

Scriptures from Genesis

The Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ^{1:2} And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ^{1:3} And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. ^{1:4} And God saw the light, that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness. ^{1:5} And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

^{1:6} And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ^{1:7} And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. ^{1:8} And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

^{1:9} And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was so. ^{1:10} And God called the dry land Earth, and he called the gathering together of the waters Seas. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:11} And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, *and* fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind (in which is the seed of them) upon the earth. And it was so. ^{1:12} And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit in which is the seed of it, according to their kind. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:13} And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

^{1:14} And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years. ^{1:15} And let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth. And it was so. ^{1:16} And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, also the stars. ^{1:17} And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth, ^{1:18} and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:19} And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

^{1:20} And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ^{1:21} And God created the great sea creatures, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:22} And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. ^{1:23} And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

^{1:24} And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth according to their kind. And it was so. ^{1:25} And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kind, and the cattle according to their kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

^{1:26} And God said, Let us make man in our image—after our likeness—and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. ^{1:27} And God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. ^{1:28} And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. ^{1:29} And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed. To you it shall be for food, ^{1:30} and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps upon the earth in which there is life, for food—every green herb. And it was so.

^{1:31} And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

^{2:2} And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ^{2:3} And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it, because in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.

Adam and Eve

^{2:4} These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Jehovah God made earth and heaven. ^{2:5} And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up, for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth. And there was not a man to till the ground, ^{2:6} but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

^{2:7} And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. ^{2:8} And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

^{2:9} And out of the ground Jehovah God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, also the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ... ^{2:15} And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

^{2:16} And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat, ^{2:17} but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it. For in the day that thou eat of it thou shall surely die.

^{2:18} And Jehovah God said, It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make a help meet for him. ^{2:19} And out of the ground Jehovah God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the heavens, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was the name of it. ^{2:20} And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field, but for man there was not found a help meet for him.

^{2:21} And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept. And *God* took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in place of it. ^{2:22} And the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man, he made a woman, and brought her to the man. ^{2:23} And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ^{2:24} Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cling to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. ^{2:25} And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The First Sin

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Yea, has God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden? ^{3:2} And the woman said to the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, ^{3:3} but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall not eat of it, nor shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

^{3:4} And the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not surely die. ^{3:5} For God knows that in the day ye eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

^{3:6} And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make wise, she took of the fruit of it, and ate. And she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ^{3:7} And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

^{3:8} And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden.

^{3:9} And Jehovah God called to the man, and said to him, Where are thou? ^{3:10} And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked. And I hid myself.

^{3:11} And he said, Who told thee that thou was naked? Have thou eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee that thou should not eat? ^{3:12} And the man said, The woman whom thou gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate. ^{3:13} And Jehovah God said to the woman, What is this thou have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.

^{3:14} And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because thou have done this, cursed are thou above all cattle, and above every beast of the field. Upon thy belly thou shall go, and dust thou shall eat all the days of thy life. ^{3:15} And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. He shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel.

^{3:16} To the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy childbearing, in pain thou shall bring forth children. And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

^{3:17} And to Adam he said, Because thou have hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake. In toil thou shall eat of it all the days of thy life. ^{3:18} Also, thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to thee, and thou shall eat the herb of the field. ^{3:19} In the sweat of thy face thou shall eat bread, till thou return to the ground, for out of it thou were taken. For thou are dust, and to dust thou shall return. ^{3:20} And the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ^{3:21} And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

^{3:22} And Jehovah God said, Behold, the man has become as one of us—to know good and evil—and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—^{3:23} therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from where he was taken. ^{3:24} So he drove out the man. And he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

^{4:1} And the man knew Eve his wife, and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from Jehovah. ^{4:2} And again she bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

^{4:3} And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought an offering to Jehovah of the fruit of the ground. ^{4:4} And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat of it. And Jehovah had respect to Abel and to his offering, ^{4:5} but he did not have respect to Cain and to his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ^{4:6} And Jehovah said to Cain, Why are thou angry? And why has thy countenance fallen? ^{4:7} If thou do well, shall thou not be accepted? And if thou do not well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire shall be for thee, and thou shall rule over it. ^{4:8} And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed him.

^{4:9} And Jehovah said to Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not. Am I my brother's keeper? ^{4:10} And he said, What have thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood cries to me from the ground. ^{4:11} And now cursed are thou from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand. ^{4:12} When thou till the ground, it shall not

henceforth yield to thee its strength. A fugitive and a wanderer thou shall be on the earth.

4:13 And Cain said to Jehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 4:14 Behold, thou have driven me out this day from the face of the ground, and I shall be hid from thy face, and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth. And it shall come to pass, that whoever finds me shall slay me. 4:15 And Jehovah said to him, Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Jehovah appointed a sign for Cain, lest any who finds him should smite him. 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of Jehovah, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. ...

5:3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and called his name Seth. 5:4 And the days of Adam were eight hundred years after he begot Seth. And he begot sons and daughters. 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

5:6 And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. ... 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died. 5:9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Kenan. ... 5:11 And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died. 5:12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. ... 5:14 And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died. 5:15 And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. ... 5:17 And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died. 5:18 And Jared lived a hundred sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. ... 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, and he died.

5:21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begot Methuselah three hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. 5:24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

5:25 And Methuselah lived a hundred eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. 5:26 And Methuselah lived seven hundred eighty-two years after he begot Lamech, and begot sons and daughters. 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, and he died. 5:28 And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years, and begot a son. 5:29 And he called his name Noah ... 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ...

Noah and the Flood

6:3 And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he also is flesh. Yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. ... 6:5 And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6:6 And Jehovah regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart. 6:7 And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground, from man, to beast, to creeping things, and birds of the heavens, for I regret that I have made them.

6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah. 6:9 ... Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 6:10 And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6:11 And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 6:12 And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. 6:13 And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them, and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood. Thou shall make rooms in the ark, and shall pitch it inside and outside with pitch. 6:15 And this is how thou shall make it: The length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 6:16 Thou shall make a light for the ark, and thou shall finish it to a cubit upward. And thou shall set the door of the ark in the side of it, with lower, second, and third stories thou shall make it.

6:17 And I, behold, I bring the flood of waters upon this earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of life, from under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. 6:18 But I will establish my covenant with thee. And thou shall come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort thou shall bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee. They shall be male and female. 6:20 Of the birds according to their kind, and of the cattle according to their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind. Two of every sort shall come to thee, to keep them alive. 6:21 And take thou to thee of all food that is eaten, and gather it to thee, and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 6:22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

7:1 And Jehovah said to Noah, Come, thou and all thy house into the ark, for I have seen thee righteous before me in this generation. 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shall take to thee by sevens, the male and his female. And of the beasts that are not clean two, the male and his female. 7:3 Also of the birds of the heavens by sevens, male and female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 7:4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will destroy from off the face of the ground. 7:5 And Noah did according to all that Jehovah commanded him.

7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ... 7:15 And they went in to Noah into the ark, two by two of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 7:16 And those that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him. And Jehovah shut him in. ... 7:18 And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 7:19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and all the high mountains that were under the whole heaven were covered 7:21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, from birds, to cattle, to beasts, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, and every man. ... 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

8:1 And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 8:2 Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 8:3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually. And after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. 8:4 And the ark rested ... upon the mountains of Ararat. ...

8:6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. 8:7 And he sent forth a raven. And it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8:8 And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground. 8:9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. And he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in to him into the ark. 8:10 And he stayed yet another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the

ark. ^{8:11} And the dove came in to him at evening. And, lo, in her mouth an olive leaf plucked off, so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. ^{8:12} And he stayed yet seven other days, and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more. ^{8:13} And it came to pass ... the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked. And, behold, the face of the ground was dried. ...

^{8:15} And God spoke to Noah, saying, ^{8:16} Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. ^{8:17} Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee ... that they may ... multiply upon the earth. ^{8:18} And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. ^{8:19} Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatever moves upon the earth, according to their families, went forth out of the ark.

The Sign of the Rainbow

^{8:20} And Noah built an altar to Jehovah, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ^{8:21} And Jehovah smelled the sweet savor. And Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, for that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I again any more smite everything living, as I have done. ^{8:22} While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

^{9:1} And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. ^{9:2} And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the heavens, with all with which the ground teems, and all the fishes of the sea. They are delivered into your hand. ^{9:3} Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. As the green herb, I have given you all. ^{9:4} But flesh with the life of it, *which is* the blood of it, ye shall not eat. ... ^{9:6} Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God he made man. ^{9:7} And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply. Bring forth abundantly on the earth, and multiply on it.

^{9:8} And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, ^{9:9} And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you, ^{9:10} and with every living creature that is with you ... of all that go out of the ark ... ^{9:11} And I will establish my covenant with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the

waters of the flood, nor shall there be a flood any more to destroy the earth.

9:12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 9:13 I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. 9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud. 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ... 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. ...

The Tower of Babel

11:1 And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. ... 11:3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had slime for mortar. 11:4 And they said, Come, let us build a city for us, and a tower, and its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for us, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

11:5 And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men built. 11:6 And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is what they begin to do. And now nothing will be withheld from them, which they propose to do. 11:7 Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand each other's speech.

11:8 So Jehovah scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 11:9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel, because Jehovah there confounded the language of all the earth, and from there Jehovah scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth. ...

God Calls Abram

11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. ... 11:31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. And they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan. And they came to Haran, and dwelt there. ...

12:1 Now Jehovah said to Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, to the land that I will show thee. 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and be thou a blessing. 12:3 And I will bless those who bless thee, and he who curses thee I will curse. And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

12:4 So Abram went as Jehovah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran. 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran, and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan. ...

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

Abram in Egypt

12:9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South. 12:10 And there was a famine in the land. And Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. 12:11 And it came to pass, when he came near to enter into Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon. 12:12 And it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife. And they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 12:13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live because of thee.

12:14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. 12:15 And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 12:16 And he dealt well with Abram for her sake. And he had sheep, and oxen, and he-donkeys, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-donkeys, and camels. 12:17 And Jehovah plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou have done to me? Why did thou not tell me that she was thy wife? 12:19 Why did thou say, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore behold thy wife. Take her, and go thy way. 12:20 And Pharaoh gave men command concerning

him. And they brought him on the way, and his wife, and all that he had.

Abram and Lot Separate

^{13:1} And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. ^{13:2} And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. ^{13:5} And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. ^{13:6} And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together. For their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. ^{13:7} And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. ...

^{13:8} And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen, for we are brothers. ^{13:9} Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me. If the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if the right hand, then I will go to the left.

^{13:10} And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of Jehovah ...
^{13:11} So Lot chose for himself all the Plain of the Jordan. And Lot journeyed east, and they separated themselves the one from the other. ^{13:12} Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan. And Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ^{13:13} Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against Jehovah.

God's Promise to Abram

^{13:14} And Jehovah said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. ^{13:15} For all the land which thou see, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed forever. ^{13:16} And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth. So that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then may thy seed also be numbered. ^{13:17} Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it, for to thee I will give it. ...

Ishmael

^{16:1} Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no sons. And she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. ... ^{16:3} And

Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. ... 16:15 And Hagar bore Abram a son. And Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16:16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

God's Covenant with Abram

17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am God Almighty, walk before me, and be thou perfect. 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

17:3 And Abram fell on his face. And God talked with him, saying, 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham, for I have made thee the father of a multitude of nations. ... 17:8 And I will give to thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojourning, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

17:9 And God said to Abraham, And as for thee, thou shall keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised. ...

17:15 And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah. 17:16 And I will bless her. And moreover I will give thee a son by her. Yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a *mother of nations*; kings of peoples shall be by her.

17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? 17:18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before thee! 17:19 And God said, No, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son, and thou shall call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.

17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. 17:21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to thee at this set time in the next year.

17:22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. ... 17:26 In the selfsame day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 17:27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Abraham's Divine Visitors

18:1 And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. 18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him. And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, 18:3 and said, My lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. 18:4 Let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and strengthen ye your heart. After that ye shall pass on, inasmuch as ye came to your servant. And they said, Do so as thou have said. ...

18:9 And they said to him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 18:10 And he said, I will certainly return to thee when the season comes round, and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him.

18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, *and* well stricken in age. It had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself 18:13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I who am old certainly bear a child? 18:14 Is anything too hard for Jehovah? At the set time I will return to thee, when the season comes round, and Sarah shall have a son. 18:15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh, for she was afraid. And he said, No, but thou did laugh.

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

18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do, 18:18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 18:19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice, to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.

Abraham Pleads for Sodom and Gomorrah

^{18:20} And Jehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, ^{18:21} I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which comes to me. And if not, I will know. ^{18:22} And the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham yet stood before Jehovah.

^{18:23} And Abraham drew near, and said, Will thou consume righteous men with wicked men? ^{18:24} Perhaps there are fifty righteous men within the city. Will thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous men that are in it? ... ^{18:26} And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous men within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. ^{18:27} And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord, who am but dust and ashes. ^{18:28} Perhaps there shall lack five of the fifty righteous men. Will thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty-five. ^{18:29} And he spoke to him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake. ^{18:30} And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Perhaps there shall be thirty found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. ^{18:31} And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord. Perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. ^{18:32} And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. Perhaps ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake. ^{18:33} And Jehovah went his way as soon as he had left off conversing with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

^{19:1} And the two agents came to Sodom at evening, and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. And Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. And he bowed himself with his face to the earth, ^{19:2} and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, No, but we will abide in the street all night. ^{19:3} And he urged them greatly. And they turned in to him, and entered into his house. And he made a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, encompassed the house around, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. ^{19:5} And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men who came in to thee this night? Bring them out to us ... ^{19:6} And Lot went out to them to the door, and shut the door after him. ^{19:7} And he said, I pray you, my brothers, do not so wickedly. ^{19:8} ... do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shadow of my roof. ^{19:9} And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will be a judge. Now we will deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed greatly upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door. ^{19:10} But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. ^{19:11} And they smote the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

^{19:12} And the men said to Lot, Have thou here any besides? Son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whomever thou have in the city, bring them out of the place. ^{19:13} For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them has been great before Jehovah. And Jehovah has sent us to destroy it. ^{19:14} And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place, for Jehovah will destroy the city. But he seemed to his sons-in-law as a man jesting.

^{19:15} And when the morning arose, then the agents hurried Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters who are here, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. ^{19:16} But he lingered. And the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful to him, and they brought him forth, and set him outside the city. ^{19:17} And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life, do not look behind thee, neither stay thou in all the Plain. Escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

^{19:18} And Lot said to them, Oh, not so, my lord. ^{19:19} Behold now, thy servant has found favor in thy sight, and thou have magnified thy loving kindness, which thou have shown to me in saving my life, and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me, and I die.

^{19:20} Behold now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?), and my soul shall live. ^{19:21} And he said to him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which thou

have spoken. ^{19:22} Hasten thee, escape there, for I cannot do anything till thou have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. ^{19:23} The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

^{19:24} Then Jehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Jehovah out of heaven. ^{19:25} And he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. ^{19:26} But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

^{19:27} And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Jehovah. ^{19:28} And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the Plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace. ^{19:29} And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt. ...

The Birth of Isaac

^{21:1} And Jehovah visited Sarah as he had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as he had spoken. ^{21:2} And Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

^{21:3} And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. ^{21:4} And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ^{21:5} And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him. ...

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

^{21:8} And the child grew, and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ^{21:9} And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. ^{21:10} Therefore she said to Abraham, Cast out this handmaid and her son. For the son of this handmaid shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. ^{21:11} And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son.

^{21:12} And God said to Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy handmaid. In all that Sarah says to thee, hearken to her voice. For in Isaac shall

thy seed be called. ^{21:13} And also I will make a nation of the son of the handmaid, because he is thy seed.

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

^{21:15} And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ^{21:16} And she went, and sat herself down opposite him a good way off, as it were a bowshot. For she said, Let me not look upon the death of the child. And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

^{21:17} And God heard the voice of the lad. And the agent of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, What troubles thee, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. ^{21:18} Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy hand, for I will make him a great nation.

^{21:19} And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. ^{21:20} And God was with the lad, and he grew. And he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. ...

God Tests Abraham

^{22:1} And it came to pass after these things, that God proved Abraham, and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Here I am. ^{22:2} And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou love, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah. And offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

^{22:3} And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which God had told him. ^{22:4} On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. ^{22:5} And Abraham said to his young men, Abide ye here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder, and we will worship, and come again to you.

^{22:6} And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And they went both of them together. ^{22:7} And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, My father. And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ^{22:8} And Abraham said,

God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So they went both of them together.

22:9 And they came to the place which God had told him of. And Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

22:11 And the agent of Jehovah called to him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here I am. 22:12 And he said, Do not lay thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything to him. For now I know that thou fear God, since thou have not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me.

22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh. As it is said to this day, In the mount of Jehovah it shall be provided.

22:15 And the agent of Jehovah called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 22:16 and said, By myself I have sworn, says Jehovah, because thou have done this thing, and have not withheld thy son, thine only son, 22:17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore, and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies, 22:18 and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou have obeyed my voice. ...

A Wife for Isaac

24:1 And Abraham was old, well stricken in age. And Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. 24:2 And Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Put thy hand, I pray thee, under my thigh. 24:3 And I will make thee swear by Jehovah, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. 24:4 But thou shall go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac. ... 24:7 Jehovah, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, To thy seed I will give this land, he will send his agent before thee, and thou shall take a wife for my son from there. ... 24:9 And the servant put his hand under the

thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

^{24:10} And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed, having all goodly things of his master's in his hand. And he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. ^{24:11} And he made the camels to kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water.

^{24:12} And he said, O Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, send me, I pray thee, good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ^{24:13} Behold, I am standing by the fountain of water. And the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ^{24:14} And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink. And she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also. Let the same be she that thou have appointed for thy servant Isaac. And thereby I shall know that thou have shown kindness to my master.

^{24:15} And it came to pass, before he was done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. ^{24:16} And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin And she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

^{24:17} And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher. ^{24:18} And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. ^{24:19} And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. ^{24:20} And she hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. ^{24:21} And the man looked steadfastly on her, keeping silent, to know whether Jehovah had made his journey prosperous or not.

^{24:22} And it came to pass, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold, ^{24:23} and said, Whose daughter are thou? Tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? ^{24:24} And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel ^{24:25} She said moreover to him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

24:26 And the man bowed his head, and worshiped Jehovah.
24:27 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my master. As for me, Jehovah has led me in the way to the house of my master's brothers.

24:28 And the damsel ran, and told her mother's house according to these words. 24:29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. And Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain.
24:30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke the man to me, that he came to the man. And, behold, he was standing by the camels at the fountain.

24:31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of Jehovah. Why do thou stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 24:32 And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels. And he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. 24:33 And there was set before him food to eat. But he said, I will not eat until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.

24:34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant. ... 24:37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell,
24:38 but thou shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son. ...

24:42 And I came this day to the fountain, and said, O Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, if thou do now prosper my way which I go, 24:43 behold, I am standing by the fountain of water, and let it come to pass, that the maiden who comes forth to draw, to whom I shall say, Give me, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher to drink, 24:44 and she shall say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels, let the same be the woman whom Jehovah has appointed for my master's son.

24:45 And before I was done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain, and drew. And I said to her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 24:46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also. ...

24:47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel 24:48 And I bowed my head, and worshiped Jehovah, and blessed Jehovah, the God

of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son. ^{24:49} And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

^{24:50} Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceeds from Jehovah; we cannot speak to thee bad or good. ^{24:51} Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as Jehovah has spoken. ^{24:52} And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth to Jehovah. ... ^{24:61} And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man. And the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

^{24:62} And Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi, for he dwelt in the land of the South. ^{24:63} And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the evening. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming.

^{24:64} And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. ^{24:65} And she said to the servant, What man is this who walks in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master. And she took her veil, and covered herself.

^{24:66} And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ^{24:67} And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. ...

The Death of Abraham

^{Gen 25:7} And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred seventy-five years. ^{Gen 25:8} And Abraham gave up the spirit, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ^{Gen 25:9} And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre, ^{Gen 25:10} the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

^{Gen 25:11} And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son. ... ^{25:20} And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to be his wife.

Jacob and Esau

^{25:21} And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she was barren. And Jehovah was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ^{25:22} And the children struggled together within her. And she said, If it be so, why do I live? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

^{25:23} And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels. And the one people shall be stronger than the other people. And the elder shall serve the younger. ^{25:24} And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ... ^{25:26} ... And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

^{25:27} And the boys grew. And Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field. And Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ^{25:28} Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his venison. And Rebekah loved Jacob.

^{25:29} And Jacob boiled pottage. And Esau came in from the field, and he was faint. ^{25:30} And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage*, for I am faint. Therefore his name was called Edom. ^{25:31} And Jacob said, First sell me thy birthright. ^{25:32} And Esau said, Behold, I am about to die, and what profit shall the birthright do to me? ^{25:33} And Jacob said, Swear to me first. And he swore to him, and he sold his birthright to Jacob. ^{25:34} And Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up, and went his way. So Esau despised his birthright. ... ^{26:34} And when Esau was forty years old he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. ^{26:35} And they were a bitterness of spirit to Isaac and to Rebekah.

Jacob Deceives his Father

^{27:1} And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, My son. And he said to him, Here I am. ^{27:2} And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death. ^{27:3} Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take venison for me. ^{27:4} And make savory food for me, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat, that my soul may bless thee before I die. ^{27:5} And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

^{27:6} And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak to Esau thy brother, saying, ^{27:7} Bring venison for me, and make savory food for me, that I may eat, and bless thee before Jehovah before my death. ^{27:8} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. ^{27:9} Go now to the flock, and fetch me two good kids of the goats from there. And I will make them savory food for thy father, such as he loves. ^{27:10} And thou shall bring it to thy father, that he may eat, so that he may bless thee before his death.

^{27:11} And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ^{27:12} My father will perhaps feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver. And I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. ^{27:13} And his mother said to him, Upon me be thy curse, my son. Only obey my voice, and go fetch them for me.

^{27:14} And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother. And his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. ^{27:15} And Rebekah took the goodly garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son. ^{27:16} And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck. ^{27:17} And she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

^{27:18} And he came to his father, and said, My father. And he said, Here I am. Who are thou, my son? ^{27:19} And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau thy firstborn. I have done according as thou bade me. Arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. ^{27:20} And Isaac said to his son, How is it that thou have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah thy God sent me good speed. ^{27:21} And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

^{27:22} And Jacob went near to Isaac his father. And he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. ^{27:23} And he did not discern him, because his hands were hairy as his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.

^{27:24} And he said, Are thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. ^{27:25} And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he ate. And he brought wine to him, and he drank.

^{27:26} And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. ^{27:27} And he came near, and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that Jehovah has blessed.

^{27:28} And God give thee of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and new wine. ^{27:29} Let peoples serve thee, and nations bow down to thee. Be lord over thy brothers, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee. Cursed be he who curses thee, and blessed be he who blesses thee.

^{27:30} And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ^{27:31} And he also made savory food, and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

^{27:32} And Isaac his father said to him, Who are thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn, Esau. ^{27:33} And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who then is he who has taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou came, and have blessed him? Yea, he shall be blessed.

^{27:34} When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. ^{27:35} And he said, Thy brother came with guile, and has taken away thy blessing. ... And what then shall I do for thee, my son? ... ^{27:38} And Esau said to his father, Have thou but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

^{27:39} And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, of the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling, and of the dew of heaven from above. ^{27:40} And by thy sword thou shall live, and thou shall serve thy brother. And it shall come to pass, when thou shall break loose, that thou shall shake his yoke from off thy neck.

^{27:41} And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand. Then I will kill my brother Jacob.

^{27:42} And the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, thy brother Esau comforts himself concerning thee, to kill thee. ^{27:43} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran. ...

Jacob Departs to His Mother's Homeland

^{27:46} And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

^{28:1} And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and ordered him, and said to him, Thou shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. ^{28:2} Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father, and take thee a wife from there of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. ^{28:3} And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou may be a company of peoples, ^{28:4} and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee, that thou may inherit the land of thy sojourning, which God gave to Abraham. ^{28:5} And Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. ...

Jacob's Dream and His Vow to God

^{28:10} And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. ^{28:11} And he touched upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set. And he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep.

^{28:12} And he dreamed, and, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And, behold, the agents of God ascending and descending on it. ^{28:13} And, behold, Jehovah stood above it, and said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac. The land on which thou lie, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed. ^{28:14} And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ^{28:15} And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee wherever thou go, and will bring thee again into this land. For I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

^{28:16} And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know it. ^{28:17} And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 28:19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at first.

28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 28:21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, and Jehovah will be my God, 28:22 then this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth to thee.

Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the sons of the east. ... 29:4 And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where are ye from? And they said, We are of Haran. 29:5 And he said to them, Do ye know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. 29:6 And he said to them, Is it well with him? And they said, It is well. And, behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep. ...

29:9 While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she kept them. 29:10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

29:11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 29:12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son. And she ran and told her father.

29:13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 29:14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou are my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. 29:15 And Laban said to Jacob, Because thou are my brother, should thou therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall thy wages be?

29:16 And Laban had two daughters. The name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 29:17 And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful and well favored.

29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel, and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 29:19 And Laban

said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man. Abide with me. ^{29:20} And Jacob served seven years for Rachel. And they seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had for her. ^{29:21} And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.

^{29:22} And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. ^{29:23} And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him. And he went in to her. ^{29:24} And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid to his daughter Leah for a handmaid. ^{29:25} And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, What is this thou have done to me? Did I not serve with thee for Rachel? Why then have thou beguiled me?

^{29:26} And Laban said, It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. ^{29:27} Fulfill the week of this one, and we will give thee the other also for the service which thou shall serve with me yet seven other years. ^{29:28} And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. And he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. ^{29:29} And Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. ^{29:30} And he went in to Rachel, and also he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

Jacob's Children

^{29:31} And Jehovah saw that Leah was regarded inferior, and he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ^{29:32} And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben. For she said, Because Jehovah has looked upon my affliction, for now my husband will love me. ^{29:33} And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Because Jehovah has heard that I am regarded inferior, he has therefore given me this *son* also. And she called his name Simeon. ^{29:34} And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons. Therefore his name was called Levi. ^{29:35} And she conceived again, and bore a son. And she said, This time I will praise Jehovah. Therefore she called his name Judah. And she left off bearing.

^{30:1} And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no sons, Rachel envied her sister, and she said to Jacob, Give me sons, or else I die. ^{30:2} And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, Am I in God's stead, who has withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? ^{30:3} And she said, Behold, my maid Bilhah I also may obtain sons by her. ^{30:4} And she gave him Bilhah

her handmaid to wife 30:5 And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. 30:6 And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan. 30:7 And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. 30:8 And Rachel said, With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed. And she called his name Naphtali.

30:9 When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. 30:10 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bore Jacob a son. 30:11 And Leah said, Fortunate! And she called his name Gad. 30:12 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bore Jacob a second son. 30:13 And Leah said, Happy am I! For the daughters will call me happy. And she called his name Asher. 30:19 And Leah conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob. 30:20 And Leah said, God has endowed me with a good dowry. Now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons. And she called his name Zebulun. 30:21 And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

30:22 And God remembered Rachel. And God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 30:23 And she conceived, and bore a son, and said, God has taken away my reproach. 30:24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, Jehovah adds another son to me.

Jacob Works for Profit Sharing

30:25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. 30:26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served thee, and let me go, for thou know my service with which I have served thee. 30:27 And Laban said to him, If now I have found favor in thine eyes, *tarry, for* I have learned by experience that Jehovah has blessed me for thy sake. 30:28 And he said, Appoint for me thy wages, and I will give it. 30:29 And he said to him, Thou know how I have served thee, and how thy cattle have fared with me. 30:30 For it was little which thou had before I came, and it has increased to a multitude, and Jehovah has blessed thee wherever I turned. And now when shall I provide for my own house also?

30:31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shall not give me anything. If thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed thy flock and keep it. 30:32 I will pass through all thy flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted

one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and *of such* shall be my hire. ^{30:33} So shall my righteousness answer for me after this, when thou shalt come concerning my hire that is before thee. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that *is* with me, shall be considered stolen. ^{30:34} And Laban said, Behold, O that it might be according to thy word.

^{30:43} And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maid-servants and men-servants, and camels and donkeys. ^{31:1} And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and he has gotten all this glory of that which was our father's. ^{31:2} And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as beforetime.

Jacob Departs for Home

^{31:3} And Jehovah said to Jacob, Return to the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred, and I will be with thee.

^{31:4} And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock, ^{31:5} and said to them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as beforetime, but the God of my father has been with me. ^{31:6} And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. ... ^{31:7} And your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. ... ^{31:11} And the agent of God said to me in the dream, Jacob. And I said, Here I am. ^{31:12} And he said ^{31:13} I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointed a pillar, where thou vowed a vow to me. Now arise, get thee out from this land, and return to the land of thy nativity.

^{31:14} And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? ... ^{31:16} For all the riches which God has taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to thee, do.

The Journey

^{31:17} Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels. ^{31:18} And he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered, the cattle of his getting, which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to Isaac his father to the land of Canaan.

31:19 Now Laban was gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole the teraphim that were her father's. 31:20 And Jacob slipped away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he fled. 31:21 So he fled with all that he had. And he rose up, and passed over the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gilead. 31:22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled. 31:23 And he took his brothers with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountain of Gilead.

31:24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said to him, Take heed to thyself that thou not speak to Jacob either good or bad.

31:25 And Laban came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain. And Laban encamped with his brothers in the mountain of Gilead. 31:26 And Laban said to Jacob, What have thou done, that thou have slipped away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters ...? 31:27 Why did thou flee secretly, and creep away from me, and did not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs, with tambourine and with harp, 31:28 and did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now thou have done foolishly.

31:29 It is in the power of my hand to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Take heed to thyself that thou not speak to Jacob either good or bad. 31:30 And now, *though* thou have certainly gone, because thou have been very desirous for thy father's house, *yet* why have thou stolen my gods?

31:31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid, for I said, Lest thou should take thy daughters from me by force. 31:32 With whomever thou find thy gods, he shall not live. Before our brothers discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

31:33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maid-servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. 31:34 Now Rachel had taken the teraphim, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban felt around all the tent, but did not find them. 31:35 And she said to her father, Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise up before thee, for the manner of women is upon me. And he searched, but did not find the teraphim.

31:36 And Jacob was angry, and chided with Laban. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? What is my

sin that thou have hotly pursued after me? ^{31:37} Whereas thou have felt around all my stuff, what have thou found of all thy household stuff? Set it here before my brothers and thy brothers, that they may judge between us two. ...

^{31:41} These twenty years I have been in thy house. I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flock. And thou have changed my wages ten times. ^{31:42} Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now thou would have sent me away empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee last night.

^{31:43} And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the sons are my sons, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that thou see is mine. And what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their sons whom they have borne? ^{31:44} And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou, and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

^{31:45} And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. ^{31:46} And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones, and they took stones, and made a heap. And they ate there by the heap. ... ^{31:52} This heap is witness, and the pillar is witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. ^{31:53} The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.

^{31:54} And Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread, and tarried all night on the mountain. ^{31:55} And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. And Laban departed and returned to his place.

Jacob and Esau Meet Again

^{32:1} And Jacob went on his way, and the agents of God met him. ^{32:2} And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God's camp.

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^{32:3} And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother ... ^{32:4} And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say to my lord Esau, Thus says thy servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now. ^{32:5} And I have oxen, and donkeys, flocks, and men-servants, and maid-servants. And I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in thy sight.

^{32:6} And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and moreover he comes to meet thee, and

four hundred men with him. ^{32:7} Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed. And he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies. ^{32:8} And he said, If Esau comes to the one company, and smites it, then the company which is left shall escape.

^{32:9} And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Jehovah, who said to me, Return to thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good, ^{32:10} I am not worthy of the least of all the loving kindnesses, and of all the truth, which thou have shown to thy servant, for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two companies. ^{32:11} Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau. For I fear him, lest he comes and smites me, the mother with the sons. ^{32:12} And thou said, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

^{32:13} And he lodged there that night, and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother: ^{32:14} two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ^{32:15} thirty milk camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-donkeys and ten foals. ^{32:16} And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every herd by itself, and said to his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space between herd and herd.

^{32:17} And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets thee, and asks thee, saying, Whose are thou? And where do thou go? And whose are these before thee? ^{32:18} Then thou shall say, Thy servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau. And, behold, he also is behind us. ^{32:19} And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all who followed the herds, saying, On this manner shall ye speak to Esau when ye find him, ^{32:20} and ye shall say, Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face. Perhaps he will accept me. ^{32:21} So the present passed over before him, and he himself lodged that night in the company.

^{32:22} And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. ^{32:23} And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. ^{32:24} And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ^{32:25} And when he saw that he did not prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained as he wrestled with him. ... ^{32:28} And he said, Thy

name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for thou have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed. ... 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, for, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. 32:31 And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Penuel *Peniel*, and he limped upon his thigh. ...

33:1 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two handmaids. ... 33:3 And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

33:4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him, and they wept. 33:5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said, Who are these with thee? And he said, The children whom God has graciously given thy servant.

33:6 Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 33:7 And Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves. And afterward Joseph came near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

33:8 And he said, What do thou mean by all this company which I met? And he said, To find favor in the sight of my lord. 33:9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother, let that which thou have be thine. 33:10 And Jacob said, No, I pray thee, if now I have found favor in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand, inasmuch as I have seen thy face, as any man would see the face of God, and thou were pleased with me. 33:11 Take, I pray thee, my gift that is brought to thee, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it. ...

35:9 And God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 35:10 And God said to him, Thy name is Jacob. Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name. And he called his name Israel. ... 35:12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to thee, and I will give the land to thy seed after thee. 35:13 And God went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. ...

35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel. And there was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. 35:17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, Fear not, for now thou shall have another son. 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing

(for she died), that she called his name Ben-oni, but his father called him Benjamin. ^{35:19} And Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath (the same is Bethlehem). ...

^{35:22} ... Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. ^{35:23} ... Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun. ^{35:24} ... Joseph and Benjamin. ^{35:25} ... Dan and Naphtali. ^{35:26} ... Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

The Death of Isaac

^{35:27} And Jacob came to Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. ^{35:28} And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. ^{35:29} And Isaac gave up the spirit, and died, and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And Esau and Jacob his sons buried him. ... ^{37:1} And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojourning, in the land of Canaan.

Joseph's Dreams

^{37:2} These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. ... ^{37:3} Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made for him a coat of many colors. ^{37:4} And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers. And they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

^{37:5} And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him yet the more. ^{37:6} And he said to them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed. ^{37:7} For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright. And, behold, your sheaves came round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

^{37:8} And his brothers said to him, Shall thou indeed reign over us? Or shall thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

^{37:9} And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brothers. And said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream again. And, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. ^{37:10} And he told it to his father, and to his brothers. And his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that thou have dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? ^{37:11}

And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

Joseph Sold into Slavery

^{37:12} And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. ^{37:13} And Israel said to Joseph, Are not thy brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send thee to them. And he said to him, Here I am. ^{37:14} And he said to him, Go now, see whether it is well with thy brothers, and well with the flock, and bring me word again. ...

^{37:18} And they saw him afar off. And before he came near to them, they conspired against him to kill him. ^{37:19} And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer comes. ^{37:20} Come now therefore, and let us kill him, and cast him into one of the pits. And we will say, An evil beast has devoured him. And we shall see what will become of his dreams.

^{37:21} And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, Let us not take his life. ^{37:22} And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood. Cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him, that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father.

^{37:23} And it came to pass, when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him, ^{37:24} and they took him, and cast him into the pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

^{37:25} And they sat down to eat bread. And they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. ^{37:26} And Judah said to his brothers, What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ^{37:27} Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers hearkened to him. ^{37:28} And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen, and they drew and lifted Joseph up out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

^{37:29} And Reuben returned to the pit, and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit. And he tore his clothes, ^{37:30} and he returned to his brothers, and said, The child is not, and I, where shall I go?

^{37:31} And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood. ^{37:32} And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, We have found this. Know now whether it is thy son's coat or not. ^{37:33} And

he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat. An evil beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.

^{37:34} And Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. ^{37:35} And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted, and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son mourning. And his father wept for him. ...

Joseph Serves in the Captain's House

^{39:1} And Joseph was brought down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him ... ^{39:2} And Jehovah was with Joseph. And he was a man who succeeds. And he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ^{39:3} And his master saw that Jehovah was with him, and that Jehovah made all that he did to prosper in his hand. ^{39:4} And Joseph found favor in his sight, and he ministered to him. And he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

^{39:5} And it came to pass from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Jehovah blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of Jehovah was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. ^{39:6} And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he knew nothing *that was* with him, save the bread which he ate. And Joseph was comely, and well-favored.

^{39:7} And it came to pass, after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me. ^{39:8} But he refused, and said to his master's wife ... ^{39:9} ... How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? ^{39:10} And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not hearken to her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her. ^{39:11} And it came to pass, about this time, that he went into the house to do his work, and there was none of the men of the house there inside. ^{39:12} And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me. And he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got out.

^{39:13} And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, ^{39:14} that she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. ^{39:15} And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got out. ^{39:16} And she laid up his garment by her until his master came home.

^{39:17} And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom thou have brought to us, came in to me to mock me. ^{39:18} And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out.

^{39:19} And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me, that his wrath was kindled. ^{39:20} And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound. And he was there in the prison.

Joseph in Prison

^{39:21} But Jehovah was with Joseph, and showed kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ^{39:22} And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison. And whatever they did there, he was the doer of it. ^{39:23} The keeper of the prison did not look to anything that was under his hand, because Jehovah was with him, and that which he did, Jehovah made it prosper.

^{40:1} And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt, and his baker, offended their lord the king of Egypt. ^{40:2} And Pharaoh was angry against his two officers ... ^{40:3} And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. ^{40:4} And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered to them. And they continued a season in ward.

^{40:5} And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream, in one night ... ^{40:6} And Joseph came in to them in the morning, and saw them, and, behold, they were sad. ^{40:7} And he asked Pharaoh's officers ... Why do ye look so sad today? ^{40:8} And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no man who can interpret it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, I pray you.

^{40:9} And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me. ^{40:10} And in the vine were three branches. And it was as though it budded, *and* its blossoms shot forth, *and* the clusters of it brought forth ripe grapes. ^{40:11} And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

^{40:12} And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. ^{40:13} Within yet three days Pharaoh shall lift up thy head, and restore thee to thine office. And

thou shall give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou was his butler.

40:14 But have me in thy remembrance when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house. 40:15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

40:16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, three baskets of white bread were on my head. 40:17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head.

40:18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days. 40:19 Within yet three days Pharaoh ... shall hang thee on a tree

40:20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants. 40:21 And he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand, 40:22 but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 40:23 Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

41:1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed. And, behold, he stood by the river. 41:2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, well-favored and fat-fleshed, and they fed in the reed grass. 41:3 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed, and stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river. 41:4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed cows ate up the seven well-favored and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

41:5 And he slept and dreamed a second time. And, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, fat and good. 41:6 And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 41:7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

41:8 And it came to pass in the morning, that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and

all the wise men of it. And Pharaoh told them his dream, but there was no man who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

41:9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day. 41:10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker. 41:11 And we dreamed a dream in one night ...

41:12 And there was a young man with us there, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard, and we told him. And he interpreted to us our dreams. He interpreted to each man according to his dream. 41:13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; he restored me to my office, and he hanged him.

41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph. And they brought him hastily out of the dungeon, and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in to Pharaoh. 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no man who can interpret it. And I have heard say of thee, that when thou hear a dream thou can interpret it.

41:16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me. God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

41:17 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river. 41:18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat-fleshed and well-favored, and they fed in the reed grass. 41:19 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness. 41:20 And the lean and ill-favored cows ate up the first seven fat cows. 41:21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them, but they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

41:22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good. 41:23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them, 41:24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no man who could declare it to me.

41:25 And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one; what God is about to do he has declared to Pharaoh. 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream is one. 41:27 And the seven lean and ill-favored cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind, they shall be seven years of famine. 41:28 That is the thing which I

spoke to Pharaoh. What God is about to do he has shown to Pharaoh.

41:29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, 41:30 and there shall arise after them seven years of famine. And all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine shall consume the land. 41:31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land because of that famine which follows, for it shall be very grievous. 41:32 And because the dream was doubled to Pharaoh, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Joseph Appointed Ruler of Egypt

41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out for a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 41:34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

41:35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. 41:36 And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land not perish through the famine.

41:37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the spirit of God?

41:39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Inasmuch as God has shown thee all of this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou. 41:40 Thou shall be over my house, and according to thy word all my people shall be ruled. Only in the throne I will be greater than thou. 41:41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

41:42 And Pharaoh took his signet ring from off his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and they cried before him, Bow the knee. And he set him over all the land of Egypt. 41:44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee no man shall lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.

41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phaera priest of On, for a wife. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. 41:46

And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Seven Years of Plenty

^{41:47} And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. ^{41:48} And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities. The food of the field, which was round about every city, he laid up in the same. ^{41:49} And Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering, for it was without number.

^{41:50} And two sons were born to Joseph before the year of famine came . . . ^{41:51} And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, for, God has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. ^{41:52} And the name of the second he called Ephraim, for God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.

Seven Years of Famine

^{41:53} And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end. ^{41:54} And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And there was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

^{41:55} And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do. ^{41:56} And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ^{41:57} And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe on all the earth.

Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

^{42:1} Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt. . . . ^{42:2} And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Get you down there, and buy for us from there, that we may live, and not die.

^{42:3} And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ^{42:4} But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers, for he said, Lest perhaps harm befall him. ^{42:5}

And the sons of Israel came to buy among those who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

^{42:6} And Joseph was the governor over the land. It was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came, and bowed down themselves to him with their faces to the earth. ^{42:7} And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself foreign to them, and spoke roughly with them. And he said to them. From where come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. ^{42:8} And Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him.

^{42:9} And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them. And said to them, Ye are spies; ye have come to see the nakedness of the land. ^{42:10} And they said to him, No, my lord, but thy servants have come to buy food. ^{42:11} We are all one man's sons. We are true men. Thy servants are no spies. ^{42:12} And he said to them, No, but ye have come to see the nakedness of the land. ^{42:13} And they said, We thy servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

^{42:14} And Joseph said to them, This is that which I spoke to you, saying, Ye are spies. ^{42:15} By this ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth from here unless your youngest brother comes here. ^{42:16} Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother. And ye shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there be truth in you, or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

^{42:17} And he put them all together into ward three days. ^{42:18} And Joseph said to them the third day, This do, and live, for I fear God: ^{42:19} If ye be true men, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison house, but go ye, carry grain for the famine of your houses, ^{42:20} and bring your youngest brother to me. So shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

^{42:21} And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul when he besought us, and we would not hear. Therefore this distress has come upon us. ^{42:22} And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Sin not against the child, and ye would not hear? Therefore also, behold, his blood is required.

^{42:23} And they did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. ^{42:24} And he turned himself around from them, and wept. And he returned to them, and spoke to them, and took Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. ^{42:25} Then Joseph commanded to fill their

vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provisions for the way. And thus it was done to them.

They Return Home

^{42:26} And they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there. ^{42:27} And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey provender in the lodging place, he saw his money, and, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. ^{42:28} And he said to his brothers, My money is restored, and, lo, it is even in my sack. And their heart failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, What is this that God has done to us?

^{42:29} And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them, saying, ^{42:30} The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. ^{42:31} And we said to him, We are true men, and we are no spies. ^{42:32} We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

^{42:33} And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, By this I shall know that ye are true men. Leave one of your brothers with me, and take *grain* for the famine of your houses, and go your way, ^{42:34} and bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men. So I will deliver your brother to you, and ye shall trade in the land.

^{42:35} And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid.

^{42:36} And Jacob their father said to them, Ye have bereaved me of my sons. Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me. ^{42:37} And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Kill my two sons if I do not bring him to thee. Deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. ^{42:38} And he said, My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he only is left. If harm befalls him by the way in which ye go, then ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol. ^{43:1} And the famine was severe in the land.

Their Second Trip to Egypt

43:2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food. 43:3 And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man solemnly protested to us, saying, Ye shall not see my face unless your brother be with you. 43:4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for thee, 43:5 but if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down. For the man said to us, Ye shall not see my face unless your brother be with you.

43:6 And Israel said, Why did ye deal so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? 43:7 And they said, The man asked diligently concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? Have ye *another* brother? And we told him according to the tenor of these words. Could we in any way know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

43:8 And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the young man with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. 43:9 I will be surety for him, of my hand shall thou require him. If I do not bring him to thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame forever. 43:10 For unless we had lingered, surely we would have now returned a second time.

43:11 And their father Israel said to them, If it be so now, do this: Take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and myrrh, nuts, and almonds. 43:12 And take double money in your hand, and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks carry again in your hand. Perhaps it was an oversight. 43:13 Also take your brother, and arise, go again to the man. 43:14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I be bereaved of my sons, I am bereaved.

43:15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin, and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. 43:16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and kill, and make ready, for the men shall dine with me at noon. 43:17 And the man did as Joseph bade, and the man brought the men to Joseph's house.

43:18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time, that

he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our donkeys.

^{43:19} And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke to him at the door of the house, ^{43:20} and said, Oh, my lord, we indeed came down at the first time to buy food. ^{43:21} And it came to pass, when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. And we have brought it again in our hand. ^{43:22} And we have brought other money down in our hand to buy food. We know not who put our money in our sacks.

^{43:23} And he said, Peace be to you, fear not. Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I had your money. And he brought Simeon out to them. ^{43:24} And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet. And he gave their donkeys provender. ^{43:25} And they made ready the present against Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

Their Second Meeting With Joseph

^{43:26} And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down themselves to him to the earth. ^{43:27} And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spoke? Is he yet alive? ^{43:28} And they said, Thy servant our father is well; he is yet alive. And they bowed the head, and made obeisance.

^{43:29} And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom ye spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to thee, my son.

^{43:30} And Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned over his brother, and he sought where to weep. And he entered into his chamber, and wept there. ^{43:31} And he washed his face, and came out. And he restrained himself, and said, Set on bread. ^{43:32} And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves, because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

^{43:33} And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth. And the men marveled one with another. ^{43:34} And he took *and sent* portions to

them from before him, but Benjamin's portion was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

44:1 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. 44:2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

44:3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. 44:4 And when they were gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, Up, follow after the men, and when thou overtake them, say to them, Why have ye rewarded evil for good? 44:5 Is not this that in which my lord drinks, and how he indeed divines? Ye have done evil in so doing. 44:6 And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these words.

44:7 And they said to him, Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from thy servants that they should do such a thing. 44:8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to thee out of the land of Canaan. How then would we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? 44:9 With whomever of thy servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

44:10 And he said, Now also let it be according to your words. He with whom it is found shall be my bondman, and ye shall be blameless. 44:11 Then they hurried, and took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. 44:12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left off at the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 44:13 Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and returned to the city.

Joseph Reveals Himself

44:14 And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house. And he was yet there, and they fell before him on the ground. 44:15 And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that ye have done? Know ye not that such a man as I can indeed divine?

44:16 And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak, or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of thy servants. Behold, we are my lord's bondmen, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found. 44:17 And he said, Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose

hand the cup is found, he shall be my bondman, but as for you, get you up in peace to your father.

^{44:18} Then Judah came near to him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant, for thou are even as Pharaoh. ... ^{44:30} Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the young man is not with us, since his life is bound up in the young man's life, ^{44:31} it will come to pass, when he sees that the young man is not *with us*, that he will die. And thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. ^{44:32} For thy servant became surety for the young man to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever. ^{44:33} Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide a bondman to my lord instead of the young man, and let the young man go up with his brothers. ^{44:34} For how shall I go up to my father, if the young man be not with me? Lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

^{45:1} Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood before him, and he cried out, Cause every man to go out from me. And no man stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ^{45:2} And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. ^{45:3} And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph, does my father yet live? And his brothers could not answer him, for they were troubled at his presence.

^{45:4} And Joseph said to his brothers, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near, and he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. ^{45:5} And now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ^{45:6} For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years, in which there shall be neither plowing nor harvest.

^{45:7} And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance. ^{45:8} So now it was not you that sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Joseph Sends for Jacob and His Family

^{45:9} Hasten ye, and go up to my father, and say to him, Thus says thy son Joseph: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me, delay not. ^{45:10} And thou shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shall be near to me, thou, and thy sons, and

thy sons' sons, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou have. ^{45:11} And there will I nourish thee, for there are yet five years of famine, lest thou come to poverty, thou, and thy household, and all that thou have. ^{45:12} And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ^{45:13} And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen. And ye shall hasten and bring down my father here.

^{45:14} And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ^{45:15} And he kissed all his brothers, and wept upon them. And after that his brothers talked with him. ^{45:16} And the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come. And it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

^{45:17} And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to thy brothers, This do ye: Load your beasts, and go, get you to the land of Canaan, ^{45:18} and take your father and your households, and come to me. And I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. ^{45:19} Now thou are commanded, this do ye: Take wagons for you out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ^{45:20} Also do not regard your stuff, for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

^{45:21} And the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. ^{45:22} He gave to all of them, each man, changes of raiment, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. ^{45:23} And he sent to his father according to this manner: ten donkeys laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-donkeys laden with grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. ^{45:24} So he sent his brothers away, and they departed. And he said to them, See that ye not fall out by the way.

^{45:25} And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. ^{45:26} And they told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he did not believe them. ^{45:27} And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them. And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. ^{45:28} And Israel said, It is enough, Joseph my son is yet alive. I will go and see him before I die.

They All Move to Egypt

^{46:1} And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ^{46:2} And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here I am. ^{46:3} And he said, I am God, the God of thy father. Fear not to go down into Egypt, for I will there make of thee a great nation. ^{46:4} I will go down with thee into Egypt, and I will also surely bring thee up again, and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

^{46:5} And Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ^{46:6} And they took up their goods, and all their property, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, they came into the land of Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: ^{46:7} the sons, and the sons of his sons with him, *his* daughters, and the daughters of his daughters. And he brought all his seed into Egypt. ...

^{46:28} And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to show the way before him to Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. ^{46:29} And Joseph made his chariot ready, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen. And he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. ^{46:30} And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou are yet alive. ...

^{47:5} And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brothers have come to thee. ^{47:6} The land of Egypt is before thee. Make thy father and thy brothers to dwell in the best of the land; in the land of Goshen let them dwell. And if thou know any able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. ^{47:7} And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ...

Jacob's Death

^{47:27} And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they got possessions in it, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. ^{47:28} And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were a hundred forty-seven years.

^{47:29} And the time drew near that Israel must die. And he called his son Joseph, and said to him Bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt, ^{47:30} but when I sleep with my fathers, thou shall carry me

out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying place. And he said, I will do as thou have said. ...

49:1 And Jacob called to his sons, and said, gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days. 49:2 Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. ... their father spoke to them and blessed them; every man according to his blessing he blessed them.

49:29 And he ordered them, and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 49:30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah ... in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought ... for a possession of a burying place. 49:31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah. ... 49:33 And when Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he ... yielded up the spirit, and was gathered to his people. ...

50:4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found favor in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 50:5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die. In my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan, there shall thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. 50:6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. ... 50:12 And his sons did to him according as he commanded them. ...

Joseph Forgives

50:15 And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did to him. 50:16 And they sent a message to Joseph, saying, Thy father commanded before he died, saying, 50:17 So shall ye say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the transgression of thy brothers, and their sin, because they did to thee evil. And now, we pray thee, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 50:18 And his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, Behold, we are thy servants.

50:19 And Joseph said to them, Fear not, for am I in the place of God? 50:20 And as for you, ye meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 50:21 Now therefore fear ye not. I will nourish you,

and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them. ...

^{50:24} And Joseph said to his brothers, I die, but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ^{50:25} And Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from here. ^{50:26} So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old, and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.