, for now I know that you are one who fears God, for you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me.

13 Then Abraham lifted up his eyes, he looked, and behold, a ram was caught in the thicket behind (him) by its horns, and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh Yireh [The Lord\* will provide], for it is said (even) today, On the mountain of the Lord\*, it will be provided.

15 Then the angel of the Lord\* called out to Abraham a second time from

heaven,

16 And he said, I have sworn by myself, declares the Lord\*, because that you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only one,

17 That I will surely bless you, and multiply your offspring as the stars of the heavens, and the sand that is on the seashore, and your offspring will possess the gate of their enemies.

18 Then by your offspring all the nations of the earth will bless themselves, because you listened to my voice.

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, they rose up and went together to Beersheba, and Abraham dwelled in Beersheba.

20 It was after these things, that it was told to Abraham, saying, Now Milcah, even she, has born sons to Nahor, your brother:

21 Huz, his firstborn, Buz, his brother, Kemuel, the father of Aram,

22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel,

23 And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, the brother of Abraham.

24 There also was his concubine, and her name was Reumah. She also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maachah.

## Chapter 23

Now the life of Sarah was one hundred twenty-seven years, the years of the life of Sarah,

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham entered in to wail for Sarah, and weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose up from over the face of his dead, and spoke to the Hittites, saying:

4 I am a stranger and sojourner with you. Give to me a burial property with you, that I may bury my dead from before me.

5 The Hittites answered Abraham, saying to him:

6 Hear us, my lord. You are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the best of our graves. None of us will withhold his grave from you, a burial place (for) your dead.

7 Then Abraham rose up, and bowed to the people of the land, the Hittites,



8 And he spoke with them, saying, If it is with your approval to bury my dead from before me, hear me, and make a request for me to Ephron, the son of Zohar,

9 That he may give to me the cave of Machpelah that he has, which is in a corner of his field. He must sell it to me at full price in your midst, for a burial property.

10 Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, to all who entered into the gate of his city, saying:

11 No, my lord, hear me. I give the field to you, and the cave that is in it. I give it to you. In full view of the sons of my people, I give it to you. Bury your dead!

12 Then Abraham bowed before the people of the land,

13 And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But O that if you would hear me, I give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there,

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him:

15 My lord, hear me. The land is (worth) four hundred shekels of silver. What is that between you and me? So bury your dead.

16 Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out to Ephron the price that he spoke of in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, the currency of the merchants.

17 Now the field of Ephron that was in Machpelah was confirmed, which was before Mamre, the field and the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were within all its surrounding borders.

18 It was to Abraham for a possession in the sight of the Hittites, among all who entered into the gate of his city.

19 So after that, Abraham buried Sarah, his wife, into the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan,

20 And the field was confirmed, and the cave that was in it, to Abraham for a burial property from the Hittites.

## Chapter 24

Now Abraham became old, coming into days, and the Lord blessed Abraham in everything,

2 And Abraham said to his servant, an old man of his house, the one who had dominion among all that he had, Place your hand under my thigh,

3 And I urge you to take an oath by the Lord\*, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites whom I am dwelling in the midst of.

4 For to my land and my kindred you must go, and take a wife for my son, for Isaac.

5 But the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow after me to this land. Must I indeed return with your son to the land where you went out from?

6 Then Abraham said to him, Take heed for yourself, lest you bring my son there.

7 The Lord\* God of heaven, who took me from the house of my father and the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, I will give this land to your offspring, he himself will send his angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

8 But if the woman is not willing to follow after you, then you are exempt from this oath to me. Only do not return my son there.

9 So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham, his lord, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his lord, and went out, and all the goods of his lord were at his hand. So he rose up, and went to Aram Naharaim, into the city of Nahor.

11 Then he made the camels kneel down to a well of water, from outside the city at evening time, at the time the water-drawing women went out.

12 Then he said, O Lord\*, God of my lord Abraham, please cause (good) to occur before me today, and do kindness with my lord Abraham.

13 Now I station myself by a spring of water, and daughters of the people of the city are going out to draw water.

14 So let it be the young woman to whom I say, Incline your jar and let me drink, and she says, Drink, and I will also give drink to your camels, her you

have appointed for your servant, for Isaac, and by her I will know that you have done kindness with my lord.

15 It was before he had completed speaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham, and her jar was on her shoulder.

16 Now the young woman was very fair of appearance, a virgin, for no man had known her intimately, and she went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up.

17 So the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me drink a little water, please, from your jar,

18 And she said, Drink, my lord, and she made haste and dipped her jar on her hand, and gave him to drink,

19 And when she had finished giving him drink, then she said, I will draw (water) for your camels also, until that they have finished drinking.

20 Then she made haste, emptied her jar into the watering trough, ran again to the well to draw (water), and drew (water) for all his camels.

21 Now the man was gazing at her, keeping silent, to understand if the Lord\* had brought his way to a successful completion (or) not.

22 So it was when the camels had finished drinking, the man took a nose-ring of gold, a half-shekel (in) its weight, and two bracelets for her hands, ten shekels of gold (in) their weight,

23 And he said, Whose daughter are you, tell me? Is there a house of your father, a room for us to spend the night?

24 Then she said to him, I am a daughter of Bethuel, son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor,

25 And she said to him, There is also straw and much fodder with us, also a room to spend the night.

26 So the man bowed down in worship to the Lord\*,

27 And he said, Blessed be the Lord\*, God of my lord Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and truth from my lord. (As for) me, the Lord\* has led me along the way to the house of the brothers of my lord.

28 So the young woman ran and reported to the house of her mother concerning all these matters.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban, and he ran outside

to the man by the spring.

30 It was when he saw the nose-ring, and the bracelets upon the hands of his sister, and when they heard the words of Rebekah, his sister, saying, Thus the man spoke to me, that he came to the man, and saw he was standing by the camels near the spring,

31 And he said, Enter in, bless the Lord\*! Why do you stand out in the open, when I have put the house in order, and a place for the camels?

32 Then the man came to the house, let the camels loose, gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

33 There was (food) set before him to eat, but he said, Surely I will not eat until I have spoken my message. So he said, Speak.

34 He said, I am the servant of Abraham,

35 And the Lord\* blessed my lord very much, and he has become great, and he gave to him flocks, cattle, silver, gold, servants, maidservants, camels, and donkeys,

36 And Sarah, the wife of my lord, gave birth to a son for my lord after she was old. He has given to him all that he has.

37 But my lord made me swear, saying, Do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I dwell,

38 But to the house of my father, and to my family, you must go, and take a wife for my son.

39 Then I said to my lord, Perhaps the woman will not follow after me.

40 He said to me, The Lord\*, before whom I walk about, will send his angel with you, and make your way a success. So you will take a wife for my son from my family, and from the house of my father.

41 Before you would be exempt from my oath, if you should come to my family, and if they do not give (her) to you, then you will be exempt from my oath.

42 So I came today to the spring, and I said, O Lord\*, God of my lord Abraham, please, if you are making my way a success that I am walking along,

43 Now I station myself by a spring of water, and let it be the maid coming out to draw (water), that I say to her, Please give me a little drink from your

jar,

44 And she says to me, Indeed, you drink, and I will also draw (water) for your camels, she will be the wife that the Lord\* has appointed for the son of my lord.

45 I had not yet finished speaking according to my heart, and now Rebekah came out, and her jar was upon her shoulder, She went down to the spring and drew (water). Then I said to her, Give me drink, please.

46 Then she made haste and dipped her jar from above her, and said, Drink, and I will also give drink to your camels. So I drank, and she gave drink to the camels also.

47 So I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you, and she said, A daughter of Bethuel, son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. Then I put the nose-ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands,

48 And I bowed down in worship to the Lord\*, and blessed the Lord\*, God of my lord Abraham, who led me in my way faithfully, to take a daughter of the brother of my lord for his son.

49 So now, if you are the ones who will act kindly and faithfully to my lord, declare to me, or if not, declare to me, and I will turn to the right or left.

50 Then Laban answered, also Bethuel, and they said, The word went out from the Lord\*. We are not able to speak to you good or bad.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before you. Take (her) and go, that she may be a wife for the son of your lord, according to what the Lord\* spoke.

52 Now it was when the servant of Abraham heard their words, that he bowed down toward the earth in worship to the Lord\*,

53 And the servant brought out ornaments of silver and gold, and garments, gave (them) to Rebekah, and gave excellent gifts to her brother and her mother.

54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night. They rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me off to my lord.

55 But her brother, also her mother, said, Let the young woman dwell with us a few days or a ten-day period, afterwards she may go.

56 So he said to them, Do not cause me to delay, as the Lord\* has made my way prosperous. Send me off, and let me go to my lord.

57 Then they said, We will call for the young woman, and we will ask her

according to her mouth.

58 So they called out to Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? She said, I will go.

59 Then they sent off Rebekah their sister, her nurse, the servant of Abraham, and his men,

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, may you be for thousands of multitudes, and may your offspring inherit the gate of those who hate them.

61 Then Rebekah rose up, and her young women, and they mounted upon the camels, and followed after the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went off.

62 Now Isaac was coming back from going to Beer Lahai-Roi. He dwelled in the land of the Negev.

63 So Isaac went out to rove about in the field before evening, and he lifted up his eyes, and looked, and now camels were coming.

64 Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, saw Isaac, and came down quickly from her camel,

65 And she said to the servant, Who is this man walking in the field to meet us? The servant said, It is my lord. So she took the veil and covered herself.

66 Then the servant recounted to Isaac everything that he had done,

67 And Isaac brought her to the tent of Sarah, his mother. Then he took Rebekah, she became his for a wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was consoled after his mother (died).

## Chapter 25

Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah,

2 And she bore to him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The children of Dedan were the Asshurites, the Letushites, and the Leummites.

4 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All of these were the children of Keturah.

5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

6 But to the sons of the concubines that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts

while he was still alive, and sent them away from Isaac, his son, eastward, to a land of the East.

7 Now these are the days of the years of the life of Abraham that he was alive: one hundred seventy-five years.

8 Then Abraham expired and died in a good old age, old and fulfilled, and was gathered to his people.

9 Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, son of Zohar the Hittite, that was before Mamre,

10 The field that he had acquired from the Hittites. There Abraham and Sarah, his wife, were buried.

11 It was after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac, his son, and Isaac dwelled beside Beer Lahai-Roi.

12 These are the generations of Ishmael, son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the maidservant of Sarah, bore to Abraham,

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These were those sons of Ishmael, and these are their names by their settlements and encampments, twelve princes and their people,

17 And these were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred thirty-seven years, and he expired and died, and was gathered to his people.

18 They settled down from Havilah on to Shur, which is before Egypt as you enter into Assyria. He settled before all his brothers.

19 These are the generations of Isaac, son of Abraham. Abraham fathered Isaac,

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Syrian from Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to himself for a wife.

21 Now Isaac prayed to the Lord\* on behalf of his wife, for she was barren, and the Lord\* was entreated of him. So Rebekah, his wife, became pregnant.

22 But the sons within her crushed one another, and she said, If so, why am I this (way)? So she went out to seek the Lord\*.

23 Then the Lord\* said to her, Two nations are in your belly, and two peoples will be separated from your womb. One people will be stronger than the (other) people, and the firstborn will serve the younger.

24 Then her days were fulfilled to give birth, and now there were twins in her belly.

25 The first one came out ruddy. All of him was like a cloak of hair, and they called his name Esau.

26 After that his brother came out, and his hand grasped on the heel of Esau, and he called his name Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 Now the young men grew up, and Esau was a man skilled (in) hunting, a man of the field. But Jacob was a wholesome man, a tent-dweller.

28 Isaac loved Esau for game for his eating, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 Now Jacob boiled vegetable soup, and Esau came in from the field, and was faint.

30 So Esau said to Jacob, Let me swallow some of the red (stuff), for I am faint. Therefore, he called his name Edom [a red condiment].

31 So Jacob said, Sell at once your right of firstborn to me.

32 Esau said, Look, I am going to die, so what is this right of firstborn to me?

33 Then Jacob said, Swear to me at once. So he swore to him, and sold his right of firstborn to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave to Esau bread and vegetable soup of lentils, and he ate and drank, rose up, and walked away. So Esau despised the right of firstborn.

## Chapter 26

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham, and Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, at Gerar.

2 Then the Lord\* appeared to him, and said, Do not go down to Egypt. Settle down in the land that I say to you.

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and bless you, for to you and your offspring I will give all these lands, and carry out the oath that I swore to Abraham, your father.



4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of the heavens, I will give to your offspring all these lands, and the nations of the earth will bless themselves by your offspring,

5 As a consequence that Abraham listened to my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my Torah.

6 So Isaac dwelled in Gerar.

7 But the men of the place asked about his wife, and he said, She is my sister, for he was afraid to say, My wife, Lest the men of the place should kill me over Rebekah, for she is fair of appearance.

8 Now the days there became a long time for him, and Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looked down through a window, and saw that now Isaac was toying with Rebekah, his wife.

9 So Abimelech called for Isaac, and said, Look, she is your wife. So why did you say, She is my sister. Isaac said to him, I said that lest I be killed on account of her.

10 Then Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? One of the people might have almost laid down with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.

11 So Abimelech commanded all the people, saying, Whoever reaches out against this man or his wife will surely be put to death.

12 Now Isaac sowed seed in that land, and in that year he secured one hundred fold measures, for the Lord\* blessed him.

13 So the man increased in wealth, and he continually increased, until he became very wealthy.

14 He had livestock in flocks, livestock in cattle, and a large staff of servants, and the Philistines envied him,

15 And all the wells that the servants of his father dug in the days of Abraham, his father, the Philistines stopped them up, and filled them with dirt.

16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you have become much mightier than us.

17 So Isaac went away from there, and encamped at the wady bed of Gerar, and dwelled there.

18 But Isaac returned, and dug the wells of water that they had dug in the

days of Abraham, his father, which the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham, and gave names to them as the names that his father gave to them.

19 The servants of Isaac also dug in the wady, and secured there a well of running water.

20 But the shepherds of Gerar strove with the shepherds of Isaac, saying, The water is ours. So he called the name of the well Esek [contention], for they contended with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they also strove concerning it, and he called its name Sitnah [hostility].

22 Then he moved forward from there and dug another well, but they did not strive concerning it, so he called its name Rehoboth [broad, open places], and said, For now the Lord\* has made room for us, and we will bear fruit on the land.

23 Then he went up from there (to) Beersheba.

24 Now the Lord\* appeared to him on that night, and said, I am the God of Abraham, your father. Do not fear, for I will be with you, bless you, and make your offspring abundant, for the sake of Abraham, my servant.

25 So he built an altar there, and called on the name of the Lord\*. Then he spread out his tent there, and the servants of Isaac dug a well there.

26 Then Abimelech went to Gerar, and Ahuzzath, his companion, and Phichol, his captain.

27 Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, since you have hated me, and sent me away from you?

28 They said, We have surely observed that the Lord\* is with you, and we say, Let there be an oath between us, between us and you, and let us cut a covenant with you,

29 Surely you did not do wickedness with us, and likewise we did not strike you, and likewise we did with your people only good, and we sent you out in shalom. You are now blessed of the Lord\*.

30 So he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

31 Then they rose up early in the morning, each one swore to his brother, and Isaac sent them off. So they went out from him in shalom.

32 It was on that day, that the servants of Isaac came back, and told about

the well they had dug, and said to him, We found water.

33 So he called it Shebah; therefore, the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34 It was when Esau was forty years old, that he took a wife, Judith, daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath, daughter of Elon the Hittite,

35 And they were bitterness of spirit to Isaac and Rebekah.

## Chapter 27

Now it was when Isaac was old, and his eyes grew too dim to see, that he called Esau, his older son, and said to him, My son, and he said to him, Here I am,

2 And he said, Now I am old. I do not know the day of my death.

3 So now, carry your weapons, your quiver and bow, go out to the field, and hunt game for me,

4 And make for me tasty food as I love, and bring (it) to me, that I may eat, in order that my soul may bless you before I die.

5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac was speaking to Esau, his son, and Esau went out to the field to hunt game to bring back.

6 Then Rebekah spoke to Jacob, her son, saying, Look, I heard your father speaking to Esau, your brother, saying:

7 Bring game to me, and make tasty food for me, that I may eat (it), and bless you in the presence of the Lord\* before my death.

8 So now, listen to my voice, my son, to what I command you.

9 Now go to the flock, and from there fetch for me two good kids of the goats, and I will make them into tasty food like what he loves.

10 Then bring (it) to your father, and he will eat, in order that he may bless you before his death.

11 But Jacob said to Rebekah, his mother, Look, Esau, my brother, is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.

12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I will become a mocker in his sight. I would bring upon myself a curse, and not a blessing.

13 Then his mother said to him, Your curse be upon me, my son. Only listen to my voice, and go fetch for me.

14 So he went, and fetched, and brought (it) to his mother, and his mother made tasty food like what his father loved.

15 Then Rebekah took the garments of Esau, her older son, the choice ones that were with her in the house, and she clothed Jacob, her younger son,

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands, and the smooth (part) of his neck,

17 And she placed the tasty food and the bread that she had made into the hand of Jacob, her son.

18 Now he came to his father, and said, My father, and he said, Here I am. Who are you, my son?

19 Jacob said to his father, I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done according to what you spoke to me. Arise, please. Sit and eat from my game, so that your soul may bless me.

20 But Isaac said to his son, How did you quickly find this, my son, and he said, For the Lord\* your God made it happen before me.

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, Draw near now, and let me feel you, my son, whether this is you, my son Esau, or not.

22 So Jacob drew near to Isaac, his father, and he felt him, and said, The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23 So he did not recognize him, for his hands were like the hands of Esau, his brother, hairy, so he blessed him,

24 And he said, Is this you, my son, Esau, and he said, It is I.

25 Then he said, Bring (it) near to me, and I will eat from the game, my son, in order that my soul may bless you. So he brought (it) near to him, and he ate, and he brought wine to him, and he drank.

26 Then Isaac, his father, said to him, Now draw near and give a kiss to me, my son,

27 And he drew near, and gave a kiss to him, and he smelled the odor of his clothes, then blessed him. He said, Observe! The odor of my son is like the odor of a field that the Lord\* has blessed.

28 May God give to you some of the night-mist of the heavens, some of the fertile places of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine.

29 May nations serve you, and peoples bow down to you. Be lord to your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those

who curse you be cursed, and those who bless you be blessed.

30 But it was when Isaac finished blessing Jacob, and only just as Jacob went out from the presence of Isaac, his father, that Esau, his brother, came in from his hunting,

31 And he also made tasty food, brought (it) to his father, and said to his father, May my father arise, that he may eat from the game of his son, in order that your soul may bless me.

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

33 Then Isaac trembled an exceedingly great trembling, and said, Who then is he that hunted game, brought (it) to me, and I ate some of everything? By the time you came in, I had blessed him, and indeed, blessed he will be.

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, then he cried out a loud cry, and was exceedingly bitter, and said to his father, Bless me too, my father.

35 But he said, Your brother came in deceit and took your blessing,

36 And he said, Is it because his name is called Jacob [supplanter], that this one has circumvented me twice? He took my right of firstborn, and see, now he has taken my blessing. Then he said, Have you not reserved for me your blessing?

37 But Isaac answered, and said to Esau, Behold, I have set him as lord to you, all of his brothers I have given to him for servants, and I have sustained him (with) grain and new wine. So for you, what then can I do, my son?

38 Esau said to his father, Is there one blessing that you have, my father? Bless me, me too, my father, and Esau lifted his voice and wept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered, and said to him, Behold, your dwelling place will be some of the fertile places of the land, and some of the night-mist of the heavens above,

40 Yet by your sword you will live, and your brother you will serve. But it will be when you show restlessness that you will tear away his yoke from off your neck.

41 So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob on account of the blessing that his father blessed him. He said in his heart, The days of the mourning of my father are coming near, then I will kill Jacob, my brother.

42 It was made known to Rebekah, the words of Esau, her elder son, so she

sent for and called to Jacob, her younger son, and said to him, Now Esau your brother is easing himself against you by killing you.

43 So now, my son, listen to my voice, and rise up. Flee for yourself to Laban, my brother, to Haran.

44 You will dwell with him a few days, until that the wrath of your brother turns away,

45 Until the anger of your brother turns away from you, and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send out, and take you (back) from there. Why should I be bereaved of even both of you the same day?

46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, I feel a loathing in my life from the presence of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, as these from the daughters of the land, why must I have a life?

## Chapter 28

So Isaac called to Jacob, blessed him, gave a charge to him, and said to him, Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel, the father of your mother, and take for yourself from there a wife from the daughters of Laban, brother of your mother,

3 And may El Shaddai bless you, make you fruitful, and multiply you, and may you be for an assembly of nations.

4 May he give to you the blessing of Abraham for yourself, and for your offspring along with you, for you to possess the land of your sojourning that God gave to Abraham.

5 So Isaac sent off Jacob, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Esau saw that Isaac gave a blessing to Jacob, and sent him to Padan Aram to take a wife for himself from there, (and) as he blessed him, gave a charge to him, saying, Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,

7 And Jacob had listened to his father and mother, and went to Padan Aram.

8 So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were displeasing in the sight of Isaac, his father,

9 And Esau went to Ishmael, and took Mahalath, a daughter of Ishmael, son

of Abraham, sister of Nebajoth, in addition to his (other) wives, to himself for a wife.

10 So Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran,

11 And he lighted on a place, and lodged there, for the sun was coming in. He took some of the stones of the place, and set (them) near his head, and lay down in that place to sleep,

12 And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the land, and its top reaching up to heaven, and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending on it,

13 And behold, the Lord\* was standing over him, and said, I am the Lord\*, God of Abraham, your father, and God of Isaac. The land which you are lying down on, I have given it to you and to your offspring,

14 And your offspring will be as the dust of the earth, you will break through to the west, east, north, and south, and all the families of the earth will be blessed by you and your offspring.

15 Now I am with you, and will protect you in all (places) where you go, and will bring you back to this land, for I will never forsake you, (so) that I will surely do what I have spoken to you.

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep, and said, Surely the Lord\* was present in this place, and I did not know (it).

17 He also was fearful, and said, How awesome is this place! Is this not indeed the house of God, and this be the gate of heaven?

18 So Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had placed near his head, and placed it (for) a memorial stone, and poured oil on top of it,

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, although the name of the city was previously Luz.

20 Then Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and keep me along this way that I am walking, and give to me food to eat and clothes to wear,

21 And I return in shalom to the house of my father, then the Lord\* will be to me for God,

22 And this stone that I placed (for) a memorial stone, it will be the house of God, and all that you give to me, the tenth I will tithe to you.

## Chapter 29

Then Jacob lifted up his feet, and went to the land of the people of the East.

2 And he looked, and now there was a well in the field, and three flocks of sheep lying down beside it, for they watered the flocks from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

3 So all the flocks gathered there, and they would roll away the stone from over the mouth of the well, water the sheep, then restore the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 Then Jacob said to them, My brothers, from where are you? And they said, We are from Haran.

5 So he said to them, Do you know Laban, son of Nahor, and they said, We know him,

6 And he said to them, Is (there) shalom for him? And they said, (There) is shalom. Look, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep.

7 Then he said, Look, still the day is long. It is not yet time (to) gather the livestock. Water the sheep, and go tend to (them).

8 But they said, We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered, and they roll away the stone from over the well. Then we will water the sheep.

9 He was still speaking with them, and Rachel came with the sheep that her father had, for she was a shepherdess.

10 Now it was when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter, and the sheep, of Laban, the brother of his mother, that he drew near and rolled away the stone from over the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep of Laban, the brother of his mother.

11 Then Jacob gave a kiss to Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept,

12 And Jacob declared to Rachel that he was related to her father, and was the son of Rebekah. So she ran and told (this) to her father.

13 Now it was when he heard the report of Jacob, son of his sister, that he ran to meet him, gave a hug and a kiss to him, and brought him to his house. He then recounted to Laban all of these matters,

14 And Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. So he dwelled with him one month long.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, Should it be that you are my relative, and serve me for nothing? Declare to me what your wage should be.



16 Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 The eyes of Leah were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.

18 Now Jacob loved Rachel, and he said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter,

19 And Laban said, It is better (that) I should give her to you than give her for a wife of another. Stay with me.

20 So Jacob served for Rachel seven years, but they were in his eyes as a few days, because of his loving her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, Give (me) my wife, for my days have been fulfilled, so let me go to her.

22 Then Laban assembled all the people of the place, and made a wedding feast.

23 But it was in the evening, that he took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to him, and he went in to her,

24 And Laban gave Zilpah, his maidservant, to Leah, his daughter, (for) a maidservant.

25 Now it was in the morning, and behold, it was Leah! Then he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? So why have you deceived me?

26 Laban said, It is not done so in our place, to give the younger before the elder.

27 Fulfill this week, that this (one) will also be given to you, by the service that you serve with me still another seven years.

28 So Jacob did so. He fulfilled this week, then he gave to him his daughter Rachel for a wife to him.

29 Then he went in also to Rachel, and indeed loved Rachel more than Leah, that he served with him still another seven years.

30 Laban also gave to Rachel, his daughter, Bilhah, his maidservant, for a maidservant to her.

31 Now the Lord\* saw that Leah was unloved, and opened her womb, but Rachel was barren,

32 And Leah became pregnant, bore a son, and called his name Reuben

[behold a son], for she said, For God has looked on my affliction, that now my husband will love me.

33 She became pregnant again, bore a son, and said, For the Lord\* has heard that I am unloved, and gave to me this (one) also. She called his name Simeon [hear].

34 Then she became pregnant again, bore a son, and said, Now at last my husband will be joined to me, that I bore three sons to him. Therefore his name was called Levi [joined].

35 Again she became pregnant, bore a son, and said, I will praise the Lord\* at length. Therefore she called his name Judah [praise], and she ceased from giving birth.

## Chapter 30

Now Rachel saw that she had not given birth for Jacob, and Rachel was jealous of her sister, and said to Jacob, Give to me sons, for if there are none, I will die.

2 So Jacob burned (in) anger against Rachel, and said, Am I instead of God, who has withheld the fruit of the womb from you?

3 Then she said, Look, my maid is Bilhah. Go in to her, that she may give birth with my blessing, and I will also be built up from her.

4 So she gave to him Bilhah, her maidservant, as a wife, and Jacob went in to her,

5 And Bilhah became pregnant, and bore a son to Jacob.

6 Then Rachel said, God has judged my case, and has even listened to my voice, and has given to me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan [judge].

7 Bilhah, the maidservant of Rachel, became pregnant again, and bore a second son to Jacob,

8 And Rachel said, The wrestlings of God I have wrestled with my sister. I have also prevailed. So she called his name Naphtali [my wrestlings].

9 Now Leah saw that she had ceased from giving birth. So she took Zilpah, her maidservant, and gave her to Jacob for a wife,

10 And Zilpah, the maidservant of Leah, bore a son to Jacob.

11 Then Leah said, By good fortune. So she called his name Gad [good fortune].

12 Then Zilpah, the maidservant of Leah, bore a second son to Jacob,

13 And Leah said, In my happiness, for the daughters will call me happy. So she called his name Asher [happy].

14 Now Reuben went out in the days of the wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to Leah, his mother. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give to me some of the mandrakes of your son.

15 But she said to her, Was your taking of my husband too little, that you are also taking the mandrakes of my son? Then Rachel said, So he will lie down with you tonight in exchange for the mandrakes of your son.

16 Now Jacob came in from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Come in to me, for indeed I have hired you by the mandrakes of my son. So he laid down with her during that night.

17 God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant, and bore to Jacob a fifth son.

18 Then Leah said, God has given my wages, for I gave my maidservant to my husband, so she called his name Issachar [there is recompense].

19 Then Leah became pregnant again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob,

20 And Leah said, God has endowed me, a good endowment. This time my husband will honor me, for I bore six sons for him. So she called his name Zebulun [honored].

21 Afterwards, she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and he listened to her, and opened her womb.

23 She became pregnant, bore a son, and said, God has removed my reproach,

24 And she called his name Joseph [he adds], saying, The Lord\* is adding another son to me.

25 Now it was when Rachel had given birth to Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, Send me off, and let me go to my place and to my land.

26 Give over my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go, for you know my service that I have served you.

27 Laban said to him, Have I found favor in your eyes? I have observed the

signs, and the Lord\* has blessed me on account of you,

28 And he said, Name your wage to me, and I will pay it.

29 Then he said to him, You know that I served you, and that your livestock were with me,

30 For it was little that you had before me, yet it increased to an abundance, and the Lord\* has blessed you at every step. But now, when will I also produce for my house?

31 So he said, What should I give to you? And Jacob said, You do not need to give anything to me. If you will do for me this thing, I will continue shepherding. I will keep your flock.

32 I will pass through today among your flock, removing from there any speckled and spotted lamb, and any lamb among the lambs (that) is darkened, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and it will be my wage.

33 Then my righteousness will testify for me by tomorrow, for you will come by my wage before you. Any with me that is not speckled or spotted among the goats, and darkened among the lambs, it is stolen.

34 Then Laban said, Yes, let it be according to your word.

35 So he removed on that day, the streaked or speckled he-goats, every speckled or spotted she-goat, every (one) that white was on it, and any darkened ones among the lambs, and he entrusted (them) into the hand of his sons.

36 Now he made a three days journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob was shepherding the flock of Laban that remained.

37 Then Jacob took for himself fresh rod(s) of poplar, almond, and plane trees, and peeled white stripes on them, laying bare the white that was on the rods.

38 Then he placed the rods that he had peeled by the troughs, at the watering places in front of the flock, so that the flock would come in to drink, and become in heat when coming in to drink.

39 So the flock became in heat on account of the rods, and gave birth to streaked, speckled, or spotted (ones).

40 Then Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flock toward the streaked and every darkened (one) in the flock of Laban, but he set flocks for

himself alone, and he did not set them near the flock of Laban.

41 Now it was with all, the flock(s) that were vigorous became in heat, for Jacob set the rods in the sight of the flock by the troughs to arouse (them) by the rods.

42 But when the flock showed feebleness, he did not set (them) out, so Laban had the feeble (ones), and Jacob had the vigorous (ones).

43 So he increased (his) means very, very much, and obtained many flocks, maidservants, servants, camels, and donkeys.

## Chapter 31

But he was hearing the words of the children of Laban, saying, Jacob has taken all that is our father's, and made all this abundance from that which was our father's.

2 Jacob also saw the countenance of Laban, and now it was not with him as before.

3 Then the Lord\* said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you.

4 So Jacob sent and called for Rachel and Leah, (to) the field by his flock,

5 And he said to them, I have seen the countenance of your father, that it is not toward me as before, but the God of my father has been with me.

6 You know that with all my power, I have served your father.

7 But your father trifled with me, and he changed my wages ten times, but God did not permit him to do harm with me.

8 So God took away the livestock of your father, and gave them to me.

9 If he had said thus, Speckled will be your wage, then all the flock would have given birth to speckled, and if he had said thus, Streaked will be your wage, then all the flock would have given birth to streaked.

10 It was in the time that the flock was in heat, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream that, behold, the he-goats rising above the flock were streaked, speckled, and spotted.

11 Then an angel of God said to me in the dream, Jacob, and I said, Here am I,

12 And he said, Now lift up your eyes, and see all the he-goats rising above the flock, streaked, speckled, and spotted, for I saw all that Laban did to you.

13 I am the God of Bethel, where you consecrated a memorial stone, where you vowed a vow to me. Now arise, go away from this land, and return to the land of your kindred.

14 Then Rachel and Leah answered, and said to him, Will there still be a portion to us, and property in the house of our father?

15 Are we not accounted to him as foreign women, for he sold us (in marriage)? Indeed he has also used up all our value.

16 For all the riches that God has taken away from my father, it is ours and our children's. So now, all that God said to you, do.

17 Then Jacob arose, and lifted up his sons and his wives upon the camels,

18 And he drove off all his livestock, and all his goods that he had collected, livestock that he had acquired, that he had collected in Padan Aram, to go to Isaac, his father, to the land of Canaan.

19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, but Rachel had stolen the teraphim that her father had.

20 Jacob had deceived Laban the Syrian, on account of not declaring to him that he was fleeing.

21 So he fled, he and all that he had. He arose and crossed over the river, and set his face (to) the mountain-range of Gilead.

22 Now it was told to Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled.

23 So he took his brothers with him, pursued after him the course of seven days, and overtook him on the mountain-range of Gilead.

24 But God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said to him, Take care for yourself, lest you speak either good or bad with Jacob.

25 Now Laban overtook Jacob, as Jacob had pitched his tent on a mountain, and Laban with his brothers pitched in the mountain-range of Gilead.

26 Then Laban said to Jacob, What have you done? You have deceived me, and you have led off my daughters like captives of the sword.

27 Why did you hide to flee, and deceive me, and not make (it) known to me, that I might send you off with joy, and songs with tambourine and lyre?

28 You have not even permitted me to give a kiss to my sons and daughters. Now you have acted foolishly (in) doing it.

29 It is according to the strength of my hand to do harm with you, but last night the God of your father spoke to me, saying, Take care for yourself to not speak good or bad with Jacob.

30 But now you have indeed gone away, for you have surely longed for the house of your father. (But) why did you steal my gods?

31 Then Jacob answered, and said to Laban, Because I was afraid. For I said, lest you seize your daughters away from me.

32 With whom you find your gods, may he not live. In front of our brothers, observe what is yours with me, and take (it) for yourself. But Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 So Laban came into the tent of Jacob, into the tent of Leah, and into the tent of the two maids, and he did not find (them). Then he went out of the tent of Leah, and entered into the tent of Rachel.

34 Now Rachel had taken the terephim, she put them in the basket-saddle of the camel, and she sat upon them. Then Laban felt through all of the tent, but he did not find (them).

35 She said to her father, Let not anger be kindled in the eyes of my lord, for I am not able to rise up at your presence, for I am (in) the way of women. So he searched but did not find the terephim.

36 Now the anger of Jacob was kindled, and he quarreled with Laban, and Jacob answered, and said to Laban, What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me?

37 When you felt through all my implements, what did you find of your house from all my implements? Set (them) here in front of my brothers and your brothers, and let them decide between the two of us.

38 These twenty years I have been with you, your ewes and your she-goats have not aborted, and the rams of your flock I have not consumed.

39 I have not brought torn flesh to you. I bore the loss. From my hand you exacted it, be it stolen of me by day or night.

40 It has been (that) the dry heat by day and the frost by night has consumed me, and my sleep has fled from my eyes.

41 This has been to me twenty years in your house. I have served you fourteen years for the two of your daughters, and six years for your flock. You have changed my wage ten times.

42 Unless I had the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, that now you would have sent me away with empty hands. God saw my affliction, and the toil of my hands, and he decided last night.

43 Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flock is my flock, and all that you see, that is mine. So what should I do today for these, for my daughters and my children that they have given birth to?

44 So now, come, let us cut a covenant, me and you, and it will be for a witness between me and you.

45 Then Jacob took a stone, he set it (for) a memorial stone,

46 And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones. So they took stones, made a heap, and ate there by the heap.

47 Laban gave a name to it, Jegar Sahadutha [witness heap: Aramaic], and Jacob gave a name to it, Galeed [witness heap: Hebrew].

48 Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and you today. Therefore he called its name Witness Heap,

49 And Watchtower [Mizpah: Hebrew], for he said, May the Lord\* keep watch between me and you when we are hidden from one another.

50 If you should afflict my daughters, or take wives in addition to my daughters, no one being with us, behold! God is a witness between me and you.

51 Then Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the memorial stone that I have set between me and you.

52 This heap is a witness, and the memorial stone is a witness, that I will not cross over the heap to you, and you will not cross over this heap to me, or this memorial stone, for harm.

53 Let the God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, judge between us, (who) was the God of their father. So Jacob swore to the fear of Isaac, his father.

54 Then Jacob slaughtered a sacrifice on the mountain-range, and called for his brothers to eat food. So they ate food and spent the night on the mountain-range,

55 And Laban rose up early in the morning, kissed his sons and daughters, and blessed them. Then Laban went away, and returned to his place.



## Chapter 32

Then Jacob went on his way, and angels of God met with him.

2 Jacob said when he saw them, This is the camp of God, and he called the name of that place Mahanaim [twin camps].

3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau, his brother, to the land of Seir, the territory of Edom,

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus you will say to my lord, to Esau, Thus says Jacob, your servant, I have sojourned with Laban, and I have tarried until now.

5 I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, servants, and maidservants that I sent to declare to my lord, in order to find favor in your eyes.

6 But the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We went to your brother, to Esau, and he was also going out to encounter you, and four hundred men were with him.

7 Now Jacob was very afraid, and in distress. He dispersed the people that were with him, and the flock, the cattle, and the camels, into two camps,

8 And he said, If Esau comes against the one camp, and strikes it, the remaining camp will be (there) for an escape.

9 Then Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord\* who said to me, Return to your land, and to your kindred, and I will deal well with you.

10 I am too insignificant for all the kindnesses that you have done toward your servant. For with my staff, I crossed over this Jordan River, and now I am into two camps.

11 Please rescue me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, lest he come in and strike me down, mother together with sons.

12 Now you yourself have said, I will surely deal well with you, and set your offspring as the sand of the sea, that no one can count for the abundance.

13 He lodged there on that night, and took from what came into his hand, a gift for Esau, his brother.

14 There were two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams.

15 There were thirty nursing camels and their young, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty she-donkeys, and twenty male donkeys.

16 He gave into the hand of his servants a herd, (and) a herd separate from it, and said to his servants, Pass over in front of me, and you will set space between herd and herd.

17 He commanded the one at the head, saying, If Esau, my brother, reaches you, and asks you, saying, To whom do you belong, where are you going, and to whom do these in front of you belong to?

18 Then you will say, To your servant, to Jacob. That is a gift sent to my lord, to Esau, and look, he is also behind us.

19 Then he also commanded the second, also the third, even all those walking behind the herds, saying, According to this word you will speak to Esau when you find him,

20 And you will also say, Look, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he had said, I will pacify him with the gift going in front of me, and after that I will see his face. Perhaps he will be gracious to me.

21 So the gift passed over to the front of him, but he lodged in the camp on that night.

22 He arose on that night, took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok.

23 He took them, and led them over the stream, then he brought over what was his.

24 Then Jacob was left by himself, and a man wrestled with him until the rising of the dawn.

25 Now he saw that he did not prevail against him, so he reached out to the hollow of his thigh-joint, and the hollow of the thigh-joint of Jacob was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, Let me go, for the dawn is rising, but he said, I will not let you go unless you bless me.

27 Then he said to him, What is your name, and he said, Jacob,

28 And he said, No longer will your name Jacob be uttered any more, but Israel [he persisted with God], for you have persisted with God and men, and have prevailed.

29 Then Jacob asked, and said, Please declare your name, and he said, Why

do you ask this, concerning my name? And he blessed him there.

30 Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [face of God], Because I saw God face-to-face, and my life was delivered.

31 Then the sun came out for him when he passed through Peniel, and he was limping because of his thigh.

32 Therefore the Israelites to this day do not eat the sinew of the thigh-vein that is on the thigh-joint, for he reached out to the hollow of the thigh-joint, into the sinew of the thigh-vein.

## Chapter 33

Now Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and now Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he spread out the children with Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants,

2 And he put the maidservants and their children first, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph after them.

3 He passed through to the front of them, and he bowed himself down toward the ground seven times until he drew near to his brother.

4 Then Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, fell upon his neck, and they wept.

5 Now he lifted up his eyes, saw the wives and the children, and said, Who are these you have? And he said, The children with whom God favored your servant.

6 Then the maidservants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down,

7 And Leah drew near, and her children, and bowed down, and after that Joseph and Rachel drew near, and bowed down.

8 So he said, What is all this camp of yours that I have encountered, and he said, To find favor in the eyes of my lord.

9 But Esau said, I have abundance. My brother, let what is yours be for you.

10 Then Jacob said, Please, no! If I have found favor in your eyes, then you should take my gift from my hand, for thus I have seen your face, like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me favorably.

11 Please take my blessing that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me, and all that is mine. So he pressed (it) with him, and he took it.

12 Then he said, Let us pull up and go, and I will walk in front of you.

13 But he said, My lord knows that the young ones are weak, and the flock and herd with me are nursing. One day they will be driving them, and all the flock will die.

14 May my lord pass through in front of his servant, and I will lead on gently to the legs of the livestock who will be in front of me, and the legs of the young ones, until when I come to my Lord\* toward Seir.

15 Then Esau said, I will station with you some of the people who are with me. But he said, Why is this? Have I found favor in your eyes, my lord?

16 So Esau returned on that day to his way toward Seir.

17 Now Jacob set out toward Succoth, then he built an house for himself, and made shelters for his livestock, therefore he called the name of the place Succoth [shelters].

18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem that was in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram, and he made camp in front of the city.

19 He bought a portion of the field from the hand of the sons of Hamor, father of Shechem, with one hundred kesitas, where he pitched his tent,

20 And there he set up an altar, and called out to it, O God, God of Israel!

## Chapter 34

Now Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she had born to Jacob, went out to look at the daughters of the land.

2 But Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, ruler of the land, saw her, took her, laid down with her, and humbled her.

3 His soul clung to Dinah, daughter of Jacob. He loved and spoke kindly of the young woman.

4 So Shechem spoke to Hamor, his father, saying, Take for me this young woman to wife.

5 Now Jacob had heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter, and his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob remained silent until they came in.

6 Then Hamor, the father of Shechem, went out to Jacob to speak with him,  
7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard them, and the men were vexed. They burned very much with anger against them, because he did a disgraceful folly to Israel, to lay with the daughter of Jacob, and should not have done so.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, Shechem is my son. His soul is attracted to your daughter. Please give her to him to wife,

9 And make us a marriage alliance. Give your daughters to us, and you may take our daughters for yourselves.

10 Then dwell with us, and the land will be before you, Dwell and travel about in it, and take hold of it.

11 Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, May I find favor in your eyes, and what you say to me, I will give.

12 Greatly increase on me the purchase price or gifts, and I will give according to what you say to me, but give to me the young woman to wife.

13 So the sons of Jacob answered Shechem, and Hamor, his father, but they spoke in deceit, for he had defiled Dinah, their sister.

14 They said to them, We are not able to do this thing, to give our sister to wife to one who has a foreskin, for it would be a disgrace to us.

15 Only by this will we give consent to you, if you are to be like us, for you to be circumcised, every male.

16 Then we will give our daughters to you, your daughters we will take for ourselves, and we will dwell with you, and become as one people.

17 But if you will not listen to us, to circumcise, then we will take our daughter and go away.

18 Now their words were pleasing in the sight of Hamor, and Shechem, the son of Hamor,

19 And the young man did not tarry to do the matter, for he desired the daughter of Jacob, and he was held in more honor than all the house of his father.

20 So Hamor and Shechem, his son, entered into the gate of their city, and

they spoke to the men of their city, saying:

21 These men are in a covenant of shalom with us, so they may dwell in the land, and travel around in it. Behold, the land is wide open space before them. Their daughters we may take for ourselves to wife, and our daughters we may give to them.

22 Only by this will they consent to us, the people to dwell with us to be as one people: when we become circumcised, every male, as they are circumcised.

23 Their livestock, their possessions, and all their animals, will they not be ours? We must only consent to them, then they will dwell with us.

24 So all who came out to the gate of his city listened to Hamor and Shechem, his son, and all males were circumcised.

25 Now it was on the third day, while they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, each one took his sword, they came upon the city securely, and killed every male.

26 They killed Hamor and Shechem, his son, to the measure of the sword, took Dinah from the house of Shechem, and went away.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, for they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their flock, their herd, their donkeys, and that which was in the city by the field,

29 And all their wealth. They took captive all their children and their wives, and plundered all that was in the house.

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have stirred up trouble for me, to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I have men few in number, so they will be gathered against me, strike me down, and I will be destroyed, I and my household.

31 But they said, Should he have made our sister as a prostitute?

## Chapter 35

Then God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, dwell there, and make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the presence of

Esau, your brother.

2 So Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, Put away gods of the foreigner that are in the midst of you, purify yourselves, and change your outer garments,

3 And let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who has answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me in the way that I have gone.

4 So they gave to Jacob all the gods of the foreigner that were in their hands, and the rings that were in their ears, and Jacob hid them underneath the terebinth tree that was close to Shechem.

5 Then they set out, and there was a terror of God upon the cities that were around them, so they did not chase after the sons of Jacob.

6 Then Jacob went to Luz (that is, Bethel) that was in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

7 He built there an altar, and gave a name to the place El Bethel [God of the house of God], for there God revealed himself to him when he fled from the presence of his brother.

8 Now Deborah, the nurse of Rebekah, died, and was buried below Bethel, underneath the oak, so he called the name of the oak Allon Bachuth [oak of weeping].

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Padan Aram, and he blessed him,

10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob. Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel will be your name. So he called his name Israel.

11 Then God said to him, I am El Shaddai. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation, yes, an assembly of nations will (come) from you, and kings will come out from your loins.

12 The land that I have given to Abraham and to Isaac, I give to you, and I give the land to your offspring after you.

13 Then God ascended from beside him in the place where he spoke with him.

14 Jacob set up a memorial on the place that he spoke with him, a memorial stone, and he poured a drink offering, and poured oil upon it.

15 So Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel

[house of God].

16 Then they set out from Bethel. There was still a distance of land to come to Ephrath, and Rachel was giving birth, but she had severe labor.

17 Now it was during her severity of labor, the midwife said to her, Fear not, for this one will also be your son.

18 But it was when her life was going away, for she died, that she called his name Ben-Oni [son of my sorrow], but his father gave the name to him Benjamin [son of (the) right hand].

19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem),

20 And Jacob set up a memorial upon her grave. It is a memorial of the grave of Rachel until today.

21 Then Israel set out, and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

22 Now it was when Israel settled down in that land, that Reuben went and laid down with Bilhah, the concubine of his father, and Israel heard (it).

There were twelve sons of Jacob.

23 The sons of Leah: The firstborn of Jacob, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

25 The sons of Bilhah, maidservant of Rachel: Dan and Naphtali.

26 The sons of Zilpah, maidservant of Leah: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram.

27 Then Jacob came to Isaac, his father, (to) Mamre of Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred eighty years.

29 Then Isaac expired and died, and was gathered to his people, old and having his fill of days, and Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

## Chapter 36

Now these are the generations of Esau (he is Edom).

2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of



Zibeon the Hivite,

3 And Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael, the sister of Nebajoth.

4 Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

5 And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, all living in his house, his livestock, all his animals, and all his acquisitions that he had collected in the land of Canaan, and he went to a land away from the presence of Jacob, his brother.

7 For their goods had become too great for dwelling together, and the land of their sojourning was not able to support them, from the presence of their livestock.

8 So Esau dwelt in the mountain-range of Seir (Esau is Edom).

9 These are the generations of Esau, the father of Edom, in the mountain-range of Seir.

10 These are the names of the sons of Esau: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, wife of Esau, Reuel, the son of Basemath, wife of Esau.

11 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 Timna was a concubine to Eliphaz, son of Esau, and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These were the sons of Adah, wife of Esau.

13 These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, wife of Esau.

14 These were the sons of Aholibamah, wife of Esau, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon. She bore to Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.

15 These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,

16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief Amalek. These were the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Adah.

17 These were the sons of Reuel, son of Esau: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, wife of Esau.

18 These were the sons of Aholibamah, wife of Esau: Chief Jeush, Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah. These were the chiefs of Aholibamah, wife of Esau, the daughter of Anah.

19 These were the sons of Esau, and these were their chiefs (he is Edom).

20 These were the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Hemam. The sister of Lotan was Timna.

23 These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 These were the sons of Zibeon: Ajah and Anah. That was the Anah who found the water in the wilderness when he was tending the donkeys of Zibeon, his father.

25 These were the children of Anah: Dishon and Aholibamah, daughter of Anah.

26 These were the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

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

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

29 These were the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah,

30 Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. These were the chiefs of the Horites, of their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31 Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned of the sons of Israel:

32 Bela, the son of Beor, reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 Then Bela died, and Jobab, son of Zerah, from Bozrah, reigned in place of him.

34 Then Jobab died, and Husham, from the land of the Temanites, reigned in place of him.

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad, son of Bedad, reigned in place of him, who struck down Midian in the land of Moab. The name of his city was Avith.

36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah, from Mazrekah, reigned in place of him.

37 Then Samlah died, and Saul, from Rehoboth on the river, reigned in place of him.

38 Then Saul died, and Baal-Hanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in place of him.

39 Then Baal-Hanan, the son of Achbor, died, and Hadar reigned in place of him. The name of his city was Pau, and the name of his wife was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 Now these were the names of the chiefs of Esau, in regard to their families, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,

41 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

43 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places, in the land of their possession. Esau is he, father of Edom.

## Chapter 37

Now Jacob dwelled in the land of the sojournings of his father, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, seventeen years old, was shepherding with his brothers among the flock. Now he, a young man, was with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, concubines of his father, and Joseph came in with a bad report of them to their father.

3 Israel loved Joseph more than all of his sons, for he was a son of old age to him, and he made a tunic of long skirts and sleeves for him.

4 Now his brothers saw that his father loved him more than all his brothers, so they hated him, and could not speak to him in shalom.

5 Joseph dreamed a dream, he told (it) to his brothers, and they hated him even more.

6 He said to them, Listen now to this dream that I have dreamed.

7 Look, we were binding sheaves in the midst of the field, and now my sheaf rose up, and also stood, and behold, your sheaves surrounded (it), and bowed down to my sheaf.

8 So his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us? Surely you will

not have dominion over us! And they hated him even more on account of his dream and his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream, and recounted it to his brothers, and said, Look, I have again dreamed a dream, and behold, the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me.

10 And he recounted (it) to his father and his brothers, and his father gave a rebuke to him, and said to him, What is this dream you have dreamed? Will I, your mother, and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth to you?

11 Then his brothers were jealous of him, but his father filed away the matter.

12 Now his brothers went out to shepherd the flock of their father in Shechem,

13 And Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brothers shepherding in Shechem? Go, and I will send you to them, and he said, Here am I.

14 Then he said to him, Go now, see about the shalom of your brothers and the flock, and bring me a report. So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 A man found him, as now he was wandering in the field, and the man asked him, saying, What do you seek?

16 And he said, I am seeking my brothers. Please declare to me where they are shepherding.

17 Then the man said, They set out from this (place), for I heard (them) saying, Let us go to Dothan. So Joseph went after his brothers, and he found them in Dothan.

18 But they saw him from a distance, and while he had not yet drawn near to them, they deceitfully plotted against him to kill him.

19 Then each one said to his brother, Behold, this lord of the dreams is coming!

20 So now, come, and let us kill him, throw him into one of the pits, and we will say a wild animal devoured him. Then let us see what his dreams will become.

21 But Reuben was listening, and rescued him from their hand, for he said, Do not strike him fatally,

22 And Reuben said to them, Do not shed blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not stretch out a hand against him (for the sake of rescuing him from their hand to bring him back to his father).

23 So it was when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of long skirts and sleeves that was on him,

24 And they took him, and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty. No water was in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat food, and lifted up their eyes and looked, and now a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, and their camels were carrying spice, balsam, and myrrh. They were going by to bring (it) down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, What is the gain, that we kill our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let our hands not be against him, for he is our brother, our flesh, and his brothers agreed.

28 Then the men of Midian, who were traders, passed by. So they drew and lifted up Joseph from the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites at twenty pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

29 Then Reuben returned to the pit, and now Joseph was not in the pit, and he tore his garments.

30 He returned to his brothers, and said, The boy is not (there), and where can I go?

31 Then they took the tunic of Joseph, slaughtered a he-goat of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

32 Then they stretched out the tunic of long skirts and sleeves, brought it to their father, and said, We found this. Observe, please. Is it not the tunic of your son?

33 He recognized it, and said, It is the tunic of my son. A wild animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn in pieces.

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned over his son many days.

35 All his sons and daughters rose up to console him, but he refused to be consoled, and said, For I will go down mourning (in) Sheol about my son.

36 The Midianites sold him to the Egyptians, to Potiphar, an officer of

Pharaoh, captain of the bodyguard.

## Chapter 38

Now it was at that time that Judah went down from being with his brothers, and he turned to an Adullamite man, and his name was Hirah.

2 And there Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite man, and his name was Shua. So he took her and went in to her.

3 Then she became pregnant, and bore a son, and he called his name Er.

4 She became pregnant again, bore a son, and she called his name Onan.

5 She did (this) again, and bore a son, and called his name Shelah. He was in Chezib when she bore him.

6 Then Judah took a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

7 But Er, firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the eyes of the Lord\*, and the Lord\* killed him.

8 So Judah said to Onan, Go to the wife of your brother, and be a husband's brother to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.

9 But Onan knew that the offspring would not belong to him. So it was when he went in to the wife of his brother, that he spoiled the semen on the ground, to not give offspring to his brother.

10 But what he did was wicked in the eyes of the Lord\*, and he killed him also.

11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow of the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up. For he said, Lest he also die like his brothers. So Tamar went and dwelled (in) the house of her father.

12 Now the days grew long, and the daughter of Shua, the wife of Judah, died. So Judah consoled himself, then he went up to the shearers of sheep, he and Hirah, his friend the Adullamite, to Timnah,

13 And it was reported to Tamar, saying, Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.

14 So she removed the garments of her widowhood from over her, and covered herself in a veil. Then she wrapped herself, and sat in the entrance of Enaim, which was on the way to Timnah, for she saw that Shelah had

become older, but she was not given to him to wife.

15 Now Judah saw her, and he thought her to (be) a prostitute, for she had covered her face.

16 So he turned to her by the way, and said, Come now, let me go in to you, for he did not know she was his daughter-in-law, and she said, What will you give to me, that you may go in to me?

17 And he said, I will send a kid of the goats from the flock, and she said, If you will give a pledge until you send (it).

18 Then he said, What is the pledge that I should give to you? And she said, Your seal and cord, and your staff that is in your hand. So he gave (them) to her, and went in to her, and she became pregnant by him.

19 Then she rose up, went away, removed her veil from over her, and clothed herself in the garments of her widowhood.

20 So Judah sent a kid of the goats by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the hand of the woman, but he did not find her.

21 Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where is the temple-prostitute? She was by Enaim along the way. But they said, There has been no temple-prostitute in this (place).

22 Then he returned to Judah, and said, I did not find her, and also the men of the place said, There has been no temple-prostitute in this (place).

23 So Judah said, Let her take (what) she has, lest it would become for derision. See, I sent this kid, and you could not find her.

24 Now it was about three months, and it was told to Judah, saying, Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has played the harlot, and also she is pregnant now of fornication. Judah said, Bring her out, and let her be burned.

25 She was being brought out, but she sent out to the father of her husband, saying, I am pregnant by the man to whom these belong. Then she said, Observe, please. To whom do this seal, cord, and staff belong?

26 Judah recognized (them), and said, More righteous is she than I, because I did not give her to Shelah, my son. So he did not know her intimately any more.

27 It was near the time of her giving birth, and now twins were in her womb,

28 And it was when she was giving birth, that one put out a hand, and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet (band), saying, This (one)

came out first.

29 But it was when he brought back his hand, that now his brother came out, and she said, What a break through you have made! The break through is because of you! So he called his name Perez [break through].

30 After that his brother came out, upon whose hand was the scarlet (band), and he called his name Zerah [shining].

## Chapter 39

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, officer of Pharaoh, captain of the bodyguard, an Egyptian man, bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites, who brought him down there.

2 The Lord\* was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. He was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

3 His master saw that the Lord\* was with him, and all that he did the Lord\* made to prosper by his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his eyes, and served him, and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his care.

5 And it was since he made him overseer of his house, and over all that he had, the Lord\* blessed the house of the Egyptian on account of Joseph, and the blessing of the Lord\* was on all that he had in the house and in the field.

6 So he left all that he had in the care of Joseph, and he did not know anything with him, except the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome of form and appearance,

7 And it was after these things that the wife of his master lifted up her eyes to Joseph, and said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said to the wife of his master, Look, my master does not know what is in the house with me, for all that he has, he has put in my care.

9 There is no one greater in this house than me, and he has not withheld anything from me except you, in that you are his wife. So how could I do this great evil, and sin against God.

10 It was whenever she spoke to Joseph day (to) day, that he did not listen to



her, to lie down beside her, to be with her.

11 But it happened on this particular day, that he went to the house to do his work, and there were none of the people of the house inside.

12 Then she grasped him by his garment, saying, Lie with me, but he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

13 It was when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside,

14 That she cried out to the people of her house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought to us a Hebrew man to make sport of us. He came to me to lie with me, so I cried out in a loud voice.

15 It was when he heard that I raised my voice and cried out, that he left his garment beside me and fled, and went outside.

16 So she set down his garment beside her until his master came in to his house,

17 And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me, to make sport of me.

18 But it was when I lifted up my voice and cried out, that he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.

19 When his master heard the words of his wife that she spoke to him, saying, Your servant has done to me according to this manner, his anger was kindled.

20 So the master of Joseph took him, and put him into the house of Sohar [round house], the place where prisoners of the king were imprisoned, and he was there in the house of Sohar.

21 But the Lord\* was with Joseph, extended steadfast love to him, and bestowed his favor in the eyes of the overseer of the house of Sohar.

22 So the overseer of the house of Sohar placed in the hand of Joseph all the prisoners who were in the house of Sohar, and all that they did there, it was he who made (it) happen.

23 The overseer of the house of Sohar did not look over anything in his hand, in that the Lord\* was with him, and what he did, the Lord\* made to prosper.

## Chapter 40

Then it was after these things, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt did wrong against their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 So Pharaoh was wroth against the two officials, against the chief of the cupbearers, and the chief of the bakers,

3 And put them into the prison house of the captain of the bodyguard, into the house of Sohar, the place where Joseph was imprisoned.

4 The captain of the bodyguard appointed Joseph beside them, that he would serve them. They were in the prison many days,

5 And both of them, who were the cupbearer and the baker to the king of Egypt, prisoners of the house of Sohar, dreamed a dream, each his dream in one night, each according to the interpretation of his dream.

6 Then Joseph came to them in the morning, and saw them, and now they were dejected.

7 So he asked the officers of Pharaoh who were with him in the prison house of his master, saying, Why are your faces so sad today?

8 And they said to him, We dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. So Joseph said to them, Is interpretation not of God? Recount (it) to me.

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers recounted his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, now a vine was in front of me,

10 And on the vine were three twigs, and when it sprouted, its blossom sprung up, and its clusters brought grapes to ripeness.

11 Then the cup of Pharaoh was in my hand, and I took the grapes, and squeezed them out into the cup of Pharaoh, then I put the cup upon the palm of Pharaoh.

12 So Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it. The three twigs, those are three days.

13 In the span of three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head, and restore you to your place, and you will put the cup of Pharaoh in his hand according to the former custom when you were his cupbearer.

14 Only remember me being with you, when it is good for you, and please do a kindness for me. Remember me to Pharaoh, and bring me out from this

house.

15 For I was surely stolen from the land of the Hebrews, and here I also did not do anything that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 Now the chief of the bakers saw that it was a good interpretation, and said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and now three baskets of white bread were on my head.

17 In the highest basket was some of all the food (for) Pharaoh, the work of the baker. But the birds ate them from the basket on my head.

18 Then Joseph answered, and said, This is the interpretation of it. The three baskets, those are three days.

19 In the span of three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head above you, hang you on a gallows, and the birds will eat your flesh from upon you.

20 So it was on the third day, the birthday of Pharaoh, that he made a feast for all who served him, and he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers, and the chief of the bakers, in the midst of those who served him.

21 Then he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his cupbearer, and he put the cup upon the palm of Pharaoh.

22 But he hanged the chief of the bakers, according to what Joseph interpreted to them.

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

## Chapter 41

It was at the end of two years time, that Pharaoh was dreaming, and now he was standing by the Nile,

2 And now from the Nile, seven cows were ascending, fair of appearance, and fat of flesh. They were grazing on rushes.

3 But behold, another seven cows after them ascended from the Nile, unpleasant in appearance, and thin of flesh. They were standing beside the cows on the edge of the Nile,

4 And the cows unpleasant in appearance, and thin of flesh, ate the seven

cows fair in appearance and fat. Then Pharaoh woke up.

5 Then he slept and dreamed a second (one), and now seven ears of grain were sprouting up on one stalk, plump and good.

6 But behold, seven ears of grain, thin and scorched by an east wind, were sprouting up after them,

7 And the thin ears of grain swallowed up the seven plump and full ears of grain. Then Pharaoh woke up, and behold, it was a dream.

8 It was in the morning, and his spirit was disturbed. So he sent out and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men, and Pharaoh recounted his dream to them, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I will mention my wrong today.

10 Pharaoh was angry against his servants, and he put me in the prison house of the captain of the bodyguard, me and the chief of the bakers,

11 And we dreamed a dream on one night, he and I, each one according to the interpretation of his (own) dream (that) we dreamed.

12 Now a young Hebrew man was with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard. We recounted to him, and he interpreted for us, our dreams. He interpreted each one according to his dream,

13 And according to what he interpreted, so it happened. He restored me to my place, but him he hanged.

14 So Pharaoh sent out and called for Joseph, and brought him quickly from the dungeon. He shaved, changed his garments, and came to Pharaoh.

15 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, I dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard about you, saying you can hear a dream to interpret it.

16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, Not I! God will answer with shalom (for) Pharaoh.

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, here was I, standing on the edge of the Nile,

18 And now from the Nile were ascending seven cows, fat of flesh, and fair of form, and they were grazing on rushes.

19 Then, behold, another seven cows ascended after them, weak and very

unpleasant in form, and thin of flesh. I have seen nothing like them in all the land of Egypt for poor quality.

20 Then the thin and unpleasant cows ate the seven choice and fat cows,

21 And they went into (their) stomach, but it could not be known that they went into (their) stomach, for their appearance was unpleasant like it was at first. Then I woke up.

22 Then I saw in my dream that now seven ears of grain were ascending on one stalk, full and good,

23 But behold, seven ears of grain, dried up, thin, scorched by an east wind, were sprouting up after them,

24 And the thin ears of grain swallowed up the seven good ears of grain. I spoke to the magicians, but no one could make (it) known to me.

25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh, it is one. What God is doing, he has made known to Pharaoh.

26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears of grain are seven years. The dream, it is one.

27 The seven cows, thin and unpleasant, ascending after them, are seven years, and the seven ears of grain, thin and scorched by an east wind, are seven years of famine.

28 That is the matter that I have spoken of to Pharaoh. What God is doing, he has shown to Pharaoh.

29 Now seven years are coming of a great plenty in all the land of Egypt,

30 But seven years of famine will arise after them, and all the plenty in the land of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will consume the land.

31 So the plenty in the land will not be regarded from the presence of that famine afterward, for it will be very heavy.

32 As regards the dream being repeated to Pharaoh twice, it is because the matter is established from God, and God will hasten to do it.

33 So now let Pharaoh look for a man, intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh act and appoint commissioners over the land, and take the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven years of plenty.

35 Let them gather all the food in these good years coming in, heap up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and retain food in the cities.

36 The food will be for the store of the land for the seven years of famine that will be in the land of Egypt, that the land should not be cut off by the famine.

37 Now the word was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all who served him.

38 So Pharaoh said to those who served him, Has a man been found such as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is?

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, After God made known to you all (of) this, there is no one intelligent and wise like you.

40 You will be over my house, and according to your command all my people will yield. Only the throne will I make greater than you.

41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, Behold, I have placed you over all the land of Egypt.

42 Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from upon his hand, put it upon the hand of Joseph, clothed (him) in garments of fine linen, and placed a chain of gold upon his neck.

43 Then he had him driven in a chariot that was second in rank to him, and they cried out before him, Abrek [kneel]! So he put him over all the land of Egypt,

44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, but apart from you no one will lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 Pharaoh called the name of Joseph, Zaphnath-Paaneah, and gave to him Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah, priest of On, to wife. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he began serving before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and he went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and he passed into all the land of Egypt.

47 So the land yielded by handfuls in the seven years of plenty,

48 And he gathered all the food of the seven years that was in the land of Egypt, and put the food into the cities. He put the food of the land of the city that surrounded it into the middle of it.

49 Now Joseph heaped up grain exceedingly, as the sand of the sea, to the point that he ceased to count, for it was without number.

50 To Joseph there were born two sons, when the year of famine had not yet

come in, which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah, priest of On, bore to him.

51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh [forgetting], For God has made me forget all my trouble, and all the house of my father,

52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim [fruitful], For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 Now the seven years of plenty that were in the land of Egypt were finished,

54 And the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was food.

55 So all the land of Egypt was in hunger, and the people cried out to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh said to all of Egypt, Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.

56 The famine was upon all the area of the land, and Joseph opened up (storehouses), all that was in them, and sold grain to Egypt, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

57 So every land came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, for the famine was severe in every land.

## Chapter 42

Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look at each other?

2 And he said, Now I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy grain from there for us, so we will live and not die.

3 So ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

4 But he did not send Benjamin, a brother of Joseph, with his brothers, for he said, Lest he should encounter harm.

5 Then the sons of Israel came to buy grain in the midst of those coming in, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 Now Joseph, he was the ruler over the land. He sold grain to all the people of the land, so the brothers of Joseph came in, and bowed down to him, noses toward the ground.

7 Joseph saw his brothers, and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them, spoke with them harshly, and said to them, From where have you come? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy grain (for) food.

8 Now Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them, and said to them, You are spies! You have come to observe the nakedness of the land.

10 But they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy grain (for) food.

11 We are sons of one man, all of us. We are honest. Your servants are not spies,

12 And he said to them, No, for you have come to observe the nakedness of the land,

13 And they said, Your servants are twelve. We are brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and now the youngest is with our father today, and the (other) one is missing.

14 Joseph said to them, It is what I spoke to you, saying, You are spies.

15 By this you will be proved. It will be the life of Pharaoh, if you go out from this (place), and your youngest brother does not come back here.

16 Send out one of you, and let him get your brother, and (as for) you, be imprisoned. Then your words will be proved true with you. But if not, (by) the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies.

17 So they gathered them to prison three days.

18 Then Joseph said to them on the third day, Do this, and live, for I fear God.

19 If you are honest, your one brother will be imprisoned in the house of your imprisonment. But (as for) you, go. Bring in grain (for) the hunger in your houses.

20 But you will bring your youngest brother to me, then your words will be verified, and you will not die. So they did thus:

21 Each one said to his brother, Of a truth, we are guilty concerning our brother, that we saw the distress of his soul, when he implored favor to us, and we did not listen. Therefore, this distress has come to us,

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do



not sin against the boy, but you did not listen, and now even his blood is required.

23 But they did not know that Joseph understood, for the interpreter was between them.

24 Then he turned about from beside them, and wept. Then he turned back to them, spoke to them, took from among them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph commanded that they fill their vessels (with) grain, and to return their money, each one into his sack, and to give to them provision for the way. For them he did so,

26 And they lifted their grain upon their donkeys, and went out from there.

27 Then one (of them) opened his sack to give fodder to his donkey in the lodging place, and saw his money, that now it was in the mouth of his sack.

28 So he said to his brothers, My money has been returned, and look, it is even in my sack. Their heart failed, and they trembled, each one saying to his brother, What is this (that) God has done to us?

29 Then they came to Jacob, their father, to the land of Canaan, and made known to him all that met them, saying:

30 The man of the lords of the land, spoke to us harshly, and designated us as men who were searching out the land.

31 So we said to him, We are honest. We are not spies.

32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is missing, and the youngest is with his father today in the land of Canaan.

33 Then the man of the lords of the land said to us, By this I will know that you are honest. Leave behind one of your brothers with me, and with the hunger in your houses, procure grain and go.

34 Then bring your youngest brother to me, and I will know that you are not spies, that you are honest. I will give your brother to you, and you may travel about in the land.

35 Then they emptied out their sacks, and now each (had) a bundle of his money in his sack, and they and their fathers saw bundles of their money, and they were afraid.

36 Then Jacob, their father, said to them, You have made me childless. Joseph is missing, Simeon is missing, and you would take Benjamin. Upon

me are they all.

37 So Reuben spoke to his father, saying, You may kill the two of my sons if I do not bring him back to you. Entrust him to me, and I will return him to you.

38 But he said, My son will not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is remaining, and should harm befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray head in grief to Sheol.

## Chapter 43

Now the famine was heavy in the land,

2 And it was when they had finished consuming the grain that they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, Return! Buy grain for us, a little food.

3 So Judah spoke to him, saying, The man gave a stern warning to us, saying, You will not see my face if your brother is not with you.

4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy grain (for) food for you.

5 But if you will not send (him), we will not go down, for the man said to us, You will not see my face if your brother is not with you.

6 Then Israel said, Why have you done hurt to me, to declare to the man you have a brother still?

7 And they said, He surely asked about us and our kindred, saying, Is your father still living? Do you have a brother? So we declared to him according to these words. Could we indeed have known that he would say, Bring down your brother?

8 Then Judah said to Israel, his father, Send the young man with me, and let us rise up and go, and we will live, and not die, neither we, nor you, nor our children.

9 I will go surety for him. You may exact a penalty for him from my hand. If I do not bring him to you, and set him before you, then I will take the blame of sinning against you all my days.

10 For if we had not waited, surely now we would have returned this second

time.

11 So Israel, their father, said to them, If so, then do this: take some of the produce of the land in your vessels, and bring down to the man a gift, a little balsam, a little honey, spice and myrrh, pistachios and almonds.

12 Take double the money in your hand, and you must bring back in your hand the returned money in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake.

13 Yes, take your brother, and arise, return to the man.

14 May El Shaddai grant to you mercy before the man, that he send out to you your other brother and Benjamin, else when I am bereaved, I am bereaved.

15 So the men took this gift, and took double money in their hand, and Benjamin. Then they rose up and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to (the one) who was over his house, Bring the men into the house, and be sure to slaughter and prepare food, that the men with me may eat at noon.

17 So the man did according to what Joseph said, and brought the men into the house of Joseph.

18 But the men were afraid, for they were brought into the house of Joseph. They said, It is concerning the matter of the money returned in our sacks at first. We may have been brought in to overwhelm and attack us, and take us for servants, and our donkeys.

19 So they drew near to the man who was over the house of Joseph, and spoke to him (at) the entrance of the house,

20 And they said, Excuse me, my lord. We only came down to buy grain (for) food at the first time.

21 But it happened that we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and now the money of each man was in the mouth of his sack, our money in its weight. So we have returned it in our hand,

22 And other money we have brought down in our hand to buy grain (for) food. We do not know who placed our money in our sacks.

23 Then he said, Shalom to you. Do not fear. Your God, even the God of your fathers, has given the treasure to you in your sacks. Your money came to me.

Then he came out to them with Simeon,  
24 And the man brought the men to the house of Joseph, gave them water, and they washed their feet. He also gave fodder to their donkeys.  
25 Then they were making the gift ready, until Joseph came at noon, for they had heard that they would eat food there.  
26 Then Joseph came into the house, and they brought to him the gift that was in their hand into the house, and bowed down to him toward the ground.  
27 He asked of them about (their) shalom, and said, Is it shalom (for) your father, the elder whom you spoke of? Is he still alive?  
28 And they said, It is shalom for your servant, our father. He is still alive. Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves.  
29 Then he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin, his brother, son of his mother, and said, Is this your youngest brother, whom you spoke of to me? Then he said, May God favor you, my son.  
30 Then Joseph hurried, for his compassion grew warm and tender to his brother, and he wanted to weep. So he went into a room and wept there.  
31 Then he washed his face, went out, and restrained himself and said, Set food,  
32 And they set up for him by himself, for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians eating with them by themselves, for the Egyptians were not able to eat food with the Hebrews, for that was an abomination to Egypt.  
33 So they sat before him, firstborn as the firstborn, and youngest as the youngest. But the people looked in astonishment, each one to his friend,  
34 That he carried portions from before him to them, but the portion for Benjamin was increased five times more than all of them. So they drank and became drunk with him.

## Chapter 44

Now he commanded the one who was over his house, saying, Fill the sacks of the men with food as they are able to carry, and place the money of each man in the mouth of his sack.

2 Also my cup, the silver cup, you will put in the mouth of the sack of the youngest one, and the money (for) his grain. So he did according to the word of Joseph that he spoke.

3 It was the morning light, and the men were sent off, they and their donkeys.

4 They went out of the city. They had not gone far, and Joseph said to the one who was over the house. Arise! Chase after the men, overtake them, and you will say to them, Why have you rewarded evil in exchange for good?

5 Is this not what my lord drinks of, and surely observes signs by it? You have done an injury, what you have done.

6 So he overtook them, and spoke these words to them.

7 They said to him, Why has my lord spoken according to these words? Far be it for your servants doing the like of this thing.

8 Look, the money that we found in the mouth of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. So how could we steal from the house of your lord silver or gold?

9 Whoever it is found with among your servants, let him be put to death, and let us also be to my lord for servants.

10 Then he said, Even now, according to your words, let it be so. Whoever is found with it, he will become a servant to me, but you will be free.

11 Now they hurried, and each man dropped his sack down to the ground, and opened his sack.

12 Then he searched. He began with the oldest, and ended with the youngest. The cup was found in the sack of Benjamin.

13 Then they tore their clothes, and each man put a load upon his donkey, and they returned to the city.

14 So Judah and his brothers entered into the house of Joseph, and he was still there. Then they fell down to the ground before him,

15 And Joseph said to them, What is this deed that you have done? Did you not know that a man like me could certainly observe signs?

16 Then Judah said, What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found your servants guilty. Here we are, servants to my lord, both we and the one in whose hand the cup was.

17 But he said, Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose hand the cup

was found, he will be a servant to me, but (as for) you, go up in shalom to your father.

18 Then Judah drew near to him, and said, Excuse me, my lord. May your servant speak a word in the hearing of my lord, and let your anger not be kindled against your servant, for the one who is like you, is like Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Do you have a father or a brother?

20 And we said to my lord, We have an old father, and a male child of (his) old age, the youngest. His brother is dead, and he remains by himself of his mother, and his father loves him.

21 But you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him,

22 And we said to my lord, The young man is not able to leave his father, that he should leave his father, and he would die.

23 But you said to your servants, If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will never again see my face.

24 So it was that we went up to your servant, my father, and we declared to him the words of my lord.

25 Then our father said, Return! Buy grain for us, a little food.

26 But we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down, but we are not able to see the face of the man, and our youngest brother not be with us.

27 Then your servant, my father, said to us, You know that my wife bore two sons for me,

28 And the one went out from being with me, and I said, Surely he has been torn in pieces, and I have not yet seen him.

29 But should you take even this (one) from my presence, and evil meets him, you will bring down my gray head in misery to Sheol.

30 So now when I come to your servant, my father, and the young man is not with us, whose life is bound up with his life,

31 Then it will be when he sees that the young man is not there, that he will die, and your servants will have brought the gray head of your servant, our father, in grief to Sheol.

32 For your servant went surety for the young man with my father, saying, If I do not bring him back to you, then I will take the blame of sinning against

my father all (my) days.

33 So now, please let your servant remain a servant to my lord instead of the young man, and let the young man go up with his brothers,

34 For how could I go up to my father, and the young man is not with me, lest I look on the misery that would find my father.

## Chapter 45

Then Joseph was not able to restrain himself to all who were stationed near him, and he called out, Move out, everyone from near me. So no one stood with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 Then he uttered his voice in weeping, and (those) of Egypt and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph. Is my father still alive? But his brothers were not able to answer him, for they were terrified from his presence.

4 So Joseph said to his brothers, Draw near to me, and they drew near, and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold to Egypt.

5 But now, do not grieve, and do not let it burn in your eyes that you sold me here. God sent me before you for preservation of life.

6 For this has been two years of the famine in the midst of the land, and there are still five years that there will be no plowing and harvest.

7 But God sent me before you to place descendants of you in the land, and to preserve your life for a great deliverance.

8 So now, you did not send me here, but God, and he placed me for a father to Pharaoh, a lord to all his house, and a ruler in all the land of Egypt.

9 Hurry and go up to my father, and you will say to him, Thus says your son Joseph, God set me for a lord to all of Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay!

10 You will dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be near to me, you, your children, and the children of your children, and your flock, your herd, and all that you have.

11 I will support you there, for there are still five years of famine, lest you

come to poverty, you, your house, and all that is yours.

12 So now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, for my mouth has spoken to you,

13 And you will tell to my father all of my importance in Egypt, and all that you have seen. You will hurry and bring my father down here.

14 Then he fell upon the neck of Benjamin, his brother, and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck,

15 And he gave a kiss to all his brothers, and wept upon them, and after that his brothers spoke with him.

16 Now the report was heard (by) the house of Pharaoh, saying, The brothers of Joseph have come, and it was pleasing in the eyes of Pharaoh and those who served him.

17 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this. Load your livestock, and go enter into the land of Canaan.

18 Then take your father, and your houses, and come to me, and I will give to you the good things of the land of Egypt. Consume the fat of the land!

19 You will also give a command, Do this. Take for yourselves from the land of Egypt carts for your children and your wives, and you will pick up your father and come.

20 But do not let your eye look with regret upon your property, for the good things of all the land of Egypt will be yours.

21 Then the sons of Israel did so, and Joseph gave to them carts, according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and provision for the journey.

22 To each one, all of them, he gave changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred silver pieces, and five changes of clothing.

23 For his father he sent out according to this: ten donkeys bearing loads of some of the good things of Egypt, and ten she-donkeys bearing grain, food, and sustenance to his father for the journey.

24 Then he sent off his brothers. As they went out, he said to them, Do not become agitated along the way.

25 So they went up from Egypt, and entered the land of Canaan, to Jacob, their father.

26 Then they declared to him, saying, Joseph is still alive, and is ruler over all the land of Egypt, but he grew numb in his heart, for he did not have trust



for them.

27 But they spoke to him all the words of Joseph that he said to them, and he saw the carts that Joseph had sent to carry him. Then the spirit of Jacob, their father, revived,

28 And Israel said, Enough! Joseph, my son, is still alive! I will go and see him before I die.

## Chapter 46

So Israel, and all that was his, set out, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2 Then God spoke to Israel in a vision of the night, and said, Jacob! Jacob! And he said, Here am I.

3 Then he said, I am God, the God of your father. Do not fear going down to Egypt, for I will transform you into a great nation there.

4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will surely bring you up also, and Joseph will lay his hand upon your eyes.

5 Then Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel lifted up Jacob their father, their children, and their wives into the carts that Pharaoh sent to carry him.

6 They also took their livestock, and their goods that they had collected in the land of Canaan, and Jacob came to Egypt, and all his offspring with him.

7 His sons and the sons of his sons were with him, and he brought his daughters and the daughters of his sons, and all his offspring with him to Egypt.

8 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt, Jacob and his sons. The firstborn of Jacob was Reuben.

9 The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

13 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron.

14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These were the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, and Dinah, his daughter. All of the lives of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three.

16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.

17 The sons of Asher: Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister.

The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

18 These were the children of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah, his daughter, and she bore these sixteen lives to Jacob.

19 The sons of Rachel, wife of Jacob: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 These were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Asenath, daughter of Poti-Pherah, priest of On, bore to him: Manasseh and Ephraim.

21 The sons of Benjamin: Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.

22 These were the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob. All the lives were fourteen.

23 The sons of Dan: Hushim.

24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.

25 These were the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob. All the lives were seven.

26 All the lives of Jacob coming to Egypt, who came out belonging to him, besides the wives of the sons of Jacob, all the lives were sixty-six.

27 The sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt, the lives were two. All the lives of the house of Jacob coming to Egypt were seventy.

28 Now he sent out Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him toward Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 Joseph harnessed his chariot, and went up toward Goshen to meet Israel, his father. When he appeared to him, he fell upon his neck, and wept upon his neck continually.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, I may die now, since I have seen your face, for you are still alive.

31 Joseph said to his brothers, and to the house of his father, I will go up and declare to Pharaoh, and say to him, My brothers, and the house of my

father, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.

32 The men are shepherds of the flock, for they are men with livestock, and they have brought in their flock, their herd, and all that they have.

33 But it will happen, that Pharaoh will call to you, and say, What is your occupation?

34 Then you will say, Your servants are men of livestock from our youth even until now, we and also our fathers, in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for all shepherds of the flock are an abomination (in) Egypt.

## Chapter 47

So Joseph came and declared to Pharaoh, and said, My father, brothers, and their flock and herd, and all that they have, have come from the land of Canaan, and are here in the land of Goshen.

2 Then from all of his brothers, he took five men, and presented them before Pharaoh.

3 Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds of the flock, we and also our fathers,

4 And they said to Pharaoh, We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for the flock that your servants have, for severe is the famine in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 The land of Egypt, it is before you. Direct your father and your brothers to dwell in the best of the land. They may dwell in the land of Goshen, and if you know that there are among them men of ability, then you may make them overseers of the livestock, over all that is mine.

7 Then Joseph brought in Jacob, his father, and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many years are the days of your life?

9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my sojourning are one hundred thirty years. The days of the years of my life have been few and

unpleasant, and have not attained to the days of the years of the lives of my fathers, in the days of their sojourning.

10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

11 So Joseph directed his father and his brothers to dwellings, and gave them property in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ramses, according to what Pharaoh commanded.

12 Joseph sustained his father, his brothers, and all the house of his father. There was food according to what the children would eat.

13 Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, and the land of Egypt and Canaan was parched from the presence of the famine.

14 So Joseph collected all the money found in the land of Egypt and Canaan, by the grain that they bought, and Joseph brought the money into the house of Pharaoh.

15 Then the money from the land of Egypt and Canaan was exhausted, and all of Egypt came to Joseph, saying, Bring food to us, or, Why should we die in front of you, for money is naught?

16 Then Joseph said, Bring your livestock, and I will give (you) food for your livestock, if money is naught.

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave to them food for horses, livestock of the flock and the herd, and donkeys. So he refreshed them with food for all their livestock during that year.

18 Now that year ended, and they came to him in the second year, and said to him, We do not hide from my lord, but the money is spent, and my lord has the livestock of the animals. There is not left over before my lord anything except our bodies and our lands.

19 Why should we die in your sight, we and even our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed, and we will live and not die, and the land will not be desolate.

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for the Egyptians sold each man his field, for the famine was strong upon them, and the land became Pharaoh's.

21 Then he turned the people, each one, to the cities, from an end of the

territory of Egypt, to its end.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for there was an allowance to the priests from Pharaoh, and they ate the prescribed allowance that Pharaoh gave to them, therefore they did not sell their lands.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, If I have bought you today, and your land for Pharaoh, behold, you will have seed, and you will sow the ground,

24 And it will be that you will give a fifth of the crops to Pharaoh, and four parts will be yours for seed of the field and for your eating, and for that of your house, and to your children for eating.

25 Then they said, You have kept us alive. May we find favor in the eyes of my lord, and we will be servants to Pharaoh.

26 So Joseph set it until this day, concerning the land of Egypt, for a statute of a fifth to Pharaoh, only the land(s) of the priests, they alone were not Pharaoh's.

27 Now Israel dwelled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. They took possession in it, were fruitful, and greatly multiplied,

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, and the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred forty-seven years.

29 Now the days of Israel to die drew near, and he called for his son, for Joseph, and said to him, If I have found favor in your eyes, place your hand under my thigh, and do with me kindly and truly. Do not bury me in Egypt,

30 But let me lie with my fathers, and carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their grave. He said, I will do according to your word.

31 Then he said, Swear to me, and he swore to him, and they bowed, Israel being upon the head of the bed.

## Chapter 48

Then it was after these things that it was said to Joseph, Now your father is ill. So he took his two sons beside him, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 Then it was declared to Jacob, and said, Now your son Joseph has come to you, and Israel exerted himself, and sat up on the bed.

3 Jacob said to Joseph, El Shaddai appeared to me in Luz in the land of

Canaan, and blessed me,

4 And he said to me, Here am I, making you fruitful. I will cause you to multiply, make you for an assembled multitude of peoples, and give this land to your offspring after you, an everlasting possession.

5 Now, also your two sons who were born to you in the land of Egypt, before I came to you to Egypt, they are mine. Ephraim and Manasseh are as Reuben and Simeon. They are mine.

6 But your offspring whom you father after them, will be yours. According to the name of their brothers will they be reckoned in their inheritance.

7 Now when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan along the way, while still a distance of land to go to Ephrath, and I buried her along the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

8 Then Israel saw the sons of Joseph, and he said, Who are these?

9 And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God gave to me in this (place), and he said, Please take them to me, and I will bless them.

10 Now the eyes of Israel were heavy from old age. He was not able to see, so he brought them near to him, and he gave a kiss and an embrace to them.

11 Then Israel said to Joseph, I did not expect to see your face, and now God has even shown me your offspring!

12 Then Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and they bowed to his face toward the ground.

13 Then Joseph took both of them, Ephraim in his right hand on the left of Israel, and Manasseh in his left hand on the right of Israel, and brought them near to him.

14 But Israel stretched out his right hand and placed (it) upon the head of Ephraim (and he was the youngest), and his left hand upon the head of Manasseh. He had laid his hands crosswise, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

15 Then he blessed Joseph, and said, May God, who my fathers, Abraham and Isaac, walked to and fro before, God, who shepherded me ever since I was until this day,

16 May the angel who has redeemed me from all distress, bless the boys. Let my name and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac, be given to them, and may they increase to a multitude in the midst of the land.

17 Now Joseph saw that his father had placed his right hand upon the head

of Ephraim, and it was displeasing in his sight, so he grasped the hand of his father to turn it aside from upon the head of Ephraim (to) upon the head of Manasseh.

18 Then Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn. Place your right hand upon his head.

19 But his father refused, and said, I know, my son, I know, and he also will be for a people and become great, but indeed, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his offspring will become a multitude of nations.

20 Then he blessed them on that day, saying, Israel gives a blessing to you, saying, May God set you as Ephraim and Manasseh. So he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, Now I die, but God will be with you, and return you to the land of your fathers.

22 I am also giving to you Shechem, one (town), on account of your brothers, that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and bow.

## Chapter 49

Now Jacob called to his sons, and said, Gather together, and I will declare to you what will happen to you in the days to come.

2 Gather together and listen, O sons of Jacob, yes, listen to Israel, your father.

3 Reuben, my firstborn, you are my power, and the beginning of my manly vigor, with superiority of dignity and strength.

4 Reckless like water, you will not excel, for you went up on the bed of your father, since you defiled my couch (by) going up.

5 Simeon and Levi are brothers. Weapons of violence are their merchandise.

6 Let my soul not enter into their company. Let my honor not be united with their assembly. For in their anger, they killed a man, and in their self-will, they hamstringed an ox.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was severe, and their fury, for it was fierce. I will scatter them among Jacob, and disperse them among Israel.

8 Judah, (as for) you, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the

neck of your enemies. The children of your father will bow down to you.

9 A lion's whelp is Judah. My son, you ascend above the prey. He crouches down. He lies down in a lair like a lion, and like a lion, who would stir him up?

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, or the commander's staff from between his feet, until when Shiloh comes, and he will have the obedience of peoples.

11 It is he who binds his donkey's colt to the vine, yes, the colt of his she-donkey to the choice vine. He washes his clothes in wine, and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

12 The eyes will be darker than wine, but the teeth will be whiter than milk.

13 Zebulun will abide at the shore of the seas, and at the shore of ships, and his distant border will be adjoining Sidon.

14 Issachar is a strong donkey, who lies down between ash-heaps.

15 He saw that his resting place was good, and the land was delightful, so he extended his shoulder to bear a load, but became a slave to desperation.

16 Dan will judge his people according to the tribes of Israel.

17 Let Dan be a serpent above the path, a horned snake above the way. The bite will be on the heels of a horse, and his driver will fall backward.

18 I wait for your salvation, O Lord\*.

19 Gad, a troop will troop upon him, but he will troop upon the heel.

20 Out of Asher, rich will be his food, and he will make delicacies of a king.

21 Naphtali is a slender terebinth, the maker of beautiful tree-tops.

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring. (Its) twigs have climbed over a wall.

23 But the master bowmen showed bitterness towards him, shot at (him), and bore a grudge against him.

24 Yet his bow abides as a permanent one, and the arms of his hands are agile, due to the hands of the strong one of Jacob; from there is the shepherd, the rock of Israel,

25 From the God of your father, that he will help you, yes, El Shaddai, and bless you the blessings of the heavens above, the deep lying down below, the breasts and the womb.

26 The blessings of your father will prevail over the blessings of the



everlasting mountains, the boundary of the everlasting hills. Let them come to the head of Joseph, and to the crown consecrated among his brothers.

27 Benjamin will be a wolf. He will tear away in the morning. He will devour the prey, and divide the spoil into the evening.

28 All of these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this was what their father spoke to them. He blessed them, so that each one according to his blessing, he blessed them.

29 Then he commanded them, and said to them, I am being gathered to my people. Bury me by my fathers into the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.

30 It is in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, that is upon the area of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, where Abraham purchased the field from Ephron the Hittite for possession of a burial place.

31 There they buried Abraham, and Sarah, his wife. There they buried Isaac, and Rebekah, his wife, and there I buried Leah.

32 It was the purchase of a field and the cave that was in it from the Hittites.

33 Then Jacob finished commanding his sons, drew up his feet (on) the bed, expired, and was gathered to his people.

## Chapter 50

Then Joseph fell upon the face of his father, wept on him, and gave a kiss to him.

2 Joseph commanded his servants, the healers, to embalm his father, so the healers embalmed Israel.

3 The forty days were fulfilled for him, so that the days of embalming were fulfilled, and Egypt wept for him seventy days.

4 When the days of his weeping passed, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying:

5 My father made me swear, saying, Now I am dying, so, in my grave that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you will bury me. So now, please let me go up and bury my father, then I will return,

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and all who served Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, went up with him,

8 And all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and the house of his father. Only their children, their flock, and their herd, they left in the land of Goshen,

9 And also the chariot, also horsemen, went up with him, and it was a very large company.

10 Now they came in as far as the threshing floor of Atad, which was beyond the Jordan. They wailed there a great wailing, and very heavy, and he did a mourning for his father seven days,

11 And an inhabitant of the land, a Canaanite, could see the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, and they said, This is a heavy mourning for Egypt. Therefore he called its name, Abel Mizraim [mourning of Egypt], which was beyond the Jordan.

12 Now his sons did for him thus, according to what he commanded them.

13 His sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, where Abraham purchased the field for possession of a burial place, from Ephron the Hittite, upon the area of Mamre.

14 Then Joseph returned to Egypt, he, his brothers, and all who went up with him to bury his father, after he buried his father.

15 When the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, they said, If he bears a grudge against us, then he will surely bring back to us all the evil that we dealt out to him.

16 So they gave a charge to Joseph, saying, Your father gave a command before his death, saying:

17 Thus will you say to Joseph, Ah, forgive the transgression of your brothers, and their sin, for the evil they have dealt to you. But now, forgive, for the transgressions of the servants of the God of your father. Now Joseph wept as they spoke to him,

18 And his brothers also walked over, and fell down before him, and said, Look, we are to you for servants.

19 But Joseph said to them, Do not fear, for am I instead of God?

20 Although you devised evil upon me, God planned it for good, in order to act, as it is this day, to preserve the lives of many people.

21 So now, Do not fear. I will sustain you and your children. Thus he comforted them, and spoke to their heart.

22 Joseph saw the children of Ephraim to the third generation, also the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, who were fathered on the knees of Joseph.

23 So Joseph dwelled in Egypt, he and the house of his father, and he lived one hundred ten years.

24 Now Joseph said to his brothers, I am dying, but God will surely visit you, and bring you up from this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

25 And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, God will surely visit you, so bring up my bones from this place.

26 So Joseph died, one hundred ten years old. They embalmed him, and he was put into a coffin in Egypt.