

GENESIS

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES

TEACHING BIBLE

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֵהוֹ וּבְהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים
מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמָּיִם:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי־אוֹר:

4 וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין
הַחֹשֶׁךְ:

5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:

6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רִקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמָּיִם וַיְהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם
לְמַיִם:

7 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַרְקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת
לְרִקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לְרִקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן:

8 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְרִקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי:

9 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקְווּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־מְקוֹם אֶחָד
וַתֵּרָאֵה הַיַּבְשָׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן:

10 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לַיַּבְשָׁה אָרֶץ וּלְמַקְוֵה הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים וַיֵּרָא
אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:

11 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תִּדְשָׂא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא עֵשֶׂב מְזִרִיעַ זֶרַע עֵץ פְּרִי
עֹשֶׂה פְרִי לְמִינֹו אֲשֶׁר זֶרַע־וּבוֹ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן:

12 וַתּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא עֵשֶׂב מְזִרִיעַ זֶרַע לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ עֹשֶׂה־פְרִי
אֲשֶׁר זֶרַע־וּבוֹ לְמִינֵהוּ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:

13 וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי:

CHAP. 1
GOD creates heaven and earth, 1; the light, 3; the firmament, 6; separates the dry land, 9; forms the sun, moon, and stars, 14; fishes and fowls, 20; cattle, wild beasts, and creeping things, 24; creates man in his own image, blesses him, 26; grants the fruits of the earth for food, 29.
1 beginning. Pr. 8:22-24; 16:4. Mar. 13:19. Jno. 1:1-3. He. 1:10. 1 Jno. 1:1. *God.* Ex. 20:11; 31:17. 1 Ch. 16:26. Ne. 9:6. Job 26:13; 38:4. Ps. 8:3; 33:6, 9; 89:11, 12; 96:5; 102:25; 104:24, 30; 115:15; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 136:5; 146:6; 148:4, 5. Pr. 3:19; 8:22-30. Ec. 12:1. Is. 37:16; 40:26, 28; 42:5; 44:24; 45:18; 51:13, 16; 65:17. Je. 10:12; 32:17; 51:15. Zec. 12:1. Mat. 11:25. Ac. 4:24; 14:15; 17:24. Ro. 1:19, 20; 11:36. 1 Co. 8:6. Ep. 3:9. Col. 1:16, 17. He. 1:2; 3:4; 11:3. 2 Pe. 3:5. Re. 3:14; 4:11; 10:6; 14:7; 21:6; 22:13.
2 without. Job 26:7. Is. 45:18. Je. 4:23. Na. 2:10. *Spirit.* Job 26:13. Ps. 33:6; 104:30. Is. 40:12-14.
3 *God.* Ps. 33:6, 9; 148:5. Mat. 8:3. Jno. 11:43. *Let.* Job 36:30; 38:19. Ps. 97:11; 104:2; 118:27. Is. 45:7; 60:19. Jno. 1:5, 9; 3:19. 2 Co. 4:6. Ep. 5:8, 14. 1 Ti. 6:16. 1 Jno. 1:5; 2:8.
4 that. ver. 10, 12, 18, 25, 31. Ec. 2:13; 11:7. *the light from the darkness.* Heb. between the light and between the darkness.
5 *Day, and.* ch. 8:22. Ps. 19:2; 74:16; 104:20. Is. 45:7. Je. 33:20. 1 Co. 3:13. Ep. 5:13. 1 Th. 5:5. *And the evening and the morning were.* Heb. And the evening was, and the morning was. ver. 8, 13, 19, 23, 31.
6 *Let there.* ver. 14, 20; ch. 7:11, 12. Job 26:7, 8, 13; 37:11, 18; 38:22-26. Ps. 19:1; 33:6, 9; 104:2; 136:5, 6; 148:4; 150:1. Ec. 11:3. Je. 10:10, 12, 13; 51:15. Zec. 12:1. *firmament.* Heb. expansion.
7 *divided.* Pr. 8:28, 29. *above.* Job 26:8. Ps. 104:10; 148:4. Ec. 11:3. *and it.* ver. 9, 11, 15, 24. Mat. 8:27.
8 *God.* ver. 5, 10; ch. 5:2. *evening.* ver. 5, 13, 19, 23, 31.
9 Job 26:7, 10; 38:8-11. Ps. 24:1, 2; 33:7; 95:5; 104:3, 5-9; 136:5, 6. Pr. 8:28, 29. Ec. 1:7. Je. 5:22. Jon. 1:9, 2 Pe. 3:5. Re. 10:6.
10 *God saw.* ver. 4. De. 32:4. Ps. 104:31.
11 *Let the.* ch. 2:5. Job 28:5. Ps. 104:14-17; 147:8. Mat. 6:30. He. 6:7. *grass.* Heb. tender grass. *fruit.* ver. 29; ch. 2:9, 16. Ps. 1:3. Je. 17:8. Mat. 3:10; 7:16-20. Mar. 4:28. Lu. 6:43, 44. Ja. 3:12.
12 *earth.* Is. 61:11. Mar. 4:28. *herb.* Is. 55:10, 11. Mat. 13:24-26. Lu. 6:44. 2 Co. 9:10. Gal. 6:7.

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֹת בְּרַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וּשְׁנָיִם:
15 וְהָיוּ לְמְאֹרֹת בְּרַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
16 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַמְּאֹרֹת הַגְּדֹלִים אֶת־הַמְּאֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמַמְשַׁלֵּת הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־הַמְּאֹר הַקָּטָן לְמַמְשַׁלֵּת הַלַּיְלָה וְאֵת הַכּוֹכָבִים:
17 וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים בְּרַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאִיר עַל־הָאָרֶץ:
18 וְלַמְּשָׁל בַּיּוֹם וּבַלַּיְלָה וּלְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:
19 וַיְהִי־עָרֵב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם רְבִיעִי:
20 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם שָׂרָץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל־הָאָרֶץ עַל־פְּנֵי רַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם:
21 וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַתַּיִנִּים הַגְּדֹלִים וְאֵת כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה הַרְמֻשָׁת אֲשֶׁר שָׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵהֶם וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף פְּנֵף לְמִינֵהוּ וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:
22 וַיִּבְרָךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־הַמַּיִם בַּיָּמִים וְהַעוֹף יִרְבַּ בְּאָרֶץ:
23 וַיְהִי־עָרֵב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי:
24 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ בְּהֶמָּה וּרְמָשׁ וְחַיִּת־אָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
25 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְאֵת כָּל־רְמָשׁ הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינָהּ וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:

14 *Let there.* De. 4:19. Job 25:3, 5; 38:12–14. Ps. 8:3, 4; 19:1–6; 74:16, 17; 104:19, 20; 119:91; 136:7–9; 148:3, 6. Is. 40:26. Je. 31:35; 33:20, 25. *lights.* Or, rather, luminaries or light-bearers; being a different word from that rendered light, in ver. 3. *the day from the night.* between the day and between the night. *and let.* ch. 8:22; 9:13. Job 3:9; 38:31, 32. Ps. 81:3. Eze. 32:7, 8; 46:1, 6. Joel 2:10, 30, 31; 3:15. Am. 5:8; 8:9. Mat. 2:2; 16:2, 3; 24:29. Mar. 13:24. Lu. 21:25, 26; 23:45. Ac. 2:19, 20. Re. 6:12; 8:12; 9:2.
16 *to rule.* *Heb.* for the rule, etc. De. 4:19. Jos. 10:12–14. Job 31:26; 38:7. Ps. 8:3; 19:6; 74:16; 136:7, 8, 9; 148:3, 5. Is. 13:10; 24:23; 45:7. Hab. 3:11. Mat. 24:29; 27:45. 1 Co. 15:41. Re. 16:8, 9; 21:23. *he made the stars also.* Or, with the stars also.
17 ch. 9:13. Job 38:12. Ps. 8:1, 3. Ac. 13:47.
18 Ps. 19:6. Je. 31:35.
20 *Let the waters.* ver. 22; ch. 2:19; 8:17. Ps. 104:24, 25; 148:10. Ac. 17:25. *moving, or, creeping.* 1 Ki. 4:33. *life.* *Heb.* a living soul. ver. 30. Eccl. 2:21. *fowl that may fly.* *Heb.* let fowl fly. This marginal reading is more conformable to the original, and reconciles this passage with ch. 2:19. The word fowl, from the Saxon *fleon*, to fly, exactly corresponds to the original, which denotes every thing that flies, whether bird or insect. *open firmament.* *Heb.* face of the firmament. ver. 7, 14.
21 *great.* ch. 6:20; 7:14; 8:19. Job 7:12; 26:5. Ps. 104:24–26. Eze. 32:2. Jon. 1:17; 2:10. Mat. 12:40. *brought.* ch. 8:17; 9:7. Ex. 1:7; 8:3. *God saw.* ver. 18, 25, 31.
22 ver. 28; ch. 8:17; 9:1; 30:27, 30; 35:11. Le. 26:9. Job 40:15; 42:12. Ps. 107:31, 38; 128:3; 144:13, 14. Pr. 10:22.
24 *Let.* ch. 6:20; 7:14; 8:19. Job 38:39, 40; 39:1, 5, 9, 19; 40:15. Ps. 50:9, 10; 104:18, 23; 148:10. Cattle, denotes domestic animals living on vegetables;—Beasts of the earth, wild animals; especially such as live on flesh; and—Creeping things, reptiles; or all the different genera of serpents, worms, and such animals as have no feet.
25 ch. 2:19, 20. Job 12:8–10; 26:13.

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

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

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדֹמוֹתֵינוּ וַיְרִדוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם
וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַרְמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

27 וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר
וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:

28 וַיִּבְרָךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלְאוּ
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ וּכְבֹשֶׁה וַיְרִדוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבְכָל־חַיַּת הַרְמֵשׁ
עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

29 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב זֶרַע וְרֵעַ אֲשֶׁר
עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ פְּרִי־עֵץ זֶרַע זֶרַע לָכֶם יִהְיֶה
לְאֹכְלָהּ:

30 וּלְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכָל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֶת־כָּל־יֶרֶק עֵשֶׂב לְאֹכְלָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן:

31 וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה־טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי־עֶרְב
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי:

2 וַיִּכְלוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צָבָאָם:

2 וַיִּכַּל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבַּת בַּיּוֹם
הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:

3 וַיִּבְרָךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת
מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת:

26 *Let us.* ch. 3:22; 11:7. Job 35:10. Ps. 100:3; 149:2. Is. 64:8. Jno. 5:17; 14:23. 1 Jno. 5:7. *man.* In Hebrew, Adam; probably so called either from the red earth of which he was formed, or from the blush or flesh-tint of the human countenance: the name is intended to designate the species. *in our.* ch. 5:1; 9:6. Ec. 7:29. Ac. 17:26, 28, 29. 1 Co. 11:7. 2 Co. 3:18; 4:4. Ep. 4:24. Col. 1:15; 3:10. Ja. 3:9. *have dominion.* ch. 9:2, 3, 4. Job 5:23. Ps. 8:4-8; 104:20-24. Ec. 7:29. Je. 27:6. Ac. 17:20, 28, 29. 1 Co. 11:7. 2 Co. 3:18. Ep. 4:24. Col. 3:10. He. 2:6-9. Ja. 3:7, 9.

27 *in the image.* Ps. 139:14. Is. 43:7. Ep. 2:10; 4:24. Col. 1:15. See ver. 26. *male.* ch. 2:21-25; 5:2. Mal. 2:15. Mat. 19:4. Mar. 10:6. 1 Co. 11:8, 9. 28 ver. 22; ch. 8:17; 9:1, 7; 17:16, 20; 22:17, 18; 24:60; 26:3, 4, 24; 33:5; 49:25. Le. 26:9. 1 Ch. 4:10; 26:5. Job 42:12. Ps. 107:38; 127:1-5; 128:3, 4. Is. 45:18. 1 Ti. 4:3. *moveth.* Heb. *creepeth.* Ps. 69:34, marg.

29 *I have.* Ps. 24:1; 115:16. Ho. 2:8. Ac. 17:24, 25, 28. 1 Ti. 6:17. *bearing.* Heb. *seeding, to you.* ch. 2:16; 9:3. Job 36:31. Ps. 104:14, 15, 27, 28; 111:5; 136:25; 145:15, 16; 146:7; 147:9. Is. 33:16. Mat. 6:11, 25, 26. Ac. 14:17.

30 ch. 9:3. Job 38:39-41; 39:4, 8, 30; 40:15, 20. Ps. 104:14; 145:15, 16; 147:9. *life.* Heb. *a living soul.* 31 *very good.* Job 38:7. Ps. 19:1, 2; 104:24, 31. La. 3:38. 1 Ti. 4:4. *and the.* ver. 5, 8, 13, 19, 23. ch. 2:2. Ex. 20:11.

CHAP. 2
The first Sabbath, 1-3. Further particulars concerning the manner of creation, 4-7. The planting of the garden of Eden, and its situation, 8-14; man is placed in it; and the tree of knowledge only forbidden, 15-17. The animals are named by Adam, 18. The making of woman, and the institution of marriage, 21.

1 *Thus.* ver. 4; ch. 1:1, 10. Ex. 20:11; 31:17. 2 Ki. 19:15. 2 Ch. 2:12. Ne. 9:6. Job 12:9. Ps. 89:11-13; 104:2; 136:5-8; 146:6. Is. 42:5; 45:18; 48:13; 55:9; 65:17. Je. 10:12, 16. Zec. 12:1. Ac. 4:24. He. 4:3. *host.* De. 4:19; 17:3. 2 Ki. 21:3-5. Ps. 33:6, 9. Is. 34:4; 40:26-28; 45:12. Je. 8:2. Lu. 2:13. Ac. 7:42. 2 *And on.* ch. 1:31. Ex. 20:11; 23:12; 31:17. De. 5:14. Is. 58:13. Jno. 5:17. He. 4:4. *seventh day.* *God.* The LXX. Syriac, and the Samaritan Text read the SIXTH day, which is probably the true reading; as , which stands for six, might easily be changed into , which denotes seven. rested. Or, rather, ceased, as the Hebrew word is not opposed to weariness, but to action; as the Divine Being can neither know fatigue, nor stand in need of rest.

3 *blessed.* Ex. 16:22-30; 20:8-11; 23:12; 31:13-17; 34:21; 35:2, 3. Le. 23:3; 25:2, 3. De. 5:12-14. Ne. 9:14; 13:15-22. Pr. 10:22. Is. 56:2-7; 58:13, 14. Je. 17:21-27. Eze. 20:12. Mar. 2:27. Lu. 23:56. He. 4:4-10. *created and made.* Heb. *created to make.*

²⁶ Then 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 livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 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 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

- 4 אלה תולדות השמים והארץ בהבראם ביום עשות יהוה אלהים ארץ ושמים:
- 5 וכל שיח השדה טרם יהיה בארץ וכל עשב השדה טרם יצמח כי לא המטיר יהוה אלהים על הארץ ואדם אין לעבד את האדמה:
- 6 ואד יעלה מן הארץ והשקה את כל פני האדמה:
- 7 וניצר יהוה אלהים את האדם עפר מן האדמה ויפח באפיו נשמת חיים ויהי האדם לנפש חיה:
- 8 ויטע יהוה אלהים גן בעדן מקדם וישם שם את האדם אשר יצר:
- 9 ויצמח יהוה אלהים מן האדמה כל עץ נחמד למראה וטוב למאכל ועץ החיים בתוך הגן ועץ הדעת טוב ורע:
- 10 ונהר יצא מעדן להשקות את הגן ופרד והיה לארבעה ראשים:
- 11 שם האחד פישון הוא הסבב את כל ארץ החוילה אשר שם הנהב:
- 12 ונהב הארץ שהוא טוב שם הבדלח ואכן השם:
- 13 ושם הנהר השני גיחון הוא הסובב את כל ארץ פוש:

4 the generations. ch. 1:4; 5:1; 10:1; 11:10; 25:12, 19; 36:1, 9. Ex. 6:16. Job 38:28. Ps. 90:1, 2. Lord. Ex. 15:3. 1 Ki. 18:39. 2 Ch. 20:6. Ps. 18:31; 86:10. Is. 44:6. Re. 1:4, 8; 11:17; 16:5.

5 plant. ch. 1:12. Ps. 104:14. had not. Job 5:10; 38:26-28. Ps. 65:9-11; 135:7. Je. 14:22. Mat. 5:45. He. 6:7. to till. ch. 3:23; 4:2, 12.

6 there went up a mist. or, a mist which went up. 7 formed man. Ps. 100:3; 139:14, 15. Is. 64:8. of the dust. Heb. the dust of, etc. dust. ch. 3:19, 23. Job 4:19; 33:6. Ps. 103:14. Ec. 3:7, 20; 12:7. Is. 64:8. Ro. 9:20. 1 Co. 15:47. 2 Co. 4:7; 5:1. and breathed. Job 27:3; 33:4. Jno. 20:22. Ac. 17:25. nostrils. ch. 7:22; Ec. 3:21. Is. 2:22. a living. Nu. 16:22; 27:16. Pr. 20:27. Zec. 12:1. 1 Co. 15:45. He. 12:9.

8 a garden. ch. 13:10. Eze. 28:13; 31:8, 9. Joel 2:3. eastward. ch. 3:24; 4:16. 2 Ki. 19:12. Eze. 27:23; 31:16, 18. put the. ver. 15.

9 every. Eze. 31:8, 9, 16, 18. tree of life. ch. 3:22. Pr. 3:18; 11:30. Eze. 47:12. Jno. 6:48. Re. 2:7; 22:2, 14. tree of knowledge. ver. 17; ch. 3:3, 22. De. 6:25. Is. 44:25; 47:10. 1 Co. 8:1.

10 a river. Ps. 46:4. Re. 22:1. Eden. Eden denotes pleasure or delight; but was certainly the name of a place, and was, most probably, situated in Armenia, near the sources of the great rivers Euphrates, Tigris, Phasis, and Araxes.

11 Havilah. ch. 10:7, 29; 25:18. 1 Sa. 15:7.

12 Bdelium is a transparent aromatic gum. The onyx is a precious stone, so called from a Greek word signifying a man's nail, to the colour of which it nearly approaches. Nu. 11:7. onyx. Ex. 28:20; 39:13. Job 28:16. Eze. 28:13.

13 Gihon. The Araxes, which runs into the Caspian sea. Ethiopia. Heb. Cush. The country of the ancient Cussei. ch. 10:6. Is. 11:11.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.

14 וְשֵׁם הַנָּהָר הַשְּׁלִישִׁי חֲדָקָל הוּא הַהַלֵּף קִדְמַת אֲשׁוּר וְהַנָּהָר
הַרְבִּיעִי הוּא פָּרַת:

15 וַיִּקַּח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם וַיִּנְחָהוּ בְּגִן־עֵדֶן לְעַבְדָּהּ וּלְשִׁמְרָהּ:

16 וַיִּצְוֵהוּ אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר מִכָּל עֵץ־הַגָּן אָכַל תֹּאכַל:

17 וּמִעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב נָרַע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בְיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת
תָּמוּת:

18 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא־טוֹב הָיִיתָ הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ אֶעֱשֶׂה־לוֹ עֵזֶר
כְּנֶגְדּוֹ:

19 וַיִּצְרֶה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִן־הָאֲדָמָה כְּלִי־חַיִּית הַשָּׂדֶה וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיָּבֵא אֵלֶיהָ אָדָם לְרֹאוֹת מֶה־יִּקְרָא־לוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָא־לוֹ
הָאָדָם נִפְשָׁה תִּיהֶה הוּא שְׁמוֹ:

20 וַיִּקְרָא הָאָדָם שְׁמוֹת לְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה וּלְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְכָל חַיִּית
הַשָּׂדֶה וּלְאָדָם לֹא־מָצָא עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ:

21 וַיִּפֹּל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים תַּרְדֵּמָה עַל־הָאָדָם וַיִּישָׁן וַיִּקַּח אַחַת מִצְלַעֲתָיו
וַיִּסְגֵּר בָּשָׂר תַּחֲתָנָה:

22 וַיִּבֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַצֶּלַע אֲשֶׁר־לָקַח מִן־הָאָדָם לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּבְאֶהָ
אֶל־הָאָדָם:

23 וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם זֹאת הִפַּעַם עָצָם מֵעֲצָמֵי וּבָשָׂר מִבָּשָׂרִי לְזֹאת
יִקְרָא אִשָּׁה כִּי מֵאִישׁ לִקְחָהּ זֹאת:

24 עַל־כֵּן יַעֲזֹב־אִישׁ אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ לְבָשָׂר
אַחַד:

25 וַיִּהְיוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם עַרוּמִים הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְלֹא יִתְבַּשְׂשׁוּ:

14 *Hiddekel*. Da. 10:4. The Tigris. toward the east of. or, eastward to. ch. 10:11, 22; 25:18. *Euphrates*. ch. 15:18. De. 1:7; 11:24. Re. 9:14.

15 *the man*. or, Adam. ver. 2. Job 31:33. *put*. ver. 8. Ps. 128:2. Ep. 4:28.

16 *God*. 1 Sa. 15:22. *thou mayest freely eat*. Heb. eating thou shalt eat. ver. 9; ch. 3:1, 2. 1 Ti. 4:4; 6:17.

17 *of the tree*. ver. 9; ch. 3:1-3, 11, 17, 19. *thou shalt surely die*. Heb. dying thou shalt die. *surely*. ch. 3:3, 4, 19; 20:7. Nu. 26:65. De. 27:26. 1 Sa. 14:39, 44; 20:31; 22:16, 1 Ki. 2:37, 42. Je. 26:8. Eze. 3:18-20; 18:4, 13, 32; 33:8, 14. Ro. 1:32; 5:12-21; 6:16, 23; 7:10-13; 8:2. 1 Co. 15:22, 56. Ga. 3:10. Ep. 2:1-6; 5:14. Col. 2:13. 1 Ti. 5:6. Ja. 1:15. 1 Jno. 5:16. Re. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8.

18 *good*. ch. 1:31; 3:12. Ru. 3:1. Pr. 18:22. Ec. 4:9-12. 1 Co. 7:36. *I will*. ch. 3:12. 1 Co. 11:7-12. 1 Ti. 2:11-13. 1 Pe. 3:7. *meet for him*. Heb. as before him.

19 *And out*. ch. 1:20-25. *brought*. ver. 22, 23; ch. 1:26, 28; 6:20; 9:2. Ps. 8:4-8. *Adam*. or, the man. ver. 15.

20 *gave names to*. Heb. called. *but*. ver. 18.

21 ch. 15:12. 1 Sa. 26:12. Job 4:13; 33:15. Pr. 19:15. Da. 8:18.

22 *made*. Heb. builded. Ps. 127:1. 1 Ti. 2:13. *brought*. ver. 19. Pr. 18:22; 19:14. Heb. 13:4.

23 *bone*. ch. 29:14. Ju. 9:2. 2 Sa. 5:1; 19:13. Ep. 5:30. *flesh*. ver. 24. *Woman*. Heb. *Isha*. 1 Co. 11:8, 9. *taken*. 1 Co. 11:8. *Man*. Heb. *Ish*.

24 *leave*. ch. 24:58, 59; 31:14, 15. Ps. 45:10. *cleave*. Le. 22:12, 13. De. 4:4; 10:20. Jos. 23:8. Ps. 45:10. Pr. 12:4; 31:10. Ac. 11:23. *and they shall be one flesh*. The LXX. Vulgate, Syriac, Arabic, and Samaritan read "they two;" as is also read in several of the Parallel Passages. Mal. 2:14-16. Mat. 19:3-9. Mar. 10:6-12. Ro. 7:2. 1 Co. 6:16, 17; 7:2-4, 10, 11. Ep. 5:28-31. 1 Ti. 5:14. 1 Pe. 3:1-7.

25 *naked*. ch. 3:7, 10, 11. *ashamed*. Ex. 32:25. Ps. 25:3; 31:17. Is. 44:9; 47:3; 54:4. Je. 6:15; 17:13. Eze. 16:61. Joel 2:26. Mar. 8:38. Lu. 9:26. Ro. 10:11.

¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had 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 its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The serpent deceives Eve, 1-5. Both she and Adam transgress the divine command, and fall into sin and misery, 6, 7. God arraigns them, 8-13. The serpent is cursed, 14. The promised seed, 15. The punishment of mankind, 16-20. Their first clothing, 21. Their expulsion from paradise, 22-24.
 1 Now. ver. 13-15. Is. 27:1. Mat. 10:16. 2 Co. 11:3, 14. Re. 12:9; 20:2. *serpent*. The Samaritan Copy, instead of *nachash*, 'a serpent,' reads *cachash*, 'a liar or deceiver,' read Jno. 8:44. *he said*. Nu. 22:28, 29. Ec. 4:10. 1 Pe. 3:7. *Yea, hath Heb.* Yea, because, etc. *hath*. Mat. 4:3, 6, 9.
 2 *serpent*. Ps. 58:4.
 3 *But*. ch. 2:16, 17. *touch*. ch. 20:6. Ex. 19:12, 13. 1 Ch. 16:22. Job 1:11; 2:5; 19:21. 1 Co. 7:1. 2 Co. 6:17. Col. 2:21.
 4 *serpent*. Jno. 8:44. *Ye*. ver. 13. De. 29:19. 2 Ki. 1:4, 6, 16; 8:10. Ps. 10:11. 2 Co. 2:11; 11:3. 1 Ti. 2:14.
 5 *God*. Ex. 20:7. 1 Ki. 22:6. Je. 14:13, 14; 28:2, 3. Eze. 13:2-6, 22. 2 Co. 11:3, 13-15. *your*. ver. 7, 10. Mat. 6:23. Ac. 26:18. *as gods*. Ex. 5:2. 2 Ch. 32:15. Ps. 12:4. Eze. 28:2, 9; 29:3. Da. 4:30; 6:7. Ac. 12:22, 23. 2 Co. 4:4. 2 Th. 2:4. Re. 13:4, 14. *knowing*. ver. 22; ch. 2:17.
 6 *saw*. Jos. 7:21. Ju. 16:1, 2. *pleasant*. *Heb.* a desire. Eze. 24:16, 21, 25. *to the eyes*. ch. 6:2; 39:7. Jos. 7:21. 2 Sa. 11:2. Job 31:1. Mat. 5:28. 1 Jno. 2:16. *and did*. 1 Ti. 2:14. *and he did eat*. ver. 12, 17. Ho. 6:7, marg. Ro. 5:12-19.
 7 *And the*. ver. 5. De. 28:34. 2 Ki. 6:20. Lu. 16:23. *knew*. ver. 10, 11; ch. 2:25. *and they*. Job 9:29-31. Is. 28:20; 59:6. *aprons*. or, things to gird about.
 8 *And they*. ver. 10. De. 4:33; 5:25. *cool of the day*. *Heb.* wind. Job 34:21, 22; 38:1. *hid*. Job 22:14; 31:33; 34:22. Ps. 139:1-12. Pr. 15:3. Je. 23:24. Am. 9:2, 3. Jon. 1:3, 9, 10. Ro. 2:15. He. 4:13. 9 ch. 4:9; 11:5; 16:8; 18:20, 21. Jos. 7:17-19. Re. 20:12, 13.
 10 *and I was*. ch. 2:25. Ex. 3:6. Job 23:15. Ps. 119:120. Is. 33:14; 57:11. 1 Jno. 3:20. *because*. ver. 7; ch. 2:25. Ex. 32:25. Is. 47:3. Re. 3:17, 18; 16:15. 11 ch. 4:10. Ps. 50:21. Ro. 3:20.
 12 ch. 2:18, 20, 22. Ex. 32:21-24. 1 Sa. 15:20-24. Job 31:33. Pr. 19:3; 28:13. Lu. 10:29. Ro. 10:3. Ja. 1:13-15.
 13 *What*. ch. 4:10-12; 44:15. 1 Sa. 13:11. 2 Sa. 3:24; 12:9-12. Jno. 18:35. *The serpent*. ver. 4-6. 2 Co. 11:3. 1 Ti. 2:14.

- 3 והַנָּחֹשׁ הָיָה עָרוֹם מִכֹּל חַיֵּי הַשָּׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָאִשָּׁה אַף כִּי־אָמַר אֱלֹהִים לֹא תֹאכְלוּ מִכֹּל עֵץ הַגָּן:
- 2 וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה אֶל־הַנָּחֹשׁ מִפְּרִי עֵץ־הַגָּן נֹאכַל:
- 3 וּמִפְּרִי הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר בְּתוֹךְ־הַגָּן אָמַר אֱלֹהִים לֹא תֹאכְלוּ מִמֶּנּוּ
 וְלֹא תִגְעוּ בוֹ פֶּן־תָּמּוּתוּן:
- 4 וַיֹּאמֶר הַנָּחֹשׁ אֶל־הָאִשָּׁה לֹא־מוֹת תָּמּוּתוּן:
- 5 כִּי יִדְעַ אֱלֹהִים כִּי בְיוֹם אֲכַלְכֶּם מִמֶּנּוּ וְנִפְקַחוּ עֵינֵיכֶם
 וְהִייתֶם כְּאֱלֹהִים יֹדְעֵי טוֹב וָרָע:
- 6 וַתֵּרָא הָאִשָּׁה כִּי טוֹב הָעֵץ לְמֹאכַל וְכִי תִאֲנֶה־הוּא לְעֵינַיִם
 וְנִחְמַד הָעֵץ לְהַשְׁכִּיל וַתִּקַּח מִפְּרִיו וַתֹּאכַל וַתִּתֵּן גַּם־לְאִישָׁהּ עִמָּהּ
 וַיֹּאכְלוּ:
- 7 וַתִּפְקַחְנָה עֵינֵי שְׁנַיִהֶם וַיִּדְעוּ כִּי עִירָמָם הֵם וַיִּתְּפְרוּ עֲלֵהּ
 תְּאֵנָה וַיַּעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם חֲגָרֹת:
- 8 וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶת־קוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִתְּהִלָּהּ בְּגֵן לְרוּחַ הַיּוֹם
 וַיִּתְּחַבֵּא הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתּוֹ מִפְּנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים בְּתוֹךְ עֵץ הַגָּן:
- 9 וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶל־הָאָדָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אַיֶּכָּה:
- 10 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת־קִלְךָ שָׁמַעְתִּי בְּגֵן וְאִירָא כִּי־עִירָם אָנֹכִי וְאֶחְבֵּא:
- 11 וַיֹּאמֶר מִי הִגִּיד לְךָ כִּי עִירָם אָתָּה הַמְּוַדְעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ
 לִבְלֹתִי אֲכַל־מִמֶּנּוּ אֲכַלְתָּ:
- 12 וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר נָתַתָּה עִמָּדִי הוּא נָתַתָּה־לִּי
 מִן־הָעֵץ וְאֹכַל:
- 13 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לְאִשָּׁה מַה־זֹּאת עָשִׂית וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה
 הַנָּחֹשׁ הִשְׂאֵנִי וְאֹכַל:

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So 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 one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

- 14 ויאמר יהוה אלהים אל-הנחש כי עשית זאת ארוור אתה
מכל-הבהמה ומכל חית השדה על-גחנה תלך ועפר תאכל כל-ימי
חייך:
- 15 ואיבה אנשית בינה ובין האשה ובין ורעה ובין ורעה הוא
ישופך ראש ואתה תשופנו עקב:
- 16 אל-האשה אמר הרבה ארבה עצבונה והרנה בעצב תלדי בנים
ואל-אישך תשוקתך והוא ימשל-בך:
- 17 ולאדם אמר כי-שמעת לקול אשתך ותאכל מן-העץ אשר
צויתך לאמר לא תאכל ממנו ארוורה האדמה בעבורך בעצבון
תאכלנה כל ימי חייך:
- 18 וקוץ ודרדר תצמיח לך ואכלת את-עשב השדה:
- 19 בזעת אפיה תאכל לחם עד שובה אל-האדמה כי ממנה לקחת
כי-עפר אתה ואל-עפר תשוב:
- 20 ויקרא האדם שם אשתו חנה כי הוא היתה אם כל-חיי:
- 21 ויעש יהוה אלהים לאדם ולאשתו כתבות עור וילבשם:

14 *thou art.* ver. 1; ch. 9:6. Ex. 21:28–32. Le. 20:25. *dust.* Ps. 72:9. Is. 29:4; 65:25. Mi. 7:17.

15 *enmity.* Nu. 21:6, 7. Am. 9:3. Mar. 16:18. Lu. 10:19. Ac. 28:3–6. Ro. 3:13. *thy seed.* Mat. 3:7; 12:34; 13:38; 23:33. Jno. 8:44. Ac. 13:10. 1 Jno. 3:8, 10. *her seed.* Ps. 132:11. Is. 7:14. Je. 31:22. Mi. 5:3. Mat. 1:23, 25. Lu. 1:31–35, 76. Ga. 4:4. *ii shall.* Ro. 16:20. Ep. 4:8. Col. 2:15. Heb. 2:14, 15. 1 Jno. 3:8; 5:5. Re. 12:7, 8, 17; 20:1–3, 10. *thou.* ch. 49:17. Is. 53:3, 4, 12. Da. 9:26. Mat. 4:1–10. Lu. 22:39–44, 53. Jno. 12:31–33; 14:30, 31. Heb. 2:18; 5:7. Re. 2:10; 12:9–13; 13:7; 15:1–6; 20:7, 8.

16 *in sorrow.* ch. 35:16–18. 1 Sa. 4:19–21. Ps. 48:6. Is. 13:8; 21:3; 26:17, 18; 53:11. Je. 4:31; 6:24; 13:21; 22:23; 49:24. Mi. 4:9, 10. Jno. 16:21. 1 Th. 5:3. 1 Ti. 2:15. *thy desire.* ch. 4:7. *to or, subject to.* *rule.* Nu. 30:7, 8, 13. Es. 1:20. 1 Co. 7:4; 11:3; 14:34. Ep. 5:22–24. Col. 3:18. 1 Ti. 2:11, 12. Tit. 2:5. 1 Pe. 3:1–6.

17 *Because.* 1 Sa. 15:23, 24. Mat. 22:12; 25:26, 27, 45. Lu. 19:22. Ro. 3:19. *and hast.* ver. 6, 11; ch. 2:16, 17. Je. 7:23, 24. *cursed.* ch. 5:29. Ps. 127:2. Ec. 1:2, 3, 13, 14; 2:11, 17. Is. 24:5, 6. Ro. 8:20–22. *in sorrow.* Job 5:6, 7; 14:1; 21:17. Ps. 90:7–9. Ec. 2:22, 23; 5:17. Jno. 16:33.

18 *Thorns.* Jos. 23:13. Job 5:5; 31:40. Pr. 22:5; 24:31. Is. 5:6; 7:23; 32:13. Je. 4:3; 12:13. Mat. 13:7. He. 6:8. *bring forth.* *Heb.* cause to bud. *herb.* Job 1:21. Ps. 90:3; 104:2, 14, 15. Ro. 14:2.

19 *In.* Ec. 1:3, 13. Ep. 4:28. 1 Th. 2:9. 2 Th. 3:10. *till.* Job 1:21. Ps. 90:3; 104:29. Ec. 5:15. *for dust.* ch. 2:7; 18:27. *and.* ch. 23:4. Job 17:13–16; 19:26; 21:26; 34:15. Ps. 22:15, 29; 104:29. Pr. 21:16. Ec. 3:20; 12:7. Da. 12:2. Ro. 5:12–21. 1 Co. 15:21, 22.

20 *Adam.* ch. 2:20, 23; 5:29; 16:11; 29:32–35; 35:18. Ex. 2:10. 1 Sa. 1:20. Mat. 1:21, 23. *Eve.* *Heb.* *Chavah; that is, living.* of. Ac. 17:26.

21 *make.* ver. 7. Is. 61:10. Ro. 3:22. 2 Co. 5:2, 3, 21.

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
 but he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
 and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.

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

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the
mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and
for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים הֵן הָאָדָם הִזָּה פָּאָחַד מִמֶּנּוּ לְדַעַת טוֹב וְרַע וְעַתָּה
פְּנִי-יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וְלָקַח גַּם מֵעֵץ הַחַיִּים וְאָכַל וְחַי לְעֹלָם:

23 וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִגְּנוּ-עֵדֶן לַעֲבֹד אֶת-הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר לָקַח מִשָּׂם:

24 וַיִּגְרַשׁ אֶת-הָאָדָם וַיִּשְׁפֹּן מִקֶּדֶם לְגִן-עֵדֶן אֶת-הַפְּרִיִּים וְאֵת לֶהֱט
הַחֶרֶב הַמַּתְּהַפֵּקֶת לְשֹׁמֵר אֶת-דֶּרֶךְ עֵץ הַחַיִּים:

4 וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת-חַטָּאתוֹ וַתִּהְיֶה אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתִּהְיֶה נֹתֵלָה אֶת-קִנּוּ וַתֹּאמֶר קִנִּיתִי אִישׁ
אֶת-יְהוָה:

2 וַתִּסְּף לְלֶדֶת אֶת-אֶחָיו אֶת-הֶבֶל וַיְהִי-הֶבֶל רֹעֵה צֹאן וְקִין הִזָּה עֹבֵד
אָדָמָה:

3 וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ יָמִים וַיָּבֵא קִין מִפְּרִי הָאָדָמָה מִנְחָה לַיהוָה:

4 וְהֶבֶל הֵבִיא גַם-הוּא מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאנוֹ וּמִחֶלְבֵהֶן וַיִּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶל-הֶבֶל
וְאֶל-מִנְחָתוֹ:

5 וְאֶל-קִין וְאֶל-מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה וַיִּחַר לְקִין מְאֹד וַיִּפְּלוּ פָּנָיו:

6 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-קִין לָמָּה חָרָה לָךְ וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָּנֶיךָ:

7 הֲלוֹא אִם-תִּיטִיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם לֹא תִיטִיב לִפְתַּח חַטָּאת רֹבֵץ וְאֵלֶיךָ
תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִמְשָׁל-בּוֹ:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר קִין אֶל-הֶבֶל אָחָיו וַיְהִי בְהִיוֹתָם בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּקָּם קִין אֶל-הֶבֶל
אָחָיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ:

9 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-קִין אֵי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי
אָנֹכִי:

10 וַיֹּאמֶר מָה עָשִׂיתָ קוֹל דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ צֹעֲקִים אֵלַי מִן-הָאָדָמָה:

11 וְעַתָּה אָרוּר אַתָּה מִן-הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה אֶת-פִּיהָ לְקַחַת אֶת-דְּמֵי
אָחִיךָ מִיָּדֶךָ:

22 as one. ver. 5; ch. 1:26; 11:6, 7. Is. 19:12, 13; 47:12, 13. Je. 22:23. iree. ch. 2:9. Pr. 3:18. Re. 2:7; 22:2. eat. Ps. 22:26. Jno. 6:48-58.
23 till. ver. 19; ch. 2:5, 4:2, 12; 9:20. Ec. 5:9.
24 east. ch. 2:8. Cherubims. Ex. 25:2, 20, 22. 1 Sa. 4:4. 1 Ki. 6:25-35. Ps. 80:1; 99:1; 104:4. Eze. 10:2, etc. He. 1:7. a flaming. Nu. 22:23. Jos. 5:13. 1 Ch. 21:16, 17. Heb. 1:7. to keep. Jno. 14:6. He. 10:18-22.

CHAP. 4

The birth, occupation, and offering of Cain and Abel, 1-7. Cain murders his brother Abel, 8-10. The curse of Cain, 11-16. Has a son called Enoch, and builds a city, which he calls after his name, 17. His descendants, with Lamech and his two wives, 18-24. The birth of Seth, 25, and Enos, 26.
1 knew. Nu. 31:17. Cain. That is, gotten or acquired. I have. ver. 25; ch. 3:15; 5:29. 1 Jno. 3:12.
2 Abel. Heb. Hebel. And Abel. ch. 30:29-31; 37:13; 46:32-34; 47:3. Ex. 3:1. Ps. 78:70-72. Am. 7:15. a keeper. Heb. a feeder. ver. 25, 26. Ps. 127:3. Jno. 8:44. 1 Jno. 3:10, 12, 15. tiller. ch. 3:23; 9:20.
3 A.M. 129. B.C. 3875. in process of time. Heb. at the end of days. Either at the end of the year, or of the week, i.e. on the Sabbath. 1 Ki. 17:7. Ne. 13:6. the fruit. Le. 2:1-11. Nu. 18:12.
4 the firstlings. Ex. 13:12. Nu. 18:12, 17. Pr. 3:9. He. 9:22. 1 Pe. 1:19, 20. Re. 13:8. flock. Heb. sheep, or, goats. fat. Le. 3:16, 17. had. ch. 15:17. Le. 9:24. Nu. 16:35. Ju. 6:21. 1 Ki. 18:24, 38. 1 Ch. 21:26. 2 Ch. 7:1. Ps. 20:3, marg. He. 11:4.
5 But. Nu. 16:15. He. 11:4. wrath. ch. 31:2, 5. Job 5:2. Ps. 20:3. Is. 3:10, 11. Mat. 20:15. Lu. 15:28-30. Ac. 13:45.
6 1 Ch. 13:11-13. Job 5:2. Is. 1:18. Je. 2:5, 31. Jno. 4:1-4, 8-11. Mi. 6:3-5. Mat. 20:15. Lu. 15:31, 32.
7 If thou doest well. ch. 19:21. 2 Sa. 24:23. 2 Ki. 8:28. Job 42:8. Pr. 18:5. Ec. 8:12, 13. Is. 3:10, 11. Je. 6:20. Mal. 1:8, 10, 13. Ac. 10:35. Ro. 2:7-10; 12:1; 14:18; 15:16. Ep. 1:6. 1 Ti. 5:4. 1 Pe. 2:5. be accepted, or, have the excellency. Job 29:4. Pr. 21:27. He. 11:4. sin. ver. 8-13. Ro. 7:8, 9. Ja. 1:15. unto thee. or, subject unto thee. ch. 3:16. marg.
8 talked. 2 Sa. 3:27; 13:26-28; 20:9, 10. Ne. 6:2. Ps. 36:3; 55:21. Pr. 26:24-26. Mi. 7:6. Lu. 22:48. Cain rose. 2 Sa. 14:6. Job 11:15. Ps. 24:3-6; 139:19. Mat. 23:35. Lu. 11:51. 1 Jno. 3:12-15. Jude 11.
9 Where is. ch. 3:9-11. Ps. 9:12. I know. ch. 37:32. Job 22:13, 14. Ps. 10:13, 14. Pr. 28:13. Jno. 8:44. Ac. 5:4-9.
10 What. ch. 3:13. Jos. 7:19. Ps. 50:21. blood. Heb. bloods. crieth. ch. 18:20. Ex. 3:7. 2 Ki. 9:26. Job 16:18; 24:12; 31:38, 39. Ps. 9:12; 72:14. Is. 5:7. Ac. 5:3, 9. He. 11:4; 12:24. Ja. 5:4. Re. 6:10.
11 ver. 14; ch. 3:14. De. 27:16-26; 28:15-20; 29:19-21. Ga. 3:10. opened. Job 16:18; 31:38-40. Is. 26:21. Re. 12:16.

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

- 12 כי תעבד את־הָאֲדָמָה לֹא־תִסָּר תִּתְּכֹחַ לָךְ נַע וְנָד תִּהְיֶה בְּאָרְצְךָ:
- 13 וַיֹּאמֶר קִינן אֶל־יְהוָה גְּדוֹל עֲוֹנֵי מִנְשָׂא:
- 14 הֵן גִּרְשָׁתָּ אֹתִי הַיּוֹם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּמִפְּנֵיךָ אֶסְתֵּר וְהִיִּיתִי נַע וְנָד בְּאָרְצְךָ וְהִיָּה כָּל־מִצְאֵי יִהְרֹגֵנִי:
- 15 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יְהוָה לֵכֵן כָּל־הֶרֶג קִינן שְׂבָעֵתִים יָקָם וַיִּשָּׂם יְהוָה לְקִינן אוֹת לְבַלְתִּי הַכּוֹת־אֹתוֹ כָּל־מִצְאָיו:
- 16 וַיֵּצֵא קִינן מִלְּפָנָי יְהוָה וַיִּשָּׁב בְּאָרְצְךָ־נֹד קִדְמַת־עֵדוֹן:
- 17 וַיִּדַע קִינן אֶת־אֲשֵׁתוֹ וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת־חֲנוּךְ וַיְהִי בְּנָה עֵיר וַיִּקְרָא שְׁם הָעֵיר כְּשֵׁם בְּנוֹ חֲנוּךְ:
- 18 וַיִּוֹלַד לְחֲנוּךְ אֶת־עֵירֶד וְעֵירֶד יָלַד אֶת־מְחוּיָאֵל וּמְחִיָּאֵל יָלַד אֶת־מְתוּשָׁאֵל וּמְתוּשָׁאֵל יָלַד אֶת־לֶמֶךְ:
- 19 וַיִּקְחֵלֹ לֶמֶךְ שְׁתֵּי נָשִׁים שֵׁם הָאֶחָת עֵדָה וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית צֵלָה:
- 20 וַתֵּלֶד עֵדָה אֶת־יֹבֵל הוּא הָיָה אָבִי יִשָּׁב אֹהֶל וּמִקְנָה:
- 21 וְשֵׁם אַחִיו יֹבֵל הוּא הָיָה אָבִי כָּל־תַּפְּשֵׁי כְּנָז וְעוֹגָב:
- 22 וְצֵלָה גַם־הִיא יָלְדָה אֶת־תּוֹבֵל קִינן לְטַש כָּל־חֶרֶשׁ נְחֹשֶׁת וּבְרָזָל וְאַחֹת תּוֹבֵל־קִינן נַעֲמָה:
- 23 וַיֹּאמֶר לֶמֶךְ לְנַשְׂוֹ עֵדָה וְצֵלָה שְׁמַעַן קוֹלֵי נָשִׁי לֶמֶךְ הֶאֱזִינָה אִמְרָתִי כִּי אִישׁ הֶרְגָתִי לְפָצְעֵי וַיֵּלֶד לְחַבְרָתִי:
- 24 כִּי שְׂבָעֵתִים יָקָם־קִינן וּלְמֶךְ שְׂבָעִים וְשִׁבְעָה:
- 25 וַיִּדַע אָדָם עוֹד אֶת־אֲשֵׁתוֹ וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ שֵׁת כִּי שֵׁת־לִי אֱלֹהִים זָרַע אַחַר תַּחַת הַבָּיִת כִּי הֶרְגוּ קִינן:
- 26 וַלִּשְׁת גַּם־הִיא יָלַד־בֶּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ אֲנוֹשׁ אַז הוּסַל לְקִרְאָ בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה:

12 *it.* ch. 3:17, 18. Le. 26:20. De. 28:23, 24. Ro. 8:20. *a fugitive.* ver. 14. Le. 26:36. De. 28:65, 66. Ps. 109:10. Je. 20:3, 4. Ho. 9:17.

13 *My punishment is greater than I can bear. or, Mine iniquity is greater than that it may be forgiven.* Job 15:22. Re. 16:9, 11, 21.

14 *driven.* Job 15:20-24. Pr. 14:32; 28:1. Is. 8:22. Ho. 13:3. *from thy.* ver. 16. Job 21:14, 15. Ps. 51:11-14; 143:7. Mat. 25:41, 46. 2 Th. 1:9. *fugitive.* De. 28:65. Ps. 109:10. See ver. 12. *that.* ver. 15; ch. 9:5, 6. Le. 26:17, 36. Nu. 17:12, 13; 35:19, 21, 27; 2 Sa. 14:7; Job 15:20-24. Pr. 28:1.

15 *Therefore.* 1 Ki. 16:7. Ps. 59:11. Ho. 1:4. Mat. 26, 52. *sevenfold.* ver. 24. Le. 26:18, 21, 24, 28. Ps. 79:12. Pr. 6:31. *set a mark, etc.* Or, rather, 'gave a sign or token to Cain, that those who found him should not kill him.' Eze. 9:4, 6. Re. 14:9, 11.

16 *went.* ver. 14; ch. 3:8. Ex. 20:18. 2 Ki. 13:23; 24:20. Job 1:12; 2:7; 20:17. Ps. 51:11; 68:2. Je. 23:39; 52:3. Jno. 1:3, 10. Mat. 18:20. Lu. 13:26. 1 Th. 1:9. *Nod.* So called from *nad*, 'a vagabond,' which Cain is termed in ver. 12.

17 *Enoch.* Heb. Chanoch. ch. 5:18, 22. *and he.* ch. 11:4. Ec. 2:4-11. Da. 4:30. Lu. 17:28, 29. *the name.* 2 Sa. 18:18. Ps. 49:11.

18 A.M. cir. 194. B.C. cir. 3810. *Lamech.* Heb. Lemech. ch. 5:21; 36:2.

19 *nwo wives.* ch. 2:18, 24. Mat. 19:4-6, 8.

20 *the.* ver. 21. 1 Ch. 2:50-52; 4:4, 5. Jno. 8:44. Ro. 4:11, 12. *father.* The inventor or teacher; 1 Sa. 10:12. *dwell.* ver. 2; ch. 25:27. Je. 35:9, 10. He. 11:9.

21 A.M. cir. 500. B.C. cir. 3504. *father.* Ro. 4:11, 12. *the harp.* ch. 31:27. Job 21:12. Is. 5:12. Am. 6:5.

22 *instructor.* Heb. whetter. *brass.* Ex. 25:3. Nu. 31:22. De. 8:9; 33:25. 2 Ch. 2:7.

23 *hear.* Nu. 23:18. Ju. 9:7. *I have slain a man to my wounding. or, I would slay a man in my wound, etc.* ch. 49:6. *to my hurt. or, in my hurt.*

24 *if.* ver. 15. *seventy.* Mat. 18:22.

25 A.M. 130. B.C. 3874. *and called.* ch. 5:3, 4. 1 Ch. 1:1. Lu. 3:38. *Seth.* Heb. Sheth; *i.e.* appointed, or put. *God.* ver. 1-3, 8, 10, 11.

26 A.M. 235. B.C. 3769. *to him.* ver. 6-8. *Enos.* Heb. Enosh. *to call upon the name of the Lord. or, call themselves by the name of the Lord.* De. 26:17, 18. 1 Ki. 18:24. Ps. 116:17. Is. 44:5; 48:1; 63:19. Je. 33:16. Joel 2:32. Zeph. 3:9. Ac. 2:21; 11:26. Ro. 10:13. 1 Co. 1:2. Ep. 3:14, 15.

¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷ Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸ To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹ And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰ Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²² Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³ Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,

a young man for striking me.

²⁴ If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold,

then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.”

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” ²⁶ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

5 זֶה סֵפֶר תּוֹלְדוֹת אָדָם בְּיוֹם בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אָדָם בְּדְמוּת אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה אֹתוֹ:
 2 זָכַר וַיִּזְכְּרָה בְּרָאָם וַיִּבְרָךְ אֹתָם וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמֵם אָדָם בְּיוֹם הַבְּרָאָם:
 3 וַיְחִי אָדָם שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאָת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד בְּדְמוּתוֹ כְּצַלְמוֹ וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ שֵׁת:
 4 וַיְהִיו יְמֵי־אָדָם אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־שֵׁת שְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 5 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי אָדָם אַשְׁרֵי־חַי תִּשְׁעֵה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 6 וַיְחִי־שֵׁת חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וּמֵאָת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־אֲנוֹשׁ:
 7 וַיְחִי־שֵׁת אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־אֲנוֹשׁ שְׁבַע שָׁנִים וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד
 בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 8 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי־שֵׁת שְׁתַּיִם עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה וּתְשַׁע מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 9 וַיְחִי אֲנוֹשׁ תְּשַׁע־עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־קִינָן:
 10 וַיְחִי אֲנוֹשׁ אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־קִינָן חֲמֵשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה
 וַיֹּלְד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 11 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי אֲנוֹשׁ חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וּתְשַׁע מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 12 וַיְחִי קִינָן שְׁבַע־עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־מֶהֱלָאֵל:
 13 וַיְחִי קִינָן אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־מֶהֱלָאֵל אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה
 וַיֹּלְד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 14 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי קִינָן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנִים וּתְשַׁע מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 15 וַיְחִי מֶהֱלָאֵל חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וְשֹׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־יֵרָד:
 16 וַיְחִי מֶהֱלָאֵל אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־יֵרָד שְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד
 בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 17 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי מֶהֱלָאֵל חֲמֵשׁ וְתְשַׁע־עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 18 וַיְחִי־יֵרָד שְׁתַּיִם וְשֹׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וּמֵאָת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־חֲנוּךְ:
 19 וַיְחִי־יֵרָד אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־חֲנוּךְ שְׁמֹנֶה מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 20 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי־יֵרָד שְׁתַּיִם וְשֹׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וּתְשַׁע מֵאֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:
 21 וַיְחִי חֲנוּךְ חֲמֵשׁ וְשֹׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וַיֹּלְד אֶת־מְתוּשֶׁלַח:
 22 וַיְתַהַלֵּךְ חֲנוּךְ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־מְתוּשֶׁלַח שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאֹת שָׁנָה
 וַיֹּלְד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:
 23 וַיְהִי כָל־יְמֵי חֲנוּךְ חֲמֵשׁ וְשֹׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשׁ מֵאֹת שָׁנָה:
 24 וַיְתַהַלֵּךְ חֲנוּךְ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֵינָנוּ כִּי־לָקַח אֹתוֹ אֱלֹהִים:

CHAP. 5
Recapitulation of the creation of man, 1, 2. The genealogy, age, and death of the patriarchs from Adam to Noah, 3-31. The godliness and translation of Enoch, 22-24. The birth of Noah, etc., 29-32. 1 book. The original word rendered 'book,' signifies a register, account, history, or any kind of writing. ch. 2:4; 6:9; 10:1. 1 Ch. 1:1. Mat. 1:1. Lu. 3:36-38. in the likeness. ch. 1:26, 27. Ec. 7:29; 12:1. 1 Co. 11:7. 2 Co. 3:18. Ep. 4:24. Col. 3:10. He. 1:3; 12:9.
2 Male. ch. 1:27. Mal. 2:15. their. ch. 2:15, 23. marg. Ac. 17:26.
3 A.M. 130. B.C. 3874. hundred. The chronology differs in the Hebrew Text, the Samaritan, the LXX., and Josephus. The LXX. adds 100 years to each of the patriarchs Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, and Enoch, before the birth of their sons; while they take 20 from the age of Methuselah, and add 6 to that of Lamech. Thus the space from the creation to the deluge is made 2242 years, according to the Vatican copy, but 2262 by the Alexandrine; and the sum total by Josephus is 2265, by the Samaritan 1307, and the Hebrew Text, 1656. The sum total from the Deluge to the 70th year of Terah, according to these authorities, is, Heb. 292; Sam. 942; Sept. Vat. 1172; Alex. 1072, and Josephus 1002. in his. Job 14:4; 15:14-16; 25:4. Ps. 14:2; 3; 51:5. Lu. 1:35. Jno. 3:6. Ro. 5:12. 1 Co. 15:39. Ep. 2:3. called. ch. 4:25.
4 And the. 1 Ch. 1:1-3. Lu. 3:36-38, and he. ver. 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 26, 30; ch. 1:28; 9:1, 7; 11:12. Ps. 127:3; 144:12.
5 A.M. 930. B.C. 3074. nine. ver. 8, 11, 14, 17, etc. with De. 30:20. Ps. 90:10. and he died. ver. 8, 11:14, etc.; ch. 3:19. 2 Sa. 14:14. Job 30:23. Ps. 49:7-10; 89:48. Ec. 9:5, 8; 12:5, 7. Eze. 18:4. Ro. 5:12-14. 1 Co. 15:21, 22. He. 9:27.
6 A.M. 235. B.C. 3769. begat. ch. 4:26.
8 A.M. 1042. B.C. 2962.
9 A.M. 325. B.C. 3679. Cainan. Heb. Kenar. 1 Ch. 1:2. Lu. 3:37.
10 begat. See ver. 4.
11 A.M. 1140. B.C. 2864. died. See ver. 5.
12 A.M. 395. B.C. 3609. Mahalaleel. Gr. Maleleel. Lu. 3:37.
13 and begat. See ver. 4.
14 A.M. 1235. B.C. 2769. See ver. 5.
15 A.M. 460. B.C. 3544. Jared. Heb. Jered. 1 Ch. 1:2.
16 and begat. See ver. 4.
17 A.M. 1290. B.C. 2714. died. See ver. 5.
18 A.M. 622. B.C. 3382. Enoch. ch. 4:17. 1 Ch. 1:3. Henoch. Lu. 3:37. Jude 14, 15.
19 and begat. See ver. 4.
20 he died. See ver. 5.
21 A.M. 687. B.C. 3317. Methuselah. Gr. Mathusala. Lu. 3:37.
22 ch. 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15. Ex. 16:4. Le. 26:12. De. 5:33; 13:4; 28:9. 1 Ki. 2:4. 2 Ki. 20:3. Ps. 16:8; 26:11; 56:13; 86:11; 116:9; 128:1. Ca. 1:4. Ho. 14:9. Am. 3:3. Mi. 4:5; 6:8. Mal. 2:6. Lu. 1:6. Ac. 9:31. Ro. 8:1. 1 Co. 7:17. 2 Co. 6:16. Ep. 5:15. Col. 1:10; 4:5. 1 Th. 2:12; 4:1. He. 11:5, 6. 1 Jno. 1:7.
23 A.M. 987. B.C. 3017.
24 walked. See ver. 21. he was not. The same expression occurs, ch. 37:30; 42:36. Je. 31:15. Mat. 2:18. for. 2 Ki. 2:11. Lu. 23:43. He. 11:5, 6. Jude 14, 15.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **2** Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. **4** The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. **5** Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. **7** Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. **8** Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. **10** Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. **11** Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. **13** Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. **14** Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. **16** Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. **17** Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. **19** Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. **20** Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. **22** Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. **24** Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

25 וַיְחִי מִתּוֹשְׁלַח שְׁבַע וְשָׁמַנִּים שָׁנָה וּמָאֵת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד אֶת־לְמֹדָי:

26 וַיְחִי מִתּוֹשְׁלַח אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־לְמֹדָי שְׁפִימִים וְשָׁמוּנִים שָׁנָה וְשָׁבַע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת:

27 וַיְהִי כִּלְיָמִי מִתּוֹשְׁלַח תִּשְׁעָה וְשָׁשִׁים שָׁנָה וַתִּשְׁעַם מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:

28 וַיְחִי־לְמֹדָי שְׁפִימִים וְשָׁמַנִּים שָׁנָה וּמָאֵת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד בָּן:

29 וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ נֹחַ לֵאמֹר זֶה יִנְחַמְנוּ מִמַּעַשְׁנוּ וּמִעֲצָבוֹן יְדִינִי מִן־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר אָרְרָה יְהוָה:

30 וַיְחִי־לְמֹדָי אַחֲרֵי הוֹלִידוֹ אֶת־נֹחַ חָמֵשׁ וַתִּשְׁעִים שָׁנָה וַחֲמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:

31 וַיְהִי כִּלְיָמִי־לְמֹדָי שְׁבַע וְשָׁבְעִים שָׁנָה וְשָׁבַע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:

32 וַיְהִי־נֹחַ בֶּן־חָמֵשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַיּוֹלֵד נֹחַ אֶת־שֵׁם אֶת־חָם וְאֶת־יָפֶת:

25 A.M. 874. B.C. 3130. ch. 4:18, marg.
 26 *begat sons*. See ver. 4.
 27 A.M. 1656. B.C. 2348. *he died*. See ver. 5.
 28 A.M. 1056. B.C. 2948.
 29 *he called*. ch. 6:8, 9; 7:23; 9:24. Is. 54:9. Eze. 14:14, 20. Mat. 24:37. Lu. 3:36; 17:26, 27. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5. *Noah. Gr. Noe, i.e. rest or comfort. because.* ch. 3:17-19; 4:11, 12.
 30 *begat sons*. See ver. 4.
 31 A.M. 1651. B.C. 2353. *he died*. See ver. 5.
 32 A.M. 1556. B.C. 2448. *Shem*. ch. 6:10; 7:13; 9:18, 19, 22-27; 10:1, 21, 32. 1 Ch. 1:4-28. Lu. 3:36.

6 וַיְהִי כִּי־הִחֵל הָאָדָם לָרֹב עַל־פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה וּבָנוֹת יִלְדוּ לָהֶם:

2 וַיִּרְאוּ בְנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם כִּי טֹבֹת הָיָה וַיִּקְחוּ לָהֶם נָשִׁים מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרוּ:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לֹא־יִדּוֹן רוּחִי בָּאָדָם לְעַלְמָם בְּשָׂגֵם הוּא כְּשֶׁר וְהָיוּ יָמֵי מָאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה:

4 הַנְּפִלִים הָיוּ בְּאֶרֶץ בְּיָמֵים הֵהֵם וְגַם אַחֲרֵי־כֵן אֲשֶׁר יָבֹאוּ בְנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל־בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם וַיִּלְדוּ לָהֶם הֵמָּה הַגִּבּוֹרִים אֲשֶׁר מְעוֹלָם אֲנָשִׁי הַשָּׁמַיִם:

5 וַיִּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת הָאָדָם בְּאֶרֶץ וְכָל־יִצְרָר מִחֻשְׁבֹּת לְבוֹ רַק רָע כָּל־הַיּוֹם:

6 וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה כִּי־עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּאֶרֶץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֶל־לְבוֹ:

7 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֲמַחֶה אֶת־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר־בְּרָאתִי מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נִחַמְתִּי כִּי עָשִׂיתֶם: וְנֹחַ מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה:

9 אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת נֹחַ נֹחַ אִישׁ צַדִּיק תָּמִים הָיָה בְּדוֹרְתּוֹ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים הַתְּהַלְּקֵי־נֹחַ:

10 וַיּוֹלֵד נֹחַ שְׁלֹשָׁה בָּנִים אֶת־שֵׁם אֶת־חָם וְאֶת־יָפֶת:

CHAP. 6
The wickedness of the world, which provoked God's wrath, and caused the flood, 1-7. Noah finds grace, 8. His generations, etc., 9-13. The order, form, dimensions, and end of the ark, 14-22.
 1 A.M. 1556. B.C. 2448. *to multiply*. ch. 1:28.
 2 *the sons*. ch. 4:26. Ex. 4:22, 23. De. 14:1. Ps. 82:6, 7. Is. 63:16. Mal. 2:11. Jno. 8:41, 42. Ro. 9:7, 8. 2 Co. 6:18. saw. 2 Pe. 2:14. *that they*. ch. 3:6; 39:6, 7. 2 Sa. 11:2. Job 31:1. 1 Jno. 2:16. *and they*. ch. 24:3; 27:46. Ex. 34:16. De. 7:3, 4. Jos. 23:12, 13. Ezr. 9:1, 2, 12. Ne. 13:24-27. Mal. 2:15. 1 Co. 7:39. 2 Co. 6:14-16.
 3 *My*. Nu. 11:17. Ne. 9:30. Is. 5:4; 63:10. Je. 11:7, 11. Ac. 7:51. Ga. 5:16, 17. 1 Th. 5:19. 1 Pe. 3:18-20. Jude 14, 15. *is*. Ps. 78:39. Jno. 3:6. Ro. 8:1-13. Ga. 5:16-24. 1 Pe. 3:20.
 4 *giants*. Nu. 13:33. De. 2:20, 21; 3:11. 1 Sa. 17:4. 2 Sa. 21:15-22. *after*. ver. 3. *men of*. ch. 11:4. Nu. 16:2.
 5 *God*. ch. 13:13; 18:20, 21. Ps. 14:1-4; 53:2. Ro. 1:28-31; 3:9-19. *every imagination, or, the whole imagination. The Hebrew word signifies not only the imagination, but also the purposes and desires.* ch. 8:21. De. 29:19. Job 15:16. Pr. 6:18. Ec. 7:29; 9:3. Je. 17:9. Eze. 8:9, 12. Mat. 15:19. Mar. 7:21-23. Ep. 2:1-3. Tit. 3:3. *thoughts*. Je. 4:14. *continually*. *Heb.* every day.
 6 *repented*. Ex. 32:14. Nu. 23:19. De. 32:36. 1 Sa. 15:11, 29. 2 Sa. 24:16. 1 Ch. 21:15. Ps. 106:45; 110:4. Je. 18:8-10; 26:19. Ho. 11:8. Jon. 3:10. Mal. 3:6. Ro. 11:29. He. 6:17, 18. Ja. 1:17. *grieved*. De. 5:29; 32:29. Ps. 78:40; 81:13; 95:10; 119:158. Is. 48:18; 63:10. Eze. 33:11. Lu. 19:41, 42. Ep. 4:30. He. 3:10, 17.
 7 *I will*. Ps. 24:1, 2; 37:20. Pr. 10:27; 16:4. *both man, and beast*. *Heb.* from man unto beast. Je. 4:22-27; 12:3, 4. Ho. 4:3. Zep. 1:3. Ro. 3:20-22.
 8 ch. 19:19. Ex. 33:12-17. Ps. 84:11; 145:20. Pr. 3:4; 8:35; 12:2. Je. 31:2. Lu. 1:30. Ac. 7:46. Ro. 4:4; 11:6. 1 Co. 15:10. Ga. 1:15. 2 Ti. 1:18. Tit. 2:11; 3:7. He. 4:16. 2 Pe. 2:5.
 9 *These*. ch. 2:4; 5:1; 10:1. *just*. ch. 7:1. Job 12:4. Pr. 4:18. Ec. 7:20. Eze. 14:14, 20. Hab. 2:4. Lu. 2:25; 23:50. Ac. 10:22. Ro. 1:17. Ga. 3:11. He. 11:7. 2 Pe. 2:5. *perfect, or, upright*. 2 Ch. 15:17; 25:2. Job 1:1, 8. Ps. 37:37. Lu. 1:6. Phi. 3:9-15. *and Noah*. See on ch. 5:22, 24; 17:1; 48:15. 1 Ki. 3:6. Lu. 1:6. 1 Pe. 2:5.
 10 A.M. 1556. B.C. 2448. *Shem*. ch. 5:32.

²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech.

²⁶ Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died. ²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 ותשחת הארץ לפני האלהים ותמלא הארץ חמס:

12 וירא אלהים את-הארץ והנה נשחתה פייהשחית כל-בשר
את-דרך על-הארץ:

13 ויאמר אלהים לנח קן כל-בשר בא לפני כיימלאה הארץ חמס
מפניהם והנני משחיתם את-הארץ:

14 עשה לך תבת עצי-גפר קנים תעשה את-התבה וכפרת אתה
מבית ומחוץ בכפר:

15 ונה אשר תעשה אתה שלש מאות אמה ארך התבה חמשים
אמה רחבה ושלושים אמה קומתה:

16 צהר תעשה לתבה ואל-אמה תכלנה מלמעלה ופתח התבה
בצדה תשים תחתים שנים ושלושים תעשה:

17 ואני הנני מביא את-המבול מים על-הארץ לשחת כל-בשר
אשר-בו רוח חיים מתחת השמים כל אשר-בארץ יגוע:

18 ונהקמתי את-ברייתי אתה ובאת אל-התבה אתה ובניך ואשתך
ונשיי-בניך אתה:

19 ומכל-החיה מכל-בשר שנים מכל תביא אל-התבה להחית אתה
זכר ונקבה יהיו:

20 מהעוף למינהו ומן-הבהמה למינה מכל רמש האדמה למינהו
שנים מכל יבאו אליך להחיות:

21 ואתה קח-לך מכל-מאכל אשר יאכל ואספת אליך והנה לך
ולחם לאכלה:

22 ויעש נח ככל אשר צנה אתו אלהים כן עשה:

11 before. ch. 7:1; 10:9; 13:13. 2 Ch. 34:27. Lu. 1:6. Ro. 2:13; 3:19. filled. Ps. 11:5; 55:9; 140:11. Is. 60:18. Je. 6:7. Eze. 8:17; 28:16. Ho. 4:1, 2. Hab. 1:2; 2:8, 17.

12 God. ver. 8; ch. 18:21. Job 33:27. Ps. 14:2; 33:13, 14; 53:2. 3. Pr. 15:3. for all. ver. 4, 5; ch. 7:1, 21; 9:12, 16, 17. Job 22:15-17. Lu. 3:6. 1 Pe. 3:19, 20. 2 Pe. 2:5.

13 The end. Je. 51:13. Eze. 7:2-6. Am. 8:2. 1 Pe. 4:7. filled. ver. 4, 11, 12; ch. 49:5. Ho. 4:1, 2. and behold. ver. 17. with. or. from. ch. 7:23. the earth. Je. 4:23-28. He. 11:7. 2 Pe. 3:6, 7, 10-12.

14 A.M. 1536. B.C. 2468. Make. Mat. 24:38. Lu. 17:27. 1 Pe. 3:20. rooms. Heb. nests. shalt pitch. Ex. 2:3.

15 cubits. ch. 7:20. De. 3:11.

16 window. ch. 8:6. 2 Sa. 6:16. 2 Ki. 9:30. the door. ch. 7:16. Lu. 13:25. with. Eze. 41:16; 42:3.

17 behold. ver. 13; ch. 7:4, 21-23; 9:9. Ex. 14, 17. Le. 26:28. De. 32:39. Ps. 29:10. Is. 51:12. Eze. 5:8; 6:3; 34:11, 20. Ho. 5:14. 2 Pe. 2:5. bring. ch. 7:4, 17, 21-23. Job 22:16. Ps. 29:10; 93:3, 4; 107:34. Is. 54:9. Am. 9:6. Mat. 24:39. Lu. 17:27. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. is the. ch. 2:7; 7:15. shall die. ver. 7. Ps. 107:34. Ro. 5:12-14, 21; 6:23; 8:20-22.

18 establish. ch. 9:9, 11; 17:4, 7, 21. come. ch. 7:1, 7, 13. Is. 26:20. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5.

19 The cubit being nearly 22 inches, and the ark being 300 cubits in length, 50 in breadth, and 30 in height, (ver. 15,) its size was equal to 547 feet long, 91 feet broad, and 54 feet high; and it is computed to have been 81,062 tons burthen. These dimensions were sufficient to contain all the persons and animals in it, and food for more than a year. two. ch. 7:2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16; 8:17. Ps. 36:6.

20 fowls. ch. 1:20-24. Ac. 10:11, 12. two. ch. 1:28; 2:19; 7:8-16. Jno. 5:40.

21 ch. 1:29, 30. Job 38:41; 40:20. Ps. 35:6; 104:27, 28; 136:25; 145:16; 147:9. Mat. 6:26.

22 ch. 7:5, 9, 16; 17:23. Ex. 40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 32. De. 12:32. Mat. 7:24-27. Jno. 2:5; 15:14. He. 11:7, 8. 1 Jno. 5:3, 4.

CHAP. 7
Noah, with his family, and the living creatures, enter the ark, and the flood begins, 1-16. The increase and continuance of the flood for forty days, 17-20. All flesh is destroyed by it, 21-23. Its duration, 24.

1 A.M. 1656. B.C. 2348. Come. ver. 7, 13. Job 5:19-24. Ps. 91:1-10. Pr. 14:26; 18:10. Is. 26:20, 21. Eze. 9:4-6. Zep. 2:3. Mat. 24:37-39. Lu. 17:26. Ac. 2:39. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5. thee. See on ch. 6:9. Ps. 33:18, 19. Pr. 10:6, 7, 9; 11:4-8. Is. 3:10, 11. Phi. 2:15, 16. 2 Pe. 2:5-9.

2 every clean. ver. 8; ch. 6:19-21; 8:20. Le. ch. 11. De. 14:1-21. Ac. 10:11-15. sevens. Heb. seven, seven. not. Le. 10:10. Eze. 44:23.

4 For. ver. 10; ch. 2:5; 6:3; 8:10, 12; 29:27, 28. Job 28:25; 36:27-32; 37:11, 12. Am. 4:7. forty days. ver. 12, 17. and every. ver. 21-23; ch. 6:17. destroy. Heb. blot out. ver. 21, 23. ch. 6:7, 13, 17. Ex. 32:32, 33. Job 22:16. Ps. 69:28. Re. 3:5.

5 all that. ch. 6:22. Ex. 39:32, 42, 43; 40:16. Ps. 119:6. Mat. 3:15. Lu. 8:21. Jno. 2:5; 8:28, 29; 13:17. Phi. 2:8. He. 5:8.

7 ויאמר יהוה לנח בא-אתה וכל-ביתך אל-התבה כייאתך ראיתי
צדיק לפני בדור הזה:

2 מכל הבהמה הטהורה תקח-לך שבעה שבעה איש ואשתו
ומן-הבהמה אשר לא טהרה הוא שנים איש ואשתו:

3 גם מעוף השמים שבעה שבעה זכר ונקבה לחיות זרע על-פני
כל-הארץ:

4 פי לימים עוד שבעה אנכי ממטיר על-הארץ ארבעים יום
וארבעים לילה ומחיתי את-כל-היקום אשר עשיתי מעל פני האדמה:

5 ויעש נח ככל אשר-צנהו יהוה:

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹ Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ² Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, ³ and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴ For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

6 וְנֹחַ בְּיָמָיו שֶׁשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וְהַמְבוּל הָיָה מִיָּם עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

7 וַיִּבְאֵהוּ נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי־בָנָיו אִתּוֹ אֶל־הַתֵּבָה מִפְּנֵי מַי הַמְבוּל:

8 מִן־הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהוֹרָה וּמִן־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר אֵינָנָה טְהוֹרָה וּמִן־הָעוֹף וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־רָמַשׁ עַל־הָאֲדָמָה:

9 שְׁנַיִם שְׁנַיִם בָּאוּ אֵל־נֹחַ אֶל־הַתֵּבָה זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה כָּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נֹחַ:

10 וַיְהִי לְשִׁבְעַת הַיָּמִים וּמִי הַמְבוּל הָיוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

11 בַּשָּׁנָה שֶׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה לַחַיֵּי־נֹחַ בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁנִי בְּשִׁבְעָה־עָשָׂר יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה נִבְקָעוּ כָּל־מַעְיֵנֹת הַהוֹם רֶבֶה וְאַרְבַּת הַשָּׁמַיִם נִפְתְּחוּ:

12 וַיְהִי הַגָּשֶׁם עַל־הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה:

13 בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה בָּא נֹחַ וְשֵׁם־וָחָם וַיִּפְתּוּ בְּנֵי־נֹחַ וְאִשְׁתּוֹ נֹחַ וַיִּשְׁלַחַת נְשֵׁי־בָנָיו אִתָּם אֶל־הַתֵּבָה:

14 הִמָּה וְכָל־הַחַיָּה לְמִינָהּ וְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְכָל־הָרֶמֶשׁ הָרֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְמִינֵהוּ וְכָל־הָעוֹף לְמִינֵהוּ כָּל־צֹפֹר כָּל־כַּנְּף:

15 וַיִּבְאוּ אֵל־נֹחַ אֶל־הַתֵּבָה שְׁנַיִם שְׁנַיִם מִכָּל־הַבָּשָׂר אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ רוּחַ חַיִּים:

16 וְהַבָּאִים זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה מִכָּל־בָּשָׂר בָּאוּ כָּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֱלֹהִים וַיִּסְגֵּר יְהוָה בַּעֲדוֹ:

17 וַיְהִי הַמְבוּל אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּרְבוּ הַמַּיִם וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֶת־הַתֵּבָה וַתָּרָם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ:

18 וַיִּגְבְּרוּ הַמַּיִם וַיִּרְבוּ מְאֹד עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַתִּלְוֶה הַתֵּבָה עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

19 וְהַמַּיִם גָּבְרוּ מְאֹד מְאֹד עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּכְסּוּ כָּל־הַהָרִים הַגְּבוּהִים אֲשֶׁר־תַּחַת כָּל־הַשָּׁמַיִם:

20 חָמֵשׁ עָשָׂרָה אַמָּה מִלְּמַעְלָה גָּבְרוּ הַמַּיִם וַיִּכְסּוּ הַהָרִים:

21 וַיִּגְוַע כָּל־בָּשָׂר הָרֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ בַּעוֹף וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבַחַיָּה וּבְכָל־הַשָּׂרֵץ הַשָּׂרֵץ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְכָל־הָאָדָם:

22 כָּל אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁמַת־רוּחַ חַיִּים בְּאַפְיוֹ מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּתְרָבָה מֵתוּ:

23 וַיִּמַּח אֱתֵּם־כָּל־הַיְקוּם אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׁ וְעַד־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיִּמְחוּ מִן־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשְׂאָר אֲדָמָה וְאִשְׁרָא אִתּוֹ בַּתֵּבָה:

24 וַיִּגְבְּרוּ הַמַּיִם עַל־הָאָרֶץ חֲמִשִּׁים וּמֵאוֹת יוֹם:

6 ch. 5:32; 8:13.
7 ver. 1, 13-15; ch. 6:18. Pr. 22:3. Mat. 24:38. Lu. 17:27. He. 6:18; 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5.
9 ver. 16; ch. 2:19. Is. 11:6-9; 65:25. Je. 8:7. Ac. 10:11, 12. Ga. 3:28. Col. 3:11.
10 after seven days. or, on the seventh day. ver. 4. waters. ver. 4, 17-20; ch. 6:17. Job 22:16. Mat. 24:38, 39. Lu. 17:27.
11 second month. The first month was Tisri, which answers to the latter end of September and first half of October; the second was Marchesvan, which answers to part of October and part of November. all. ch. 1:7; 6:17; 8:2. Job 28:4; 38:8-11. Ps. 33:7; 74:15. Pr. 8:28, 29. Is. 24:19. Je. 5:22; 51:16. Eze. 26:19. Am. 9:5, 6. Mat. 24:38. 1 Th. 5:3. windows. or, flood-gates. ch. 1:7; 8:2. 2 Ki. 7:2, 19. Ps. 78:23, 24. Mal. 3:10.
12 forty. ver. 4, 17. Ex. 24:18. De. 9:9, 18; 10:10. 1 Ki. 19:8. Mat. 4:2.
13 day. ver. 1, 7-9. ch. 6:18. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5. and Shem. ch. 5:32; 6:10; 9:18, 19; 10:1, 2, 6, 21. 1 Ch. 1:4-28.
14 They. ver. 2, 3, 8, 9. sort. Heb. wing.
15 ch. 6:20. Is. 11:6.
16 as. ver. 2, 3. the. 2 Ki. 4:4, 5. De. 33:27. Ps. 46:2; 91:1-10. Pr. 3:23. Mat. 25:10. Lu. 13:25. Jno. 10:27-41. 1 Pe. 1:5.
17 ver. 4, 12.
18 waters prevailed. Ex. 14:28. Job 22:16. Ps. 69:15. ark. Ps. 104:26.
19 and all the high hills. At the present day every mountain where search has been made, conspire in one uniform, universal proof that they all had the sea spread over their highest summits; shells, skeletons of fish, etc., having been found there. Job 12:15. Ps. 46:2, 3; 104:6-9. Je. 3:23. 2 Pe. 3:6.
20 and the mountains. Ps. 104:6. Je. 3:23.
21 ver. 4; ch. 6:6, 7, 13, 17. Job 22:15-17. Is. 24:6, 19. Je. 4:22-27; 12:3, 4. Ho. 4:3. Joel 1:17-20; 2:3. Zep. 1:3. Mat. 24:39. Lu. 17:27. Ro. 8:20, 22. 2 Pe. 2:5.
22 breath of life. Heb. breath of the spirit of life. ch. 2:7; 6:17.
23 every living substance. The most incontestable evidence has been afforded of the universality of this fact: the moose deer, a native of America, has been found buried in Ireland; elephants, natives of Asia and Africa, in the midst of England; crocodiles, natives of the Nile, in the heart of Germany; and shell-fish, never known in any but the American seas, with the entire skeletons of whales, in the most inland counties of England. ver. 21, 22. Job 22:15-17. Is. 24:1-8. Mat. 24:37-39. Lu. 17:26, 27. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5. and Noah. Ex. 14:28-30. Job 5:19. Ps. 91:1, 9, 10. Pr. 11:4. Eze. 14:14-20. Mal. 3:17, 18. Mat. 25:46. He. 11:7. 1 Pe. 3:20. 2 Pe. 2:5, 9; 3:6.
24 ch. 8:3, 4. compared with ver. 11 of this chapter. The breaking up of the fountains of the great deep, and the raining forty days and nights, had raised the waters fifteen cubits, or twenty-two feet and a half, above the highest mountain; after which forty days, it appears to have continued at this height one hundred and fifty days more.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. ²²Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

God remembers Noah, and assuages the waters, 1–3. The ark rests on Ararat, 4, 5. Noah sends forth a raven and then a dove, 6–12. Noah, being commanded, goes forth from the ark, 13–19. He builds an altar, and offers sacrifice, which God accepts, and promises to curse the earth no more, 20–22. 1 God remembered. ch. 19:29; 30:22. Ex. 2:24. 1 Sa. 1:19. Ne. 13:14, 22, 29, 31. Job 14:13. Ps. 106:4; 132:1; 136:23; 137:7. Am. 8:7. Hab. 3:2. Re. 16:19; 18:5. the cattle. Nu. 22:32. Ps. 36:6. Jon. 4:11. Ro. 8:20–22. a wind. Ex. 14:21. Ps. 104:7–9. Pr. 25:23. 2 fountains. ch. 7:11. Pr. 8:28. Jon. 2:3. the rain. Job 37:11–13; 38:37. Mat. 8:9, 26, 27. 3 continually. Heb. in going and returning. hundred. ch. 7:11, 24. 4 the ark. ch. 7:17–19. seventh month. That is, of the year, not of the deluge. Ararat. Ararat is generally understood to be Armenia, as it is rendered elsewhere, in which there is a great chain of mountains, like the Alps or Pyrenees, upon the highest part of which, called by some 'The Finger Mountain,' the ark is supposed to have rested. 2 Ki. 19:37. Is. 37:38. Je. 51:27. 5 decreased continually. Heb. were in going and decreasing. the tenth. ch. 7:11. 6 opened the window. ch. 6:16. Da. 6:10. 7 a raven. Le. 11:15. 1 Ki. 17:4, 6. Job 38:41. Ps. 147:9. went forth to and fro. Heb. in going forth and returning. 8 a dove. ver. 10–12. Ca. 1:15; 2:11, 12, 14. Mat. 10:16. 9 found. De. 28:65. Eze. 7:16. Mat. 11:28. Jno. 16:33. and she. Ps. 116:7. Is. 60:8. pulled her. Heb. caused her to come. 10 stayed. Ps. 40:1. Is. 8:17; 26:8. Ro. 8:25. seven. ver. 12; ch. 7:4, 10. 11 an olive. Ne. 8:15. Zec. 4:12–14. Ro. 10:15. 12 And he. Ps. 27:14; 130:5, 6. Is. 8:17; 25:9; 26:8; 30:18. Hab. 2:3. Ja. 5:7, 8. seven. ver. 10; ch. 2:2, 3. 13 A.M. 1657. B.C. 2347. six. ch. 7:11. 14 ch. 7:11, 13, 14. From this, it appears, that Noah was in the ark a complete solar year, or 365 days; for he entered it the 17th day of the 2nd month, in the 600th year of his life, and continued in it till the 27th day of the 2nd month, in the 601st year of his life, as we see above. 16 ch. 7:1, 7, 13. Jos. 3:17; 4:10, 16–18. Ps. 91:11; 121:8. Da. 9:25, 26. Zec. 9:11. Ac. 16:27, 28, 37–39. 17 Bring. ch. 7:14, 15. breed. ch. 1:22; 9:1, 7. Ps. 107:38; 144:13, 14. Je. 31:27, 28.

- 8 וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נֹחַ וְאֶת כָּל־הַחַיָּה וְאֶת־כָּל־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ
בַּתְּבָה וַיַּעֲבֹר אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיָּשֹׁכוּ הַמַּיִם:
- 2 וַיִּסְכְּרוּ מַעְיָנֹת תְּהוֹמוֹ וַאֲרָבַת הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיִּכְלֹא הַגֶּשֶׁם מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם:
- 3 וַיֵּשְׁבוּ הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הַלּוֹף וַיָּשׁוּב וַיִּחְסְרוּ הַמַּיִם מִקְצָה
חֲמִשִּׁים וּמֵאֵת יוֹם:
- 4 וַתֵּנַח הַתְּבָה בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּשִׁבְעָה־עֶשְׂרֵי יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ עַל הָרִי
אַרְרָט:
- 5 וְהַמַּיִם הָיוּ הַלּוֹף וַחֲסוֹר עַד הַחֹדֶשׁ הָעֲשִׂירִי בְּעֶשְׂרִי בָּאָחָד
לַחֹדֶשׁ נִרְאוּ רְאִשֵׁי הַהָרִים:
- 6 וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וַיִּפְתַּח נֹחַ אֶת־חַלּוֹן הַתְּבָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:
- 7 וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הָעֹרֵב וַיֵּצֵא יָצוֹא וַיָּשׁוּב עַד־יְבֹשֶׁת הַמַּיִם מֵעַל
הָאָרֶץ:
- 8 וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה מֵאֵתוֹ לְרְאוֹת הַקְּלוֹי הַמַּיִם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה:
- 9 וְלֹא־מָצְאָה הַיּוֹנָה מְנוּחַם לְכַף־רַגְלָהּ וַתָּשֻׁב אֵלָיו אֶל־הַתְּבָה
כִּי־מַיִם עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיִּקְחֶהּ וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו
אֶל־הַתְּבָה:
- 10 וַיִּחַל עוֹד שְׁבַעַת יָמִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם וַיִּסַּף שְׁלַח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה מִן־הַתְּבָה:
- 11 וַתָּבֵא אֵלָיו הַיּוֹנָה לַעַת עָרֵב וְהִנֵּה עֹלֶה־וַיֵּת טֶרֶף בְּפִיהָ וַיִּנְדַע נֹחַ
כִּי־קָלוּ הַמַּיִם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ:
- 12 וַיִּחַל עוֹד שְׁבַעַת יָמִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הַיּוֹנָה וְלֹא־יָסְפָה
שׁוּב־אֵלָיו עוֹד:
- 13 וַיְהִי בְּאַחַת וָשֵׁשׁ־מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה בְּרֵאשׁוֹן בָּאָחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ חָרְבוּ הַמַּיִם
מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ וַיִּסַּר נֹחַ אֶת־מִכְסֵה הַתְּבָה וַיִּרְא וְהִנֵּה חָרְבוּ פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה:
- 14 וּבַחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁנַיִ בְּשִׁבְעָה וָעֶשְׂרִים יוֹם לַחֹדֶשׁ יָבֹשָׁה הָאָרֶץ:
- 15 וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ לֵאמֹר:
- 16 צֵא מִן־הַתְּבָה אַתָּה וְאִשְׁתְּךָ וּבְנֵיךָ וּנְשֵׂי־בְנֵיךָ אִתְּךָ:
- 17 כָּל־הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר־אִתְּךָ מִכָּל־בֶּשֶׂר בְּעוֹף וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הַרְמֵשׁ
הַרְמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הוֹצֵא אִתְּךָ וְשָׂרְצוּ בְּאָרֶץ וּפְרוּ וַרְבוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

8 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, ⁴and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

18 וַיִּצְאֵנִחַם וּבְנֵי וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּנְשֵׁי־בָנָיו אִתּוֹ:

19 כָּל־הַחַיָּה כָּל־הַרְמֵשׁ וְכָל־הָעוֹף כֹּל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְמִשְׁפַּחְתֵּיהֶם יֵצְאוּ מִן־הַתְּבֹה:

20 וַיִּבֶן גֵּחַ מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה וַיִּקַּח מִכָּל הַבְּהֵמָה הַטְּהוֹרָה וּמִכָּל הָעוֹף הַטְּהוֹר וַיַּעַל עֹלֹת בְּמִזְבֵּחַ:

21 וַיִּרְחַח יְהוָה אֶת־רִיחַ הַנִּיחֹחַ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־לִבּוֹ לֹא־אֶסְףּ לְקַלֵּל עוֹד אֶת־הָאָדָמָה בְּעִבּוֹר הָאָדָם כִּי יֵצֵר לִבִּי הָאָדָם רַע מִנְעֻרָיו וְלֹא־אֶסְףּ עוֹד לְהַכּוֹת אֶת־כָּל־חַי פֶּאֶשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי:

22 עַד כָּל־יְמֵי הָאָרֶץ זָרַע וְקָצִיר וְקֹר וְחֹם וְקִיץ וְחֹרֶף וַיּוֹם וְלַיְלָה לֹא יִשְׁפָּתוּ:

9 וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נֹחַ וְאֶת־בָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ:

2 וּמוֹרֵאֲכֶם וְחַתֻּכֶם יִהְיֶה עַל כָּל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ וְעַל כָּל־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כָּכָל אֲשֶׁר תִּרְמֹשׁ הָאָדָמָה וּבְכָל־דְּגֵי הַיָּם בְּיַדְכֶם נִתְּנוּ:

3 כָּל־רְמֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר הוּא־חַי לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאֹכְלָה כַּיֶּרֶק עֵשֶׂב נִתְּנִי לָכֶם אֶת־כָּל־:

4 אֲדָמָה בְּשֶׁשׁ בְּנִפְשׁוֹ דָּמוֹ לֹא תֹאכְלוּ:

5 וְאִף אֶת־דַּמְּכֶם לְנִפְשׁוֹתֵיכֶם אֲדָרֵשׁ מִיַּד כָּל־חַיָּה אֲדָרְשׁוּנִי וּמִיַּד הָאָדָם מִיַּד אִישׁ אֲחָיו אֲדָרֵשׁ אֶת־נַפְשׁ הָאָדָם:

6 שִׁפְךָ דַּם הָאָדָם בְּאָדָם דָּמוֹ יִשְׁפֹּךְ כִּי בְּצַלְמֵ אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם:

7 וְאַתֶּם פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ שִׁרְצוּ בְּאָרֶץ וּרְבוּ־בָהּ:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ וְאֶל־בָּנָיו אִתּוֹ לֵאמֹר:

9 וְאַנִּי הִנְנִי מִקִּים אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְאֶת־זִרְעֲכֶם אֲחֲרֵיכֶם:

10 וְאֵת כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם בְּעוֹף בְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ אִתְּכֶם מִכָּל יֵצְאֵי הַתְּבֹה לְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ:

11 וְהִקַּמְתִּי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְלֹא־יִכָּרֵת כָּל־בְּשָׂר עוֹד מִמִּי הַמְּבוּל וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה עוֹד מְבוּל לְשִׁחַת הָאָרֶץ:

18 Ps. 121:8.
 19 kinds. Heb. families.
 20 builded. ch. 4:4; 12:7, 8; 13:4; 22:9; 26:25; 33:20; 35:1, 7. Ex. 20:24, 25; 24:4-8. Ro. 12:1. He. 13:10, 15, 16. 1 Pe. 2:5, 9. clean beast. ch. 7:2. Le. ch. 11. burnt. Le. ch. 1.
 21 smelled. Le. 1:9, 13, 17; 26:31. Ca. 4:10, 11. Is. 65:6. Eze. 20:41. Am. 5:21, 22. 2 Co. 2:15. Ep. 5:2. Phi. 4:18. sweet savour. Heb. savour of rosm. curse. ch. 3:17; 4:12; 5:29; 6:17. for. or, though. the imagination. ch. 6:5. Job 14:4; 15:14-16. Ps. 51:5; 58:3. Pr. 20:9. Ec. 7:20. Is. 47:12, 15; 48:8; 53:6. Je. 8:6; 17:9; 18:12. Mat. 15:19. Jno. 3:6. Ro. 1:21; 3:23; 8:7, 8. Ep. 2:1-3. Ja. 1:14, 15; 4:1, 2. 1 Jno. 5:19. neither. ch. 9:11-15. Is. 54:9, 10. as I. 2 Pe. 3:6, 7.
 22 While the earth remaineth. Heb. as yet all the days of the earth. Is. 54:8. seed-time. Most of the European nations divide the year into four distinct parts, called quarters or seasons; but there are six divisions in the text, which obtained in Palestine among the Hebrews, and exist among the Arabs to the present day. According to this gracious promise, the heavenly bodies have preserved their courses, the seasons their successions, and the earth its increase for the use of man. ch. 45:6. Ex. 34:21. Ps. 74:16, 17. Ca. 2:11, 12. Is. 54:9. Je. 5:24. Ja. 5:7. day. Je. 31:35; 33:20-26.

CHAP. 9
 God blesses Noah and his sons, and grants them flesh for food, 1-3. Blood and murder are forbidden, 4-7. God's covenant, of which the rainbow was constituted a pledge, 8-17. Noah's family replenish the world, 18, 19. Noah plants a vineyard, 20. Is drunken, and mocked by his son, 21-24. Curses Canaan, 25. Blesses Shem, 26. Prays for Japheth, and dies, 27-29.
 1 blessed. ver. 7; ch. 1:22, 28; 2:3; 8:17; 24:60. Ps. 112:1; 128:3, 4. Is. 51:2. Be. ver. 7, 19; ch. 1:28; 8:17; 10:32.
 2 ch. 1:28; 2:19; 35:5. Le. 26:6, 22. Job 5:22, 23. Ps. 8:4-8; 104:20-23. Eze. 34:25. Ho. 2:18. Ja. 3:7.
 3 Every. Le. ch. 11; 22:8. De. 12:15; 14:3-21. Ac. 10:12-15. 1 Ti. 4:3-5. even. ch. 1:29, 30. Ps. 104:14, 15. Ro. 14:3, 14, 17, 20. 1 Co. 10:23, 25, 26, 31. Col. 2:16, 21, 22. 1 Ti. 4:3, 4.
 4 the life. Le. 3:17; 7:26; 17:10-14; 19:26. De. 12:16, 23; 14:21; 15:23. 1 Sa. 14:34. Ac. 15:20, 25, 29. 1 Ti. 4:4.
 5 every. Ex. 21:12, 28, 29. and at. ch. 4:9, 10. Le. 19:16. Nu. 35:31-33. De. 21:1-9. Ps. 9:12. Mat. 23:35. brother. Ac. 17:26.
 6 by. Ex. 21:12-14; 22:2, 3. Le. 17:4; 24:17. Nu. 35:25. 1 Ki. 2:5, 6, 28-34. Mat. 26:52. Ro. 13:4. Re. 13:10. in. ch. 1:26, 27; 5:1. Ps. 51:4. Ja. 3:9. 7 ver. 1, 19; ch. 1:28; 8:17.
 9 ver. 11, 17; ch. 6:18; 17:7, 8; 22:17. Is. 54:9, 10. Je. 31:35, 36; 33:20. Ro. 1:3.
 10 ver. 15, 16; ch. 8:1. Job ch. 38; 41. Ps. 36:5, 6; 145:9. Jon. 4:11.
 11 And I. ch. 8:21, 22. Is. 54:9. neither shall all. ch. 7:21-23; 8:21, 22. 2 Pe. 3:7, 11.

¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ² The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

⁶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.

⁷ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים זֹאת אוֹת־הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר־אַנִּי נָתַן בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם
וּבֵין כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם לְדֹרֹת עוֹלָם:

13 אֶת־קִשְׁתִּי נִמְתִּי בַעֲנֹן וְהִיָּתָה לְאוֹת בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵין הָאָרֶץ:

14 וְהָיָה בַעֲנֹנִי עָנָן עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְנִרְאָתָה הַקִּשְׁת׃ בַּעֲנֹן:

15 וְזָכַרְתִּי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה
בְּכָל־בֶּשֶׂר וְלֹא־יְהִיָּה עוֹד הַמַּיִם לְמַבּוּל לְשַׁחַת כָּל־בֶּשֶׂר:

16 וְהִיָּתָה הַקִּשְׁת׃ בַּעֲנֹן וְרֵאִיתִיָּה לְזָכָר בְּרִית עוֹלָם בֵּין אֱלֹהִים וּבֵין
כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה בְּכָל־בֶּשֶׂר אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

17 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ זֹאת אוֹת־הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר הִקְמַתִּי בֵּינִי וּבֵין
כָּל־בֶּשֶׂר אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

18 וַיְהִי־וּבְנֵי־נֹחַ הַיְצְאִים מִן־הַתְּבֹהַה שֵׁם נֹחַם וַיִּקְרָא נֹחַם הוּא אָבִי
כְנַעַן:

19 וַיִּשְׁלַח אֱלֹהִים וּמַאֲלָה נִפְצָה כָּל־הָאָרֶץ:

20 וַיִּחַל נֹחַ אִישׁ הָאֲדָמָה וַיִּטַע כָּרְם:

21 וַיִּשְׁתֶּן מִן־הַיַּיִן וַיִּשְׁכַּר וַיִּתְגַּל בְּתוֹךְ אֹהֶל־הָאֵל:

22 וַיִּרְא חָם אָבִי כְנַעַן אֶת עֶרְוַת אָבִיו וַיַּגֵּד לְשְׁנֵי־אֶחָיו בַּחוּץ:

23 וַיִּקַּח שֵׁם נֹחַ אֶת־הַשְּׂמֹלָה וַיְשִׁימוּ עַל־שִׁכְמָם שְׁנֵיהֶם וַיִּלְכוּ
אַחֲרָנִית וַיִּכְסּוּ אֶת עֶרְוַת אָבִיהֶם וּפְנֵיהֶם אַחֲרָנִית וְעֶרְוַת אָבִיהֶם לֹא
רָאוּ:

24 וַיִּיקַח נֹחַ מֵיַיְנוֹ וַיַּדַּע אֶת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה־לוֹ בְּנוֹ הַקָּטָן:

25 וַיֹּאמֶר אָרוּר כְּנַעַן עֶבֶד עֲבָדִים יִהְיֶה לְאֶחָיו:

26 וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי שֵׁם וַיְהִי כְנַעַן עֶבֶד לְמוֹ:

27 וַיִּפְתֵּן אֱלֹהִים לְיִשְׁכָן בְּאַהֲלֵי־שֵׁם וַיְהִי כְנַעַן עֶבֶד לְמוֹ:

12 ch. 17:11. Ex. 12:13; 13:16. Jos. 2:12. Mat. 26:26-28. 1 Co. 11:23-25.
13 Eze. 1:28. Re. 4:3; 10:1.
15 remember. Ex. 28:12. Le. 26:42-45. De. 7:9. 1 Ki. 8:23. Ne. 9:32. Ps. 106:45. Je. 14:21. Eze. 16:60. Lu. 1:72. the waters. Is. 54:8-10.
16 everlasting. ver. 9-11; ch. 8:21, 22; 17:13, 19. 2 Sa. 23:5. Ps. 89:3, 4. Is. 54:8-10; 55:3. Je. 32:40. He. 13:20.
18 Shem. ver. 23; ch. 10:1. 1 Ch. 1:4. Ham. ch. 10:1, 6. Canaan. Heb. Chanaan.
19 These, ch. 5:32. and of. ch. 8:17; 10:2-32. 1 Ch. 1:4-28.
20 an husbandman. ch. 3:18, 19, 23; 4:2; 5:29. Pr. 10:11; 12:11. Ec. 5:9. Is. 28:24-26. planted. De. 20:6; 28:30. Pr. 24:30. Ca. 1:6. 1 Co. 9:7.
21 and was. ch. 6:9; 19:32-36. Pr. 20:1; 23:31, 32. Ec. 7:20. Lu. 22:3, 4. Ro. 13:13, 16. Re. 3:18.
22 Ham. ver. 25; ch. 10:6, 15-19. 1 Ch. 1:8, 13-16. told. 2 Sa. 1:19, 20. Ps. 35:20, 21; 40:15; 70:3. Pr. 25:9; 30:17. Ob. 12, 13. Mat. 18:15. 1 Co. 13:6. Ga. 6:1.
23 Ex. 20:12. Le. 19:32. Ro. 13:7. Ga. 6:1. 1 Ti. 5:1, 17, 19. 1 Pe. 2:17; 4:8.
25 Cursed. ver. 22; ch. 3:14; 4:11; 49:7. De. 27:16; 28:18. Mat. 25:41. Jno. 8:34. a servant. The devoted nations, which God destroyed before Israel, were descended from Canaan: and so were the Phenicians and the Carthaginians, who were at length subjugated with dreadful destruction by the Greeks and Romans. The Africans, who have been bought and sold like beasts, were also his posterity. Jos. 9:23, 27. Ju. 1:28-30. 1 Ki. 9:20, 21. 2 Ch. 8:7, 8. Jno. 8:34.
26 Blessed. De. 33:26. Ps. 144:15. Ro. 9:5. the Lord. ch. 10:10-26; 12:1-3. Lu. 3:23-36. Sem. He. 11:16. his servant. or, servant to them. ch. 27:37, 40.
27 enlarge. or, persuade. Japheth. Japheth denotes enlargement, and how wonderfully have his boundaries been enlarged; for not only Europe, but Asia Minor, part of Armenia, Iberia, the whole of the vast regions of Asia north of Taurus, and probably America, fell to the share of his posterity. he shall dwell. These words may mean either that God or that Japheth shall dwell in the tents of Shem. In either sense the prophecy has been literally fulfilled. dwell. Is. 11:10. Ho. 2:14. Mal. 1:11. Ac. 17:14. Ro. 11:12; 15:12. Ep. 2:13, 14, 19; 3:6, 13. He. 11:9, 10.

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

²⁰ Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹ He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. ²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. ²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”

²⁶ He also said,
“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his servant.

²⁷ May God enlarge Japheth,
and let him dwell in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be his servant.”

28 וַיַּחַי־נֹחַ אַחֵר הַמְּבוּל שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה:
 29 וַיְהִיו כָּל־יְמֵי־נֹחַ תְּשַׁע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה וַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת:

29 A.M. 2006. B.C. 1998. *nine*. ch. 5:5, 20, 27, 32; 11:11–25. Ps. 90:10.

10 וְאַלֶּה תּוֹלְדֹת בְּנֵי־נֹחַ שֵׁם חָם וַיִּפֹּת וַיּוֹלְדוּ לָהֶם בָּנִים אַחֵר הַמְּבוּל:

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The generations of Noah, 1. Japheth, 2–5. Ham, 6, 7. Nimrod the first monarch, and the descendants of Canaan, 8–20. The sons of Shem, 21–32.

2 בְּנֵי יַפֶּת גֹּמֶר וּמְגוּג וּמְדִי וַיְנֹן וַתְּבָל וּמִשְׁפַּח וַתִּירָס:

1 *are the*. ch. 2:4; 5:1; 6:9. Mat. 1:1. *and unto*. ch. 9:1, 7, 19.

3 וּבְנֵי גֹמֶר אֲשַׁכְנַז וְרִיפַת וַתְּגַרְמָה:

2 ver. 21. 1 Ch. 1:5–7. Is. 66:19. Eze. 27:7, 12–14, 19; 38:2, 6, 15; 39:1. Re. 20:8.

4 וּבְנֵי יֶזָן אֵלִישָׁה וַתְּרַשִׁישׁ כְּתִים וַדְדָנִים:

4 A.M. 1666. B.C. 2338. *Kittim*. Nu. 24:24. Is. 23:1, 12. Da. 11:30. Chittim. *Dodanim*. or, *Rodanim*.

5 מֵאַלֶּה נִפְרְדוּ אֵי־הַגּוֹיִם בְּאַרְצֹתָם אִישׁ לְלִשְׁנוֹ לְמִשְׁפַּחְתָּם בְּגוֹיֵיהֶם:

5 A.M. 1757. B.C. 2247. *isles*. ver. 25. Ps. 72:10. Is. 24:15; 40:15; 41:5; 42:4, 10; 49:1; 51:5; 59:18; 60:9. Je. 2:10; 25:22. *Zep*. 2:11. *after his*. ver. 20; ch. 11:1–9.

6 וּבְנֵי חָם כּוּשׁ וּמְצָרִים וּפּוּט וּכְנַעַן:

6 A.M. 1676. B.C. 2228. *And the*. ch. 9:22. 1 Ch. 1:8–16; 4:40. Ps. 78:51; 105:23, 27; 106:22. *Ham*.

7 וּבְנֵי כּוּשׁ סִבָּא וַחַוִּילָה וְסַבְתָּה וְרַעְמָה וְסַבְתָּכָא וּבְנֵי רַעְמָה שָׁבָא

HAM signifies *burnt or black*; and this name was peculiarly significant of the regions allotted to his family. To the Cushites, or descendants of Cush, were allotted the hot southern regions of Asia, along the shores of the Persian Gulf, Susiana or Chusistan, etc.; to the sons of Canaan, Palestine and Syria; to the sons of Mizraim, Egypt and Libya, in Africa. *Cush*. Is. 11:11. *Phut*. Je. 46:9, marg. Eze. 27:10.

וַדְדָן:

7 *Seba*. Ps. 72:10. *Havilah*. ch. 2:11. *Sheba*. 1 Ki. 10:1. Eze. 27:22. *Dedan*. Is. 21:13. Eze. 27:15.

8 וְכוּשׁ יָלַד אֶת־נִמְרֹד הוּא הֵחַל לְהִיזֹת גֹּבַר בְּאַרְץ:

8 A.M. 1715. B.C. 2289. *Nimrod*. Mi. 5:6.

9 הוּא־הָיָה גֹבַר־צִיד לִפְנֵי יְהוָה עַל־כֵּן יָאָמַר כְּנִמְרֹד גֹּבּוֹר צִיד לִפְנֵי

9 *a mighty*. ch. 6:4; 25:27; 27:30. Je. 16:16. Eze. 13:18. Mi. 7:2. *before the Lord*. ch. 6:11; 13:13. *Even*. 2 Ch. 28:22. Ps. 52:7.

יְהוָה:

11 A.M. 1700. B.C. 2304. *went forth Assyria*. or, he went out into Assyria. Mi. 5:6. *Asshur*. Nu. 24:22, 24. Eze. 4:2. Ps. 83:8. Eze. 27:23; 32:22. Ho. 14:3. *Nineveh*. 2 Ki. 19:36. Is. 37:37. Jon. 1:2; ch. 3. Na. 1:1; 2:8; 3:7. *Zep*. 2:13. *the city of*. or, the streets of the city.

10 וַתְּהִי רֵאשִׁית מַמְלַכְתּוֹ בְּבָל וְאַרְדּוֹ וְאַפַּד וְכַלְנֶה בְּאַרְץ שֹׁנְעָר:

10 A.M. 1745. B.C. 2269. *And the*. Je. 50:21. Mi. 5:6.

11 מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַהִוא יֵצֵא אֲשׁוּר וַיִּכְן אֶת־נִינּוּה וְאֶת־רְחֹבֶת עִיר וְאֶת־כַּלְח:

14 *Pathrusim*. Is. 11:11. Je. 44:1. *Philistim*. 1 Ch. 1:12. Je. 47:4. *Caphthorim*. De. 2:23. Je. 47:4. Am. 9:7.

12 וְאֶת־רֶסֶן בֵּין נִינּוּה וּבֵין כַּלְח הוּא הָעִיר הַגְּדֹלָה:

15 *Canaan*. 1 Ch. 1:13. *Sidon*. Heb. *Tzidon*. ch. 49:13. Jos. 11:8. Is. 23:4. *Zidon*. *Heth*. ch. 15:18–21; 28:3–20. Ex. 3:8; 34:11. Nu. 34:2–15. Jos. 12:8–24. 2 Sa. 11:3.

13 וּמְצָרִים יָלַד אֶת־לוֹדִים וְאֶת־עַנְנָמִים וְאֶת־לֶהְבִּים וְאֶת־נַפְתָּחִים:

16 *Jebusite*. Ju. 1:21. 2 Sa. 24:18. *Zec*. 9:7.

14 וְאֶת־פְּתָרְסִים וְאֶת־כַּסְלָחִים אֲשֶׁר יֵצְאוּ מִשָּׁם פְּלִשְׁתִּים וְאֶת־כַּפְתָּרִים:

17 *Hivite*. ch. 34:2.

15 וּכְנַעַן יָלַד אֶת־צִידֹן בְּכָרוֹ וְאֶת־חֵת:

18 *Arvadite*. Eze. 27:8. *Zemartite*. Jos. 18:22. 2 Ch. 13:4. *Hamathite*. Nu. 34:8. 2 Sa. 8:9. 2 Ki. 17:24, 30. Is. 10:9. Eze. 47:16, 17. *Zec*. 9:2.

16 וְאֶת־הַיְבוּסִי וְאֶת־הָאֲמֹרִי וְאֵת הַגְּרַגְשִׁי:

19 *And the*. ch. 13:12–17; 15:18–21. Nu. 34:2–15. De. 32:8. Jos. 12:7, 8; ch. 14–21. *as thou comest*. ch. 13:10. *Gerar*. ch. 20:1; 26:1. *Gaza*. Heb. *Azzah*. Ju. 16:1. Je. 25:20. *Sodom*. ch. 13:10–13; 14:2; 18:20; 19:24, 25. Ho. 11:8.

17 וְאֶת־הַחֹוִי וְאֶת־הָעַרְקִי וְאֶת־הַסִּינִי:

20 ver. 6; ch. 11:1–9.

18 וְאֶת־הָאֲרֹדִי וְאֶת־הָצֹמְרִי וְאֶת־הַחֲמָתִי וְאֶחָר נִפְצוּ מִשְׁפַּחֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי:

21 *Shem*. *SHEM* signifies *name or renown*; and his, indeed, was great both in a temporal and spiritual sense, inasmuch as he was destined to be the lineal ancestor of the promised Seed of the woman, to which Noah might allude in his pious ejaculation, ch. 9:26. *the father*, ch. 11:10–26. *Eber*. Nu. 24:24. *the brother*. ver. 2.

19 וַיְהִי גְבוּל הַכְּנַעֲנִי מִצִּידֹן בְּאַכָּה גְרָרָה עַד־עֵזָה בְּאַכָּה סְדֹמָה וְעַמְרָה

22 *children*. ch. 9:26. 1 Ch. 1:17–27. *Elam*. ch. 14:1–9. 2 Ki. 15:19. Job 1:17. Is. 11:11; 21:2; 22:6. Je. 25:25; 49:34–39. Ac. 2:9. *Arpachshad*. Heb. *Arpachshad*. *Lud*. Is. 66:19. *Aram*. Nu. 23:7.

וְאֶדְמָה וְצֹבִים עַד־לָשַׁע:

23 *Uz*. Job 1:1. Je. 25:20.

20 אֶלֶה בְּנֵי־חָם לְמִשְׁפַּחְתָּם לְלִשְׁנָתָם בְּאַרְצֹתָם בְּגוֹיֵיהֶם:

24 *Salah*. Heb. *Shelah*. ch. 11:12–15.

21 וְלָשֵׁם יָלַד גַּם־הוּא אָבִי כָל־בְּנֵי־עֶבֶר אַחִי יַפֶּת הַגְּדֹל:

22 בְּנֵי שֵׁם עִילָם וְאֲשׁוּר וְאַרְפַּכְשָׁד וְלוֹד וְאַרְם:

23 וּבְנֵי אָרַם עוּז וַחֹוֶל וְגֵתֵר וְמִשׁ:

24 וְאַרְפַּכְשָׁד יָלַד אֶת־שֶׁלַח וְשֶׁלַח יָלַד אֶת־עֶבֶר:

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

10 These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

² The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³ The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴ The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁵ From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.

⁶ The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. ⁷ The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. ⁸ Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and ¹² Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. ¹³ Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ¹⁴ Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom the Philistines came), and Caphtorim.

¹⁵ Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth, ¹⁶ and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, ¹⁷ the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, ¹⁸ the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed. ¹⁹ And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. ²⁰ These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

²¹ To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born. ²² The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. ²³ The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. ²⁴ Arpachshad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber.

25 וילעבר ילד שני בנים שם האחד פלג כי בניו נפלגה הארץ
ושם אחיו יקטון:

26 ויקטון ילד את-אלמוֹדַד ואת-שֶׁלֶף ואת-חַצְרָמוֹת ואת-יֶרֶח:

27 ואת-הַדּוֹרָם ואת-אוּזַל ואת-דַקְלָה:

28 ואת-עוֹבָל ואת-אַבִּימָאֵל ואת-שָׁבָא:

29 ואת-אוֹפֶר ואת-חַוִּילָה ואת-יוֹכָב כַּל-אַלֶּה בְּנֵי יִקְטָן:

30 ויהי מושבם ממשא באַכָּה סַפְרָה הר הקדם:

31 אלה בני-שם למשפחתם ללשונתם בארצתם לגויהם:

32 אלה משפחת בני-נח לתולדתם בגויהם ומאלה נפרדו הגוים
בארץ אחר המבול:

11 ויהי כִּלְהֵאָרֶץ שָׁפָה אֶחָת ודְבָרִים אֶחָדִים:

2 ויהי בְּנֹסְעִים מִקְדָּם ויִמְצְאוּ בַקְעָה בְּאֶרֶץ שְׁנַעַר וישָׁבוּ שָׁם:

3 ויאמרו איש אל-רעהו הֲבֵה גִלְבָּנָה לְבָנִים ונְשָׁרְפָה לְשָׁרְפָה
ותְהִי לָהֶם הַלְבָּנָה לְאֵבֶן וְהַחֲמֹר הִיָּה לָהֶם לְחֵמֶר:

4 ויאמרו הֲבֵה נִבְנֶה-לָנוּ עִיר וּמְגִדָּל וְרֵאשׁוּ בְשָׁמַיִם ונַעֲשֶׂה-לָנוּ
שֵׁם פְּוֶן-נְפוּץ עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ:

5 ויֵרַד יְהוָה לִרְאֹת אֶת-הָעִיר וְאֶת-הַמְּגִדָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּנוּ בְּנֵי הָאָדָם:

6 ויאמר יהוה הֵן עִם אָחַד וּשְׁפָה אֶחָת לְכֻלָּם וְזֶה חֲחַלְמִם לַעֲשׂוֹת
וְעַתָּה לֹא-יִבָּצֵר מֵהֶם כֹּל אֲשֶׁר יִזְמוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת:

7 הֲבֵה נִרְדָּה וְנִבְלָה שָׁם שְׁפָתָם אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ אִישׁ שִׁפְתֵי
רֵעֵהוּ:

8 ויִפְּץ יְהוָה אֹתָם מִשָּׁם עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ ויִחַדְלוּ לְבִנְתֵי הָעִיר:

9 עַל-כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמָהּ בְּבָל כִּי-שָׁם בָּלַל יְהוָה שִׁפְתֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ וּמִשָּׁם
הִפְיָצָם יְהוָה עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ:

25 A.M. 1757. B.C. 2247. Eber. ver. 21. 1 Ch. 1:19. the name. ch. 11:16-19. Lu. 3:35, 36. Peleg. i.e. division. in. ver. 32. De. 32:8. Ac. 17:26. 26, 27, 1 Ch. 1:20-28. 28 A.M. cir. 1797. B.C. cir. 2207. ch. 25:3. 1 Ki. 10:1. 1 Ch. 1:20-28. 29 Ophir. 1 Ki. 9:28; 22:48. 1 Ch. 8:18; 9:10, 13. Job 22:24; 28:16. Ps. 45:9. Is. 13:12. Havilah. ch. 2:11; 25:18. 1 Sa. 15:7. 30 mount of the east. Nu. 23:7. 31 ver. 5, 20. Ac. 17:26. 32 are the. ver. 1, 20, 31. ch. 5:29-31. and by. Any man who can barely read his Bible, and has but heard of such people as the Assyrians, Elamites, Lydians, Medes, Ionians, and Thracians, will readily acknowledge that Asshur, Elam, Lud, Madai, Javan, and Tiras, grandsons of Noah, were their respective founders. nations. ver. 25; ch. 9:1, 7, 19. Ac. 17:26.

CHAP. 11

One language in the world, 1. The building of Babel, 2-4. It is interrupted by the confusion of tongues, and the builders dispersed, 5-9. The generations of Shem, 10-26. The generations of Terah, the father of Abram, 27-30. Terah, with Abram and Lot, remove from Ur to Haran, 31, 32. 1 A.M. 1757. B.C. 2247. was. Is. 19:18. Zep. 3:9. Ac. 2:6. language. Heb. lip. speech. Heb. words. 2 from the east. or. eastward. ch. 13:11. Shinar. See on ver. 9; ch. 10:10; 14:1. Is. 11:11. Da. 1:2 Zec. 5:11. 3 they said one to another. Heb. a man said to his neighbour. Go to. ver. 4, 7. Ps. 64:5. Pr. 1:11. Ec. 2:1. Is. 5:5; 41:6, 7. Ja. 4:13; 5:1. not as. He. 3:13; 10:24. burn thoroughly. Heb. burn to a burning. brick. Ex. 1:14; 5:7-18. 2 Sa. 12:31. Is. 9:10; 65:3. Na. 3:14. slime. ch. 14:10. Ex. 2:3. 4 whose. De. 1:28; 9:1. Da. 4:11, 22. and let. 2 Sa. 8:13. Ps. 49:11-13. Pr. 10:7. Da. 4:30. Jno. 5:44. lest. ver. 8, 9. Ps. 92:9. Lu. 1:4. 5 ch. 18:21. Ex. 19:11. Ps. 11:4; 33:13, 14. Je. 23:23, 24. Jno. 3:13. He. 4:13. 6 Behold. ch. 3:22. Ju. 10:14. 1 Ki. 18:27. Ec. 11:9. the people. ver. 1; ch. 9:19. Ac. 17:26. imagined. ch. 6:5; 8:21. Ps. 2:1-4. Lu. 1:51. 7 Go to. The Hebrew word signifies. 'Come,' or 'make preparation,' as for a journey or the execution of a purpose. let. ver. 5; ch. 1:26; 3:22. Is. 6:8. confound. Job 5:12, 13; 12:20. Ps. 2:4; 33:10. Ac. 2:4-11. may. ch. 10:5, 20, 32; 42:23. De. 28:49. Ps. 55:9. Je. 5:15. 1 Cor. 14:2-11, 23. 8 Lord. ver. 4, 9; ch. 49:7. De. 32:8. Lu. 1:51. upon. ch. 10:25, 32. 9 Babel. that is, Confusion. The tower of Babel, Herodotus informs us, was a furlong, or 660 feet, in length and breadth; and, according to Strabo, it rose to the same altitude. It was of a pyramidal form, consisting of eight square towers, gradually decreasing in breadth, with a winding ascent on the outside, so very broad as to allow horses and carriages to pass each other, and even to turn. This magnificent structure is so completely destroyed that its very site is doubtful; and when supposed to be discovered, in all cases exhibiting a heap of rubbish. ch. 10:5, 10, 20, 31. Is. ch. 13; 14. Je. ch. 50; 51. 1 Co. 14:23. the face. ch. 10:25, 32. Ac. 17:26.

²⁵To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

²⁶Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ²⁷Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰The territory in which they lived extended from Mesha in the direction of Sephar to the hill country of the east. ³¹These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

³²These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

- 10 אלה תולדות שם שם בן-מאת שנה ויולד את-ארפכשד שנתים
אחר המבול:
- 11 ויחיי-שם אחרי הולידו את-ארפכשד חמש מאות שנה ויולד
בנים ובנות:
- 12 וארפכשד חי חמש ושלשים שנה ויולד את-שלח:
- 13 ויחיי ארפכשד אחרי הולידו את-שלח שלש שנים וארבע מאות
שנה ויולד בנים ובנות:
- 14 ושלח חי שלשים שנה ויולד את-עבר:
- 15 ויחיי-שלח אחרי הולידו את-עבר שלש שנים וארבע מאות שנה
ויולד בנים ובנות:
- 16 ויחיי-עבר ארבע ושלשים שנה ויולד את-פלג:
- 17 ויחיי-עבר אחרי הולידו את-פלג שלשים שנה וארבע מאות שנה
ויולד בנים ובנות:
- 18 ויחיי-פלג שלשים שנה ויולד את-רעו:
- 19 ויחיי-פלג אחרי הולידו את-רעו תשע שנים ומאתים שנה ויולד
בנים ובנות:
- 20 ויחיי רעו שנים ושלשים שנה ויולד את-שרוג:
- 21 ויחיי רעו אחרי הולידו את-שרוג שבע שנים ומאתים שנה ויולד
בנים ובנות:
- 22 ויחיי שרוג שלשים שנה ויולד את-נחור:
- 23 ויחיי שרוג אחרי הולידו את-נחור מאתים שנה ויולד בנים
ובנות:
- 24 ויחיי נחור תשע ועשרים שנה ויולד את-תרח:
- 25 ויחיי נחור אחרי הולידו את-תרח תשע-עשרה שנה ומאת שנה
ויולד בנים ובנות:
- 26 ויחיי-תרח שבעים שנה ויולד את-אברם את-נחור ואת-הרן:
- 27 ואלה תולדות תרח הוליד את-אברם את-נחור ואת-הרן
והרן הוליד את-לוט:
- 28 וימת הרן על-פני תרח אביו בארץ מולדתו באור פשדים:
- 29 ויקח אברם ונחור להם נשים שם אשת-אברם שרי ושם
אשת-נחור מלכה בת-הרן אבי-מלכה ואבי יספה:
- 30 ויתהי שרי עקרה אין לה ולד:

10 A.M. 1658. B.C. 2346. ver. 27; ch. 10:21, 22. 1 Ch. 1:17-27. Lu. 3:34-36.
11 A.M. 2158. B.C. 1846. *Shem*. ch. 5:4. etc. *begat sons*. ch. 1:28; 5:4; 9:7. Ps. 127:3, 4; 128:3, 4; 144:12.
12 A.M. 1693. B.C. 2311. *begat*. Lu. 3:36.
13 A.M. 2096. B.C. 1908.
14 A.M. 1723. B.C. 2281.
15 A.M. 2126. B.C. 1878.
16 A.M. 1757. B.C. 2247. *Eber*. ch. 10:21, 25. Nu. 24:24. 1 Ch. 1:19. *Peleg*. Lu. 3:35. Phalec.
17 A.M. 2187. B.C. 1817.
18 A.M. 1787. B.C. 2217. *Reu*. Lu. 3:35. Ragau.
19 A.M. 1996. B.C. 2008.
20 A.M. 1819. B.C. 2185. *Serug*. Lu. 3:35. Saruch.
21 A.M. 2026. B.C. 1978.
22 A.M. 1849. B.C. 2155. *Nahor*. Jos. 24:2. Nachor.
23 A.M. 2049. B.C. 1955.
24 A.M. 1878. B.C. 2126. *Terah*. Lu. 3:34. Thara.
25 A.M. 1997. B.C. 2007.
26 A.M. 1948. B.C. 2056. *Abram*. ch. 12:4, 5; 22:20-24; 29:4, 5. Jos. 24:2. 1 Ch. 1:26, 27.
27 A.M. 2008. B.C. 1996. *Lot*. ver. 31; ch. 12:4; 13:1-11; 14:12; 19:1-29. 2 Pe. 2:7.
28 *Ur*. ch. 15:7. Ne. 9:7. Ac. 7:2-4.
29 *Sarai*. ch. 17:15; 20:12. *Milcah*. ch. 22:20; 24:15. *Iscah*. Iscah is called the *daughter-in-law* of Terah, (ver. 31.) as being Abram's wife; yet Abram afterwards said, "she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother." (ch. 20:12.) Probably Haran was the eldest son of Terah, and Abram his youngest by another wife: and thus Sarai was the daughter, or *grand-daughter* of Terah, Abram's father, but not of his mother.
30 *barren*. ch. 15:2, 3; 16:1, 2; 18:11, 12; 21:1, 2; 25:21; 29:31; 30:1, 2. Ju. 13:2. 1 Sam. 1:2. Ps. 113:9. Lu. 1:7, 36.

¹⁰These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. ¹¹And Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

¹²When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he fathered Shelah. ¹³And Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelah 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴When Shelah had lived 30 years, he fathered Eber. ¹⁵And Shelah lived after he fathered Eber 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁶When Eber had lived 34 years, he fathered Peleg. ¹⁷And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

¹⁸When Peleg had lived 30 years, he fathered Reu. ¹⁹And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

²⁰When Reu had lived 32 years, he fathered Serug. ²¹And Reu lived after he fathered Serug 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

²²When Serug had lived 30 years, he fathered Nahor. ²³And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

²⁴When Nahor had lived 29 years, he fathered Terah. ²⁵And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

²⁶When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

²⁷Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 וַיִּקַּח תָּרַח אֶת־אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ וְאֶת־לוֹט בְּוֶהֱרָן בְּוֶהֱרָן וְאֵת שְׂרֵי
 פֶלְתוֹ אִשְׁתֵּי אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ וַיֵּצְאוּ אִתָּם מֵאוּר כְּשָׂדִים לְלֶכֶת אֶרְצָה כְּנַעַן
 וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־חֶרְן וַיִּשְׁבוּ שָׁם:
 32 וַיְהִי וַיִּמְיֶת־תָּרַח חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים וּמָאֲתַיִם שָׁנָה וַיָּמָת תָּרַח בְּחֶרְן:

31 A.M. 2078. B.C. 1926. took. ver. 26, 27; 12:1. they went. ver. 28; ch. 12:1. Jos. 24:2, 3. Heb. 11:8. Ur. Ur was probably the place called Ouri, in Mesopotamia, two days' journey from Nisibis, in the way to the river Tigris. Jos. 24:2. Ne. 9:7. Ac. 7:2-4. the land. ch. 10:19; 24:10. B.C. cir. 1923. A.M. cir. 2081. Haran. ver. 32; ch. 12:4; 24:10, 15; 27:43; 29:4, 5. Ac. 7:2-4. Charran. 32 A.M. 2083. B.C. 1921.

12 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם לֵךְ־לְךָ מֵאֶרְצָךָ וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ וּמִבְּיַת אָבִיךָ
 אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאָךְ:

CHAP. 12
 God calls Abram, and blesses him with a promise of Christ, 1-3. He departs with Lot from Haran, and comes to Canaan, 4, 5. He journeys through Canaan, 6, which is promised him in a vision, 7-9. He is driven by a famine into Egypt, 10. Fear makes him feign his wife to be his sister, 11-13. Pharaoh, having taken her from him, by plagues is compelled to restore her, 14-17. He reproves Abram, whom he dismisses, 18-20.
 1 had. ch. 11:31, 32; 15:7. Ne. 9:7. Is. 41:9; 51:2. Eze. 33:24. Get. Jos. 24:2, 3. Ps. 45:10, 11. Lu. 14:26-33. Ac. 7:2-6. 2 Co. 6:17. Heb. 11:8. Re. 18:4.
 2 ch. 13:16; 15:5; 17:5, 6; 18:18; 22:17, 18; 24:35; 26:4; 27:29; 28:3, 14; 35:11; 46:3. Ex. 1:7; 32:10. Nu. 14:12; 24:9, 10. De. 26:5. 2 Sa. 7:9. 1 Ki. 3:8, 9. Mic. 7:20. Ro. 4:11. Ga. 3:7. thou shalt. ch. 14:14-16; 18:18; 19:29; 28:4. 1 Ki. 1:47. Gal. 3:14.
 3 And I. ch. 27:29. Ex. 23:22. Nu. 24:9. Mat. 25:40, 45. in thee. ch. 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; 30:27, 30; 39:5. Ps. 72:17. Ac. 3:25, 26. Ro. 4:11. 1 Co. 1:30. Ga. 3:8, 16, 28. Ep. 1:3. Col. 3:11. Re. 7:9. 4 and Lot. ch. 11:27. departed out. He. 11:8.
 5 the souls. ch. 14:14, 21, marg.; 46:5-26. in. ch. 11:31. and into. ch. 10:19. Ac. 7:4. He. 11:8, 9. Canaan. So called from Canaan the son of Ham, lies between the Mediterranean sea on the west, the wilderness of Paran, Idumea, and Egypt on the south, the mountains of Arabia on the east, and the mountains of Lebanon and Phoenicia on the north. Its length, from Dan to Beersheba, is about 200 miles, and its breadth, from the Mediterranean sea to its eastern borders, about 90.
 6 passed. He. 11:9. Sichem. ch. 33:18; 34:2; 35:4. Jos. 20:7; 24:32. Ju. 9:1. 1 Ki. 12:1. Shechem. Jno. 4:5. Sychar. Ac. 7:16. Sychem. plain. The word rendered 'plain' should be rendered 'oak,' or according to CELSIUS, the turpentine tree. Moreh. De. 11:30. Ju. 7:1. Canaanite. ch. 10:15, 18, 19; 13:7; 15:18-21.
 7 appeared. ch. 17:1; 18:1; 32:30. Unto thy. ch. 13:15; 17:3, 8; 26:3; 28:13. Ex. 33:1. Nu. 32:11. De. 1:8; 6:10; 30:20. Ps. 105:9-12. Ro. 9:8. Ga. 3:16; 4:28. builded. ver. 8; ch. 8:20; 13:4, 18; 26:25; 33:20. He. 11:13.
 8 of Beth-el. ch. 28:19; 35:3, 15, 16. Jos. 8:17; 18:22. Ne. 11:31. Hai. Jos. 7:2; 8:3. Ai. Ne. 11:31. Aija. Is. 10:28. Aiath. called. ch. 4:26; 13:4; 21:33. Ps. 116:4. Joel 2:32. Ac. 2:21. Ro. 10:12-14. 1 Co. 1:2.
 9 going on still. Heb. in going and journeying. ch. 13:3; 24:62. Ps. 105:13. He. 11:13, 14.
 10 A.M. 2084. B.C. 1920. was a. ch. 26:1; 42:5; 43:1; 47:13. Ru. 1:1, 2. Sa. 21:1. 1 Ki. ch. 17; 18. 2 Ki. 4:38; 6:25; ch. 7; 8:1. Ps. 34:19; 107:34. Je. 14:1. Jno. 16:33. Ac. 7:11; 14:22. went. ch. 26:2, 3; 43:1; 46:3, 4. 2 Ki. 8:1, 2. Ps. 105:13.
 11 a fair. ver. 14; ch. 26:7; 29:17; 39:6, 7. 2 Sa. 11:2. Pr. 21:30. Ca. 1:14.
 12 will kill. ch. 20:11; 26:7. 1 Sa. 27:1. Pr. 29:25. Mat. 10:28. 1 Jno. 1:8-10.
 13 Say. Jno. 8:44. Ro. 3:6-8; 6:23. Col. 3:6. thou. ch. 11:29; 20:2, 5, 12, 13; 26:7. Is. 57:11. Mat. 26:69-75. Ga. 2:12, 13. and Ps. 146:3-5. Je. 17:5-8. Eze. 18:4.

2 וְאֶעֱשֶׂה לְגוֹי גְדוֹל וְאֶבְרַכְךָ וְאֶגְדְּלָה שְׁמִי וְהָיָה בְּרָכָה:
 3 וְאֶבְרַכְּךָ מִבְּרַכְיָךָ וּמִקְלָלְךָ אֶאֱרָא וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְּךָ כָּל מִשְׁפָּחַת
 הָאֲדָמָה:

4 וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֵלָיו יְהוָה וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאַבְרָם
 בְּוֶהֱרָן וַיִּשְׁבְּעוּ שָׁנָה בְּצֵאתוֹ מִחֶרְן:

5 וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָם אֶת־שְׂרֵי אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת־לוֹט בְּוֶהֱרָן וְאֵת־כָּל־רְכוּשׁוֹ
 אֲשֶׁר רָכְשׁוּ וְאֶת־הַנֶּפֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־עָשׂוּ בְּחֶרְן וַיֵּצְאוּ לְלֶכֶת אֶרְצָה כְּנַעַן
 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶרְצָה כְּנַעַן:

6 וַיַּעֲבֵר אַבְרָם בְּאֶרֶץ עַד מְקוֹם שָׂכָם עַד אֵלוֹן מוֹרָה וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי אָז
 בְּאֶרֶץ:

7 וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹרְעָה אִתָּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וַיִּבֶן
 שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה הַנִּרְאָה אֵלָיו:

8 וַיַּעֲתֵק מִשָּׁם הַהֵרָה מִקְדָּם לְבֵית־אֵל וַיֵּט אֶהְלֵה ^P בֵּית־אֵל מִיָּם
 וְהָעֵי מִקְדָּם וַיִּבְנוּ־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה:

9 וַיִּסַּע אַבְרָם הַלֹּךְ וְנִסּוּעַ הַנֶּגְבָה:
 10 וַיְהִי רָעַב בְּאֶרֶץ וַיֵּרֶד אַבְרָם מִצְרַיִמָּה לְגוֹר שָׁם כִּי־כָבַד הָרָעַב
 בְּאֶרֶץ:

11 וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר הִקְרִיב לְבֹא מִצְרַיִמָּה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־שְׂרֵי אִשְׁתּוֹ
 הִנֵּה־נָא יַדְעֵתִי כִּי אִשָּׁה יִפְתַּמְרָאָה אֶת:

12 וְהָיָה כִּי־יֵרְאוּ אֹתָךְ הַמִּצְרַיִם וַאֲמָרוּ אִשְׁתּוֹ זֹאת וְהִרְגוּ אֹתִי
 וְאֹתָךְ יִחְיֶי:

13 אִמְרִי־נָא אֲחֹתִי אֶת לְמַעַן יִטְבַּל־לִי בַעֲבוּרְךָ וְחִיתָה נַפְשִׁי
 בְּגִלְלָה:

³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake."

14 וַיְהִי כִּבּוֹא אַבְרָם מִצְרַיִם וַיֵּרְאוּ הַמִּצְרַיִם אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה כִּי־יָפָה
הוּא מְאֹד:

15 וַיֵּרְאוּ אֹתָהּ שְׂרֵי פְרֹעָה וַיְהַלְלוּ אֹתָהּ אֶל־פְּרֹעָה וַתִּקַּח הָאִשָּׁה
בֵּית פְּרֹעָה:

16 וּלְאַבְרָם הֵיטִיב בְּעַבְרָה וַיְהִי־לוֹ צֹאן־וּבָקָר וַחֲמָרִים וְעֶבְדִּים
וְשִׁפְחֹת וְאֹתָנֹת וְגַמְלִים:

17 וַיִּנְגַע יְהוָה אֶת־פְּרֹעָה בְּגַעִים גְּדֹלִים וְאֶת־בֵּיתוֹ עַל־דָּבַר שְׂרֵי
אִשָּׁת אַבְרָם:

18 וַיִּקְרָא פְּרֹעָה לְאַבְרָם וַיֹּאמֶר מַה־זֹּאת עָשִׂיתָ לִּי לָמָּה לֹא־הִגַּדְתָּ
לִּי כִּי אִשְׁתְּךָ הוּא:

19 לָמָּה אָמַרְתָּ אֲחֹתִי הוּא וְאָקַח אֹתָהּ לִּי לְאִשָּׁה וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה אִשְׁתְּךָ
קַח וְלֹדֶ:

20 וַיִּצַּו עָלָיו פְּרֹעָה אֲנָשִׁים וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ אֹתוֹ וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ
וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֵׁר־לוֹ:

13 וַיַּעַל אַבְרָם מִמִּצְרַיִם הוּא וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְכָל־אֲשֵׁר־לוֹ וְלוֹט עִמּוֹ
הַנְּגִבָה:

2 וְאַבְרָם כָּבֵד מְאֹד בְּמִקְנֵה בְּכֶסֶף וּבַזְּהָב:

3 וַיֵּלֶךְ לְמִסְעָיו מִנְּגֵב וְעַד־בֵּית־אֵל עַד־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה שָׁם
אֲהֻלָּה בְּתַחֲלָה בֵּין בֵּית־אֵל וּבֵין הָעֵי:

4 אֶל־מָקוֹם הַמְּזֻבָּח אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה שָׁם בְּרֵאשִׁיטָה וַיִּקְרָא שָׁם אַבְרָם
בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה:

5 וְגַם־לְלוֹט הֵהָלַךְ אֶת־אַבְרָם הָיָה צֹאן־וּבָקָר וְאֵהֻלִים:

6 וּלְאִי־נֶשֶׂא אֹתָם הָאָרֶץ לְשִׁבְתָּ יַחְדָּו כִּי־הָיָה רְכוּשָׁם רָב וְלֹא
יָכְלוּ לְשִׁבְתָּ יַחְדָּו:

7 וַיְהִי־רִיב בֵּין רָעִי מִקְנֵה־אַבְרָם וּבֵין רָעִי מִקְנֵה־לוֹט וַהֲפִנְעָנִי
וַהֲפִרְזִי אֲזִי יָשָׁב בְּאָרֶץ:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל־לוֹט אֵלֶיךָ תְּהִי מְרִיבָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶיךָ וּבֵין רָעִי
וּבֵין רָעִיךָ כִּי־אֲנִישִׁים אַחִים אֲנַחְנוּ:

9 הֲלֹא כָל־הָאָרֶץ לְפָנֶיךָ הִפְרָדָה נָא מֵעַלִי אִם־הִשְׂמָאל וְאִימָנָה
וְאִם־הִימִין וְאִשְׂמָאֵלָה:

10 וַיִּשְׂאֵל לוֹט אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־כָּל־כַּפַּר הַיַּרְדֵּן כִּי כָלָה מִשְׁקָהּ
לְפָנֶי שַׁחַת יְהוָה אֶת־סֹדֶם וְאֶת־עַמֹּרָה כְּגֹן־יְהוָה כְּאָרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶכָה
צֹעַר:

14 beheld. ch. 3:6; 6:2; 39:7. Mat. 5:28.
15 princes. Es. 2:2–16. Pr. 29:12. Ho. 7:4, 5.
Pharaoh was a common name of the Egyptian kings, and signified a 'ruler,' or 'king,' or 'father of his country.' ch. 40:2; 41:1. Ex. 2:5, 15. 1 Ki. 3:1. 2 Ki. 18:21. Je. 25:19; 46:17. Eze. 32:2. taken. ch. 20:2. Es. 2:9. Ps. 105:4. Pr. 6:29. He. 13:4.
16 And he. ch. 13:2; 20:14. he had. ch. 24:35; 26:14; 32:5, 13–15. Job. 1:3; 42:12. Ps. 144:13, 14. 17 ch. 20:18. 1 Ch. 16:21; 21:22. Job 34:19. Ps. 105:14, 15. He. 13:4.
18 ch. 3:13; 4:10; 20:9, 10; 26:9–11; 31:26; 44:15. Ex. 32:21. Jos. 7:19. 1 Sa. 14:43. Pr. 21:1.
20 Ex. 18:27. 1 Sa. 29:6–11. Ps. 105:14, 15. Pr. 21:1.

CHAP. 13
Abram and Lot return with great riches out of Egypt, 1–5. Strife arises between Abram's herds-men and those of Lot, 6, 7. Abram meekly refers it to Lot to choose his part of the country, 8, 9, and Lot goes to Sodom, 10–13. God renews the promise to Abram, 14–17. He removes to Hebron, and there builds an altar, 18.
1 A.M. 2086. B.C. 1918. the south. The south of Canaan; as in leaving Egypt, it is said he 'came from the south,' (ver. 3.) and the southern part of the promised land lay north-east of Egypt. ch. 12:9, etc.; 20:1; 21:33. Jos. 10:40; 18:5. 1 Sa. 27:10; 2 Sa. 24:7.
2 ch. 24:35; 26:12, 13. De. 8:18. 1 Sa. 2:7. Job 1:3, 10; 22:21–25. Ps. 112:1–3. Pr. 3:9, 10; 10:22. Mat. 6:33. 1 Ti. 4:8.
3 from. ch. 12:6, 8, 9. Beth-el and Hai. i.e. The place which was afterwards called Bethel by Jacob, and so called when Moses wrote; for its first name was Luz. (ch. 28:19.)
4 Unto. ver. 18; ch. 12:7, 8; 35:1–3. Ps. 26:8; 42:1, 2; 84:1, 2, 10. called. ch. 4:26. Ps. 65:1, 2; 107:1, 8, 15; 116:2, 17; 145:18. Is. 58:9. Je. 29:12. Zep. 3:9. 1 Co. 1:2. Ep. 6:18, 19.
5 tents. ch. 4:20; 25:27. Je. 49:29.
6 ch. 36:6, 7. Ec. 5:10, 11. Lu. 12:17, 18. 1 Ti. 6:9.
7 a strife. ch. 21:25; 26:20. Ex. 2:17. 1 Co. 3:3. Ga. 5:20. Tit. 3:3. Ja. 3:16; 4:1. Canaanite. ch. 10:19; 12:6; 15:18–21; 34:30. Ne. 5:9. Phi. 2:14, 15. Col. 4:5. 1 Th. 4:12. 1 Pe. 2:12. dwelled. i.e. They were there when Abram and Lot came to pitch their tents in the land.
8 Let. Pr. 15:1. Mat. 5:9. 1 Co. 6:6, 7. Phi. 2:14. He. 12:14. Ja. 3:17, 18. brethren. Heb. men, brethren, ch. 11:27–31; 45:24. Ex. 2:13. Ps. 133:1. Ac. 7:26. Ro. 12:10. Ep. 4:2, 3. 1 Th. 4:9. He. 13:1. 1 Pe. 1:22; 2:17; 3:8; 4:8. 2 Pe. 1:7. 1 Jno. 2:9–11; 3:14–19; 4:7, 20, 21.
9 Is not. ch. 20:15; 34:10. if thou wilt. Ps. 120:7. Ro. 12:18. 1 Co. 6:7. He. 12:14. Ja. 3:13–18. 1 Pe. 3:8–12.
10 and beheld. ch. 3:6; 6:2. Nu. 32:1, etc. 1 Jno. 2:15, 16. the plain. ch. 19:17, 24, 25. De. 34:3. 1 Ki. 7:46. Ps. 107:34. 1 Jno. 2:15. the garden. ch. 2:9, 10. Is. 51:3. Eze. 28:13; 31:8. Joel 2:3. Zoar. ch. 14:2, 8; 19:20, 22–30. De. 34:3. Is. 15:5. Je. 48:34. Instead of 'Zoar,' which was situated at the extremity of the plain of Jordan, the Syriac reads 'Zoan,' which was situated in the south of Egypt, and in a well-watered country.

¹⁴When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go."

²⁰And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

13 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

²Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD. ⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

⁸Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

11 ויבחר-לו לוט את כל-כפר הירדן ויסע לוט מקדם ויפרדו איש מעל אחיו:
 12 אברם ישב בארץ-כנען ולוט ישב בערי הכפר ויאהל עד-סדם:
 13 ואנשי סדם רעים וחסאים ליהוה מאד:
 14 ויהוה אמר אל-אברם אחר הפירד-לוט מעמו שא נא עיניך וראה מן-המקום אשר-אתה שם צפנה ונגבה וקדמה וימה:
 15 כי את-כל-הארץ אשר-אתה ראה לה אתנגה ולזרעה עד-עולם:
 16 ושמתי את-זרעה כעפר הארץ אשר אם-יוכל איש למנות את-עפר הארץ גם-זרעה ימנה:
 17 קום התהלך בארץ לארצה ולרחבה פי לה אתנגה:
 18 ויאהל אברם ויבא וישב באלני ממרא אשר בתברון ויבן-שם מזבח ליהוה:

11 A.M. 2087. B.C. 1917. *chose*. ch. 19:17. *they*. ver. 9, 14. Ps. 16:3; 119:63. Pr. 27:10. He. 10:25. 1 Pe. 2:17.
 12 *Lot dwelled*. ch. 19:29. *pitched*. ch. 14:12; 19:1. Ps. 26:5. 1 Co. 15:33. 2 Pe. 2:7, 8.
 13 *But the*. ch. 15:16; 18:20; 19:4, etc. 1 Sa. 15:18. Is. 1:9; 3:9. Eze. 16:46-50. Mat. 9:10, 13; 11:23, 24. Jno. 9:24, 31. Ro. 1:27. 2 Pe. 2:6-8, 10. Jude 7. *before*. ch. 6:11; 10:9; 38:7. 2 Ki. 21:6. Is. 3:8. Je. 23:24. He. 4:13.
 14 *was*. ver. 11. *Lift*. ver. 10. Is. 49:18; 60:4. *northward*. ch. 28:14. De. 3:27.
 15 ch. 12:7; 15:18; 17:7, 8; 18:18; 24:7; 26:3, 4; 28:4, 13; 35:12; 48:4. Ex. 33:1. Nu. 34:2, 12, etc. De. 26:2-4; 34:4. 2 Ch. 20:7. Ne. 9:7, 8. Ps. 37:22, 29; 105:9-12; 112:1, 2. Is. 63:18. Mat. 5:5. Ac. 7:5.
 16 ch. 12:2, 3; 15:5; 17:6, 16, 20; 18:18; 21:13; 22:17; ch. 25; 26:4; 28:3, 14; 32:12; 35:11; ch. 36; 46:3. Ex. 1:7; 32:13. Nu. 23:10. De. 1:10. Ju. 6:3, 5. 1 Ki. 3:8; 4:20. 1 Ch. 21:5; 27:23. 2 Ch. 17:14-18. Is. 48:18, 19. Je. 33:22. Ro. 4:16-18. He. 11:12. Re. 7:9.
 18 *plain*. *Heb.* plains. *Mamre*. ch. 14:13; 18:1. *Hebron*. ch. 23:2; 35:27; 37:14. Nu. 13:22. Jos. 14:13. *altar*. ver. 4; ch. 8:20; 12:7, 8. Ps. 16:8. 1 Ti. 2:8.

14 ויהי בימי אמרפל מלך-שנער אריוף מלך אלסר כדרלעמר מלך עילם ותדעל מלך גוים:
 2 עשו מלחמה את-ברע מלך סדם ואת-ברשע מלך עמרה שנאב מלך אדמה ושמאבר מלך צביים^פ ומלך בלע היא-צער:
 3 כל-אלה חברו אל-עמק השדים הוא ים המלח:
 4 שתיים עשרה שנה עבדו את-כדרלעמר ושלוש-עשרה שנה מרדו:
 5 ובארבע עשרה שנה בא כדרלעמר והמלכים אשר אתו ויכו את-רפאים בעשתרת קרנים ואת-הזוזים בהם ואת האמים בשנה קריתים:
 6 ואת-החרי בהררם שעיר עד איל פארן אשר על-המדבר:
 7 וינשבו ויבאו אל-עין משפט הוא קדש ויכו את-כל-שדה העמלקי וגם את-האמרי הישב בחצצן תמר:
 8 ויצא מלך-סדם ומלך עמרה ומלך אדמה ומלך צביים^פ ומלך בלע הוא-צער ויערכו אתם מלחמה בעמק השדים:
 9 את כדרלעמר מלך עילם ותדעל מלך גוים ואמרפל מלך שנער ואריוף מלך אלסר ארבעה מלכים את-החמשה:

CHAP. 14
The battle of four kings against the king of Sodom and his allies, 1-11. *Lot is taken prisoner*, 12, 13. *Abram rescues him*, 14-16. *Melchizedek blesses Abram at his return, who gives him tithes*, 17-20. *The rest of the spoil, his partners having had their portions he restores to the king of Sodom*, 21-24.
 1 A.M. 2091. B.C. 1913. *Shinar*. ch. 10:10; 11:2. Is. 11:11. Da. 1:2. *Zec*. 5:11. *Ellasar*. Is. 37:12. *Elam*. ch. 10:22. Is. 21:2; 22:6. Je. 25:25; 49:34-39. Eze. 32:24.
 2 *Sodom*. ch. 10:19; 13:10; 19:24. Is. 1:9, 10. *Admah*. De. 29:23. Ho. 11:8. *Zeboim*. 1 Sa. 13:18. Ne. 11:34. *Zoar*. ch. 19:20-30. De. 34:3. Is. 15:5. Je. 48:34.
 3 *salt sea*. ch. 19:24. Nu. 34:12. De. 3:17. Jos. 3:16. Ps. 107:34. *marg*.
 4 *they served*. ch. 9:25, 26. *they rebelled*. Eze. 17:15.
 5 *Rephaims*. ch. 15:20. De. 3:11, 20, 22. 2 Sa. 5:18, 22; 23:13. 1 Ch. 11:15; 14:9. Is. 17:5. *Ashteroth*. The same as Ashteroth, a city of Bashan, where Og afterwards reigned. De. 1:4. Jos. 12:4; 13:12, 31. *Zuzims*. De. 2:20-23. 1 Ch. 4:40. Ps. 78:51; 105:23, 27; 106:22. *Emims*. De. 2:10, 11. *Shaveh Kiriathaim*. or, the plains of Kiriathaim; Kiriathaim was beyond Jordan, 10 miles west-ward from Medeba, and afterwards belonged to Sihon, king of Heshbon. Jos. 13:19. Je. 48:1, 23.
 6 *Horties*. ch. 36:8, 20-30. De. 2:12, 22. 1 Ch. 1:38-42. *El-paran*. or, the plain of Paran. ch. 16:7; 21:21. Nu. 12:16; 13:3. Hab. 3:3.
 7 *Kadesh*. En-mishpat or Kadesh, was about 8 leagues south of Hebron. ch. 16:14; 20:1. Nu. 20:1. De. 1:19, 46. *Analekites*. ch. 36:12, 16. Ex. 17:8-16. Nu. 14:43, 45; 24:20. 1 Sa. ch. 15; 27; 30. *Hazeontamar*. Called by the Chaldee, 'En-gaddi,' a town on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Jos. 15:62. 2 Ch. 20:2.
 8 *same*. ver. 2; ch. 13:10; 19:20, 22. *in*. ver. 3, 10.
 9 See ver. 1.

¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹² Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³ Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵ for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷ Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” ¹⁸ So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

14 In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ² these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴ Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷ Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five.

10 וְעֵמֶק הַשְּׂדִים בְּאֶרֶת בְּאֶרֶת הַמָּר וַיִּגְסוּ מְלֶךְ-סֹדֶם וְעַמָּרָה
וַיִּפְּלוּ-שָׁמָּה וְהַנְּשָׂאִים הָרָה נָסוּ:

11 וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת-כָּל-רֶכֶשׁ סֹדֶם וְעַמָּרָה וְאֶת-כָּל-אֲכָלָם וַיִּלְכוּ:

12 וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת-לוֹט וְאֶת-רֶכְשׁוֹ בְּן-אָחִי אַבְרָם וַיִּלְכוּ וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב
בְּסֹדֶם:

13 וַיִּבֹא הַפְּלִיט וַיִּגַּד לְאַבְרָם הָעֵבְרִי וְהוּא שָׁכַן בְּאֵלֵי מֶמְרָא
הָאֱמֹרִי אֲחִי אֲשֶׁפֶל וְאָחִי עֶגֶר וְהֵם בְּעַלֵי בְרִית-אַבְרָם:

14 וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם כִּי נִשְׁבָּה אָחִיו וַיִּרְקַח אֶת-חַנִּיכָיו יְלִידֵי בֵיתוֹ
שְׂמֹנֶה עָשָׂר וּשְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת וַיִּרְדֹּף עַד-דָּן:

15 וַיַּחֲלֶק עֲלֵיהֶם לַיְלָה הוּא וְעַבְדָּיו וַיִּפְּסוּ וַיִּרְדְּפוּ עַד-חֹבֶה אֲשֶׁר
מִשְׁמָאל לְדַמְשֶׁק:

16 וַיָּשָׁב אֶת כָּל-הָרֶכֶשׁ וְגַם אֶת-לוֹט אָחִיו וְרֶכְשׁוֹ הַשֵּׁיב וְגַם
אֶת-הַנְּשִׂים וְאֶת-הָעַם:

17 וַיֵּצֵא מְלֶךְ-סֹדֶם לְקִרְאָתוֹ אַחֲרָי שׁוּבוּ מֵהַכּוֹת אֶת-כְּדָר-לְעֹמֶר
וְאֶת-הַמְּלָכִים אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ אֶל-עֵמֶק שְׁוֵה הוּא עֵמֶק הַמְּלָךְ:

18 וּמִלְכֵי-צָדֵק מְלֶךְ שָׁלֵם הוֹצִיא לְחֵם וַיִּינֹן וְהוּא כֹהֵן לְאֵל עֲלִיוֹן:

19 וַיִּבְרָכֵהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ אַבְרָם לְאֵל עֲלִיוֹן קִנְיָה שְׁמִים וְאַרְצָ:

20 וּבְרוּךְ אֵל עֲלִיוֹן אֲשֶׁר-מִגֵּן צָרִיךְ בְּיַדְךָ וַיִּתְּנוּ-לוֹ מַעֲשֵׂר מִכָּל:

21 וַיֹּאמֶר מְלֶךְ-סֹדֶם אֶל-אַבְרָם תְּנוּ-לִי הַנֶּפֶשׁ וְהָרֶכֶשׁ קַח-לָךְ:

22 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל-מְלֶךְ סֹדֶם הֲרִימְתִּי יָדִי אֶל-יְהוָה אֵל עֲלִיוֹן
קִנְיָה שְׁמִים וְאַרְצָ:

23 אִם-מַחֲוֹט וְעַד שְׂרוּד־נֶעַל וְאִם-אֶקַח מִכָּל-אֲשֶׁר-לָךְ וְלֹא תֹאמַר
אֲנִי הִעֲשִׂיתִי אֶת-אַבְרָם:

24 בְּלִעְדֵי רַק אֲשֶׁר אָכְלוּ הַנְּעָרִים וְחִלְקֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר הָלְכוּ אִתִּי
עֶגֶר אֲשֶׁפֶל וּמֶמְרָא הֵם יִקְחוּ חֵלְקָם:

10 *slime pits*. Places where asphalt or bitumen sprung out of the ground: this substance, which is properly denoted by the word 'slime,' abounds in those parts. ch. 11:3. *fell*. Jos. 8:24. Ps. 83:10. Is. 24:18. Je. 48:44. *the mountain*. ch. 19:17, 30. 11 ver. 16, 21; ch. 12:5. De. 28:31, 35, 51. 12 *Lot*. ch. 11:27; 12:5. *who*. ch. 13:12, 13. Nu. 16:26. Job 9:23. Je. 2:17-19. 1 Ti. 6:9-11. Re. 3:19; 18:4. 13 *one*. 1 Sa. 4:12. Job 1:15. *the*. ch. 39:14; 40:15; 41:12; 43:32. Ex. 2:6, 11. Jon. 1:9. 2 Co. 11:22. Phi. 2:5. *dwelt*. ch. 13:18. *Mamre*. ver. 24; ch. 13:18. *Amorite*. ch. 10:16. Nu. 21:21. *and these*. 24. 14 *his brother*. ch. 11:27-31; 13:8. Pr. 17:17; 24:11, 12. Ga. 6:1, 2. 1 Jno. 2:18. *armed*. or, led forth. Ps. 45:3-5; 68:12. Is. 41:2, 3. *trained*. or, instructed, *born*. ch. 12:5, 16; 15:3; 17:12, 27; 18:19; 23:6. Ec. 2:7. *Dan*. De. 34:1. Ju. 18:29; 20:1. 15 *And he*. Ps. 112:5. *smote*. Is. 41:2, 3. *Damascus*. ch. 15:2. 1 Ki. 15:18. Ac. 9:2. 16 ver. 11, 12; ch. 12:2. 1 Sa. 30:8, 18, 19. Is. 41:2. 17 *to*. Ju. 11:34. 1 Sa. 18:6. Pr. 14:20; 19:4. *after*. He. 7:1. *king's*. 2 Sa. 18:18. 18 *king*. Ps. 76:2. He. 7:1, 2. *bread*. Mat. 26:26-29. Ga. 6:10. *the priest*. Ps. 110:4. He. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1, 3, 10-22. *the most*. Ru. 3:10. 2 Sa. 2:5. Ps. 7:17; 50:14; 57:2. Mi. 6:6. Ac. 7:48; 16:17. 19 *he blessed*. ch. 27:4, 25-29; 47:7, 10; 48:9-16; 49:28. Nu. 6:23-27. Mar. 10:16. He. 7:6, 7. *Blessed be*. Ru. 3:10. 2 Sa. 2:5. Ep. 1:3, 6. *high*. Mi. 6:6. Ac. 16:17. *possessor*. ver. 22; Ps. 24:1; 50:10; 115:16. Mat. 11:25. Lu. 10:21. 20 *blessed*. ch. 9:26; 24:27. Ps. 68:19; 72:17-19; 144:1. Ep. 1:3, 4. *which*. Jos. 10:42. Ps. 44:3. *tithe*. ch. 28:22. Le. 27:30-32. Nu. 28:26. De. 12:17; 14:23, 28. 2 Ch. 31:5, 6, 12. Ne. 10:37; 13:12. Am. 4:4. Mal. 3:8, 10. Lu. 18:12. Ro. 15:16. He. 7:4-9. 21 *persons*. *Heb.* souls. 22 *lift*. Ex. 6:8. De. 32:40. Da. 12:7. Re. 10:5, 6. *unto*. ch. 21:23-31. Ju. 11:35. *the most*. ver. 20; ch. 17:1. Ps. 24:1; 83:18. Is. 57:15. Da. 4:34. Hag. 2:8. *possessor*. ver. 19; ch. 21:33. 23 *That I*. 1 Ki. 13:8. 2 Ki. 5:16, 20. Es. 9:15, 16. 2 Co. 11:9-11; 12:14. *lest*. 2 Co. 11:12. He. 13:5. 24 *Save*. Pr. 3:27. Mat. 7:12. Ro. 13:7, 8. *Aner*. ver. 13. *let*. 1 Co. 9:14, 15. 1 Ti. 5:18.

¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹ So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.”

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

God encourages Abram, who complains for want of an heir, 1-3. God promises him a son, and a multiplying of his seed, 4, 5. Abram is justified by faith, 6. Canaan is promised again, and confirmed by a sign, and a vision, prophetic of the condition of his posterity till brought out of Egypt, 7-21.
 1 A.M. 2093, B.C. 1911. in. ch. 46:2. Nu. 12:6. 1 Sa. 9:9. Eze. 1:1; 3:4; 11:24. Da. 10:1-16. Ac. 10:10-17, 22. He. 1:1. *Fear.* ver. 14-16; ch. 26:24; 46:3. Ex. 14:13. De. 31:6. 1 Ch. 28:20. Ps. 27:1. Is. 35:4; 41:10, 14; 43:1, 5; 44:2, 8; 51:12. Da. 10:12. Mat. 8:26; 10:28-31; 28:5. Lu. 1:13, 30; 12:32. Re. 1:17. *thy shield.* De. 33:29. Ps. 3:3; 5:12; 18:2; 84:9, 11; 91:4; 119:114. Pr. 30:5. *and thy.* De. 33:26-29. Ru. 2:12. Ps. 16:5, 6; 58:11; 142:5. Pr. 11:18. La. 3:24. 1 Co. 3:22. He. 13:5, 6. Re. 21:3, 4.
 2 *what.* ch. 12:1-3. *childless.* ch. 25:21; 30:1, 2. 1 Sa. 1:11. Ps. 127:3. Pr. 13:12. Is. 56:5. Ac. 7:5. *the.* ch. 24:2, 10; 39:4-6, 9; 43:19; 44:1. Pr. 17:2.
 3 *Behold.* ch. 12:2; 13:16. Pr. 13:12. Je. 12:1. He. 10:35, 36. *born.* ch. 14:14. Pr. 29:21; 30:23. Ec. 2:7.
 4 *shall come.* ch. 17:16; 21:12. 2 Sa. 7:12; 16:11. 2 Ch. 32:21. Phile. 12.
 5 *tell.* De. 1:10. Ps. 147:4. Je. 33:22. Ro. 9:7, 8. *So.* ch. 12:2; 13:16; 16:10; 22:17; 28:14. Ex. 32:13. De. 1:10; 10:22. 1 Ch. 27:23. Ro. 4:18. He. 11:12.
 6 *he believed.* Ro. 4:3-6, 9, 20-25. Ga. 3:6-14. He. 11:8. Ja. 2:23. *he counted.* Ps. 106:31. Ro. 4:11, 22. 2 Co. 5:19. Ga. 3:6.
 7 *brought.* ch. 11:28-31; 12:1. Ne. 9:7. Ac. 7:2-4. *to give.* ch. 12:7; 13:15-17. Ne. 9:8. Ps. 105:11, 42, 44. Ro. 4:13.
 8 ch. 24:2-4, 13, 14. Ju. 6:17-24, 36-40. 1 Sa. 14:9, 10. 2 Ki. 20:8. Ps. 86:17. Is. 7:11. Lu. 1:18, 34.
 9 ch. 22:13. Le. 1:3, 10, 14; 3:1, 6; 9:2, 4; 12:8; 14:22, 30. Ps. 50:5. Is. 15:5. Lu. 2:24.
 10 *divided them.* Je. 34:18, 19. 2 Ti. 2:15. *the birds.* Le. 1:17.
 11 *fowls.* Eze. 17:3, 7. Mat. 13:4. *Abram.* Ps. 119:13.
 12 *deep.* ch. 2:21. 1 Sa. 26:12. Job 4:13, 14; 33:15. Da. 10:8, 9. Ac. 20:9. *horror.* Ps. 4:3-5. Ac. 9:8, 9.
 13 *thy.* ch. 17:8. Ex. ch. 1; 2; 5:22-21; 23:9. Le. 19:34. De. 10:19. Ps. 105:11, 12, 23-25. Ac. 7:6, 7. He. 11:8-13; *four.* Ex. 12:40, 41. Ga. 3:17.
 14 *that.* ch. 46. Ex. 6:5, 6; ch. 7-14. De. 4:20; 6:22; 7:18, 19; 11:2-4. Jos. 24:4-7, 17. 1 Sa. 12:8. Ne. 9:9-11. Ps. 51:4; 78:43-51; 105:27-37; 135:9, 14. *with.* Ex. 3:21, 22; 12:35, 36. Ps. 105:37.
 15 *And thou.* ch. 25:8. Nu. 20:24; 27:13. Ju. 2:10. Job 5:26. Ec. 12:7. Ac. 13:36. *in peace.* 2 Ch. 34:28. Ps. 37:37. Is. 57:1, 2. Da. 12:13. Mat. 22:32. He. 6:13-19; 11:13-16. *buried.* ch. 23:4, 19; 25:8, 9; 35:29; 49:29, 31; 50:13. Ec. 6:3. Je. 8:1, 2. *good.* ch. 25:7, 8. 1 Ch. 23:1; 29:28. Job 5:26; 42:17.
 16 *in the.* Ex. 12:40. *Amorites.* 1 Ki. 21:26. 2 Pe. 3:8, 9. *not.* Da. 8:23. Zec. 5:5-11. Mat. 23:32-35. 1 Th. 2:16.

15 אחר הדברים האלה הנה דבר-יהוה אל-אברהם במחזה לאמר
 אל-תירא אברהם אנכי לך שְׁכַרְךָ הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד:

2 ויאמר אברהם אֲדֹנָי יהוה מה-תַּתְּנֶנְלִי וְאֲנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ עֲרִירִי
 וְבֶן-מִשְׁק בֵּיתִי הוּא דִמְשָׁק אֲלֵי־עֶזְרִי:

3 ויאמר אברהם הן לי לא נִתְּמָה זָרַע וְהִנֵּה בֶן-בֵּיתִי יוֹרֵשׁ אֹתִי:

4 וְהִנֵּה דְבַר-יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר לֹא יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה כִּי-אִם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא
 מִמְּעֵיךָ הוּא יִירָשְׁךָ:

5 ויוצא אתו החוזה ויאמר הִבְטַחְנָא הַשְׁמִימָה וְסִפֵּר הַפּוֹכְכִים
 אִם-תּוֹכֵל לְסַפֵּר אִתְּם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ כֹּה יִהְיֶה זִרְעֶךָ:

6 וְהָאֵמֶן בִּיהוָה וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לוֹ צְדָקָה:

7 ויאמר אליו אֲנִי יהוה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים לְתֵת לְךָ
 אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ:

8 ויאמר אֲדֹנָי יהוה בְּמָה אֲדַע כִּי אִירָשְׁנָה:

9 ויאמר אליו קְחָה לִי עֵגְלָה מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת וְעֵז מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת וְאֵיל מְשֻׁלֶּשׁ
 תֵּת וְגֹזֵל:

10 וַיִּקְחֵהּ לוֹ אֶת-כָּל-אֵלֶּה וַיִּבְתֵּר אֹתָם בַּתְּנֶה וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ-בֵּתְרוֹ
 לְקִרְיַת רַעְוֵה וְאֶת-הַצֹּפֵר לֹא בָתֵּר:

11 וַיֵּרֶד הָעֵיט עַל-הַפְּגָרִים וַיֵּשֶׁב אִתְּם אֲבָרָם:

12 וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לְבוֹא וַתִּרְדְּמָה נִפְלָה עַל-אֲבָרָם וְהִנֵּה אִמָּה חֹשֶׁכָה
 גְּדֹלָה נִפְלֶתָ עָלָיו:

13 ויאמר לְאֲבָרָם יָדַע תִּדַּע כִּי-גַר יִהְיֶה זִרְעֶךָ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם
 וְעַבְדוּם וְעַנּוּ אֹתָם אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה:

14 וְגַם אֶת-הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּ דָן אֲנֹכִי וְאַחֲרֵי-כֵן יֵצְאוּ בְּרִכְשׁ גָּדוֹל:

15 וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל-אַבְתָּיךָ בְּשָׁלוֹם תִּקְבֹּר בְּשִׂיבָה טוֹבָה:

16 וְדוֹר רְבִיעִי יָשׁוּבוּ הִנֵּה כִּי לֹא-שָׁלַם עֹן הָאֲמִרִי עַד-הִנֵּה:

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” **2** But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” **4** And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” **5** And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **6** And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

7 And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” **8** But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” **9** He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” **10** And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. **11** And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14** But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16** And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

17 וַיְהִי הַשְּׂמֶשׁ בָּאָה וְעֵלְטָה הָיָה וְהָיָה תְנוּר עֶשֶׂן וְלִפִּיד אֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר
עָבַר בֵּין הַגְּזָרִים הָאֵלֶּה:
18 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כָּרַת יְהוָה אֶת־אַבְרָם כְּרִית לֵאמֹר לְזַרְעֲךָ נְתַתִּי
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מִנְּהַר מִצְרַיִם עַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל גְּהַר־פָּרָת:
19 אֶת־הַקֵּינִי וְאֶת־הַקְּנִזִּי וְאֵת הַקְּדֻמִּי:
20 וְאֶת־הַחִתִּי וְאֶת־הַפְּרִזִּי וְאֶת־הַרְפָּאִים:
21 וְאֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי וְאֶת־הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְאֶת־הַגְּרָגְשִׁי וְאֶת־הַיְבוּסִי:

17 *smoking*. Ex. 3:2, 3. De. 4:20. Ju. 6:21; 13:20. 1 Ch. 21:26. Is. 62:1. Je. 11:4. *a burning lamp*. Heb. a lamp of fire. 2 Sa. 22:9. *passed*. Je. 34:18, 19. 18 *made*. ch. 9:8–17; ch. 17; 24:7. 2 Sa. 23:5. Is. 55:3. Je. 31:31–34; 32:40; 33:20–26. Ga. 3:15–17. Heb. 13:20. *Unto thy*. ch. 12:7; 13:15; 17:8; 26:4; 28:4, 13, 14; 35:12; 50:24. Ex. 3:8; 6:4; 23:23, 27–31; 34:11. Nu. 34:3. De. 1:7, 8; 7:1; 11:24; 34:4. Jos. 1:3, 4; ch. 12; 19. 1 Ki. 4:21. 2 Ch. 9:26. Ne. 9:8. Ps. 105:11. *from*. Nu. 34:5. Jos. 15:4. Is. 27:12. *Euphrates*. ch. 2:14. 2 Sa. 8:3. 1 Ch. 5:9. 19 *Kenites*. Nu. 24:21, 22. 20 *Rephaims*. ch. 14:5. Is. 17:5. 21 *Amorites*. ch. 10:15–19. Ex. 23:23–28; 33:2; 34:11. De. 7:1. *Girgashites*. Mat. 8:28.

16 וְשָׂרַי אֵשֶׁת אַבְרָם לֹא יָלְדָה לוֹ וְלָהּ שַׁפְחָה מִצְרַיִת וְשָׁמָּה הִגְרָ:
2 וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי אֶל־אַבְרָם הִנֵּה־נָא עֹצְרָנִי יְהוָה מְלֹדֶת בְּאִנָּא
אֶל־שַׁפְחָתִי אוּלַי אֲבִנָּה מִמֶּנָּה וַיִּשְׁמַע אַבְרָם לְקוֹל שָׂרַי:
3 וַתִּקַּח שָׂרַי אֵשֶׁת־אַבְרָם אֶת־הַגְּרָהּ מִצְרַיִת שַׁפְחָתָהּ מִקֶּץ עֶשְׂרֵן
שָׁנִים לְשִׁבְתָּ אַבְרָם בְּאָרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַתִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ לְאַשָׁה לֹו לְאִשָּׁה:
4 וַיְבֵא אֶל־הַגְּרָהּ וַתֵּהָר וַתֵּהָרָא כִּי הָרְתָהּ וַתִּקַּל גְּבֵרְתָהּ בְּעֵינֶיהָ:
5 וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרַי אֶל־אַבְרָם חָמְסִי עָלֶיךָ אֲנִכִּי נְתַתִּי שַׁפְחָתִי בְּחִיקֶךָ
וַתֵּהָרָא כִּי הָרְתָהּ וְאֶקַּל בְּעֵינֶיהָ יִשְׁפֹּט יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶיךָ:
6 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל־שָׂרַי הִנֵּה שַׁפְחָתְךָ בְּיָדְךָ עֲשִׂי־לָהּ הַטּוֹב
בְּעֵינֶיךָ וַתַּעֲנֶה שָׂרַי וַתִּבְרַח מִפְּנֵיךָ:
7 וַיִּמְצָאָהּ מְלֹאךָ יְהוָה עַל־עֵין הַמַּיִם בַּמְדְּבָר עַל־הָעֵין בְּדֶרֶךְ
שׁוּר:
8 וַיֹּאמֶר הַגְּרָהּ שַׁפְחָת שָׂרַי אֵי־מִזָּה בָּאת וְאָנָּה תִּלְכִּי וַתֹּאמֶר מִפְּנֵי
שָׂרַי גְּבֵרְתִי אֲנִכִּי בְּרַחַת:
9 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מְלֹאךָ יְהוָה שׁוּבִי אֶל־גְּבֵרְתְּךָ וְהִתְעַנִּי תַּחַת יָדֶיהָ:
10 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מְלֹאךָ יְהוָה הֲרָבָה אַרְבָּה אֶת־זַרְעֲךָ וְלֹא יִסְפָּר מֵרֹב:

CHAP. 16
Sarai, being barren, gives Hagar to Abram, 1–3. *Hagar, being afflicted for despising her mistress, runs away*, 4–6. *An angel commands her to return and submit herself, promises her a numerous posterity, and shews their character and condition*, 7–12. *Hagar names the place, and returns to Sarai*, 13, 14. *Ishmael is born*, 15. *The age of Abram*, 16. 1 A.M. 2092. B.C. 1912. *bare*. ch. 15:2, 3; 21:10, 12; 25:21. Ju. 13:2. Lu. 1:7, 36. *Egyptian*. ch. 12:16; 21:9, 21. *name*. Ga. 4:24. *Agar*. 2 *the Lord*. ch. 17:16; 18:10; 20:18; 25:21; 30:2, 3, 9, 22. Ps. 127:3. *obtain children*. Heb. be builded. ch. 30:3, 6. Ex. 21:4. Ru. 4:11. *hearkened*. ch. 3:1–6, 12, 17. 3 A.M. 2093. B.C. 1911. *had*. ch. 12:4, 5. *gave*. ver. 5; ch. 30:4, 9. *his*. ch. 25:6; 28:9; 32:22; 35:22. Ju. 19:1–4. 2 Sa. 5:13. 1 Ki. 11:3. Ga. 4:25. 4 *her mistress*. 1 Sa. 1:6–8. 2 Sa. 6:16. Pr. 30:20, 21, 23. 1 Co. 4:6; 13:4, 5. 5 *My wrong*. Lu. 10:40, 41. *the Lord*. ch. 31:53. Ex. 5:21. 1 Sa. 24:12–15. 2 Ch. 24:22. Ps. 7:8; 35:23; 43:1. 6 *Abram*. ch. 13:8, 9. Pr. 14:29; 15:1, 17, 18. 1 Pe. 3:7. in. ch. 24:10. Job. 2:6. Ps. 106:41, 42. Je. 38:5. *as it pleaseth thee*. Heb. *that which is good in thine eyes*. *dealt hardly with her*. Heb. *afflicted her*. Pr. 29:19. *fled*. Ex. 2:15. Pr. 27:8. Ec. 10:4. 7 *found*. Pr. 15:3. *the fountain*. ch. 25:18. Ex. 15:22. 1 Sa. 15:7. *Shur*. The desert of Shur being between the south of Canaan, where Hebron was situated, and Egypt, it is likely that Hagar was returning to her own country. 8 *Sarai's maid*. ver. 1, 4. Ep. 6:5–8. 1 Ti. 6:1, 2. *whence*. ch. 3:9; 4:10. Ec. 10:4. Je. 2:17, 18. *I flee*. 1 Sa. 26:19. 9 *submit*. Ec. 10:4. Ep. 5:21; 6:5, 6. Ti. 2:9. 1 Pe. 2:18–25; 5:5, 6. 10 *the angel*. ch. 22:15–18; 31:11–13; 32:24–30; 48:15, 16. Ex. 3:2–6. Ju. 2:1–3; 6:11, 16, 21–24; 13:16–22. Is. 63:9. Ho. 12:3–5. Zec. 2:3, 9. Mal. 3:1. Jno. 1:18. Ac. 7:30–38. 1 Ti. 6:16. *I will*. ch. 17:20; 21:13, 16; 25:12–18. Ps. 83:6, 7.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

16 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ²And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. ⁴And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!” ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

⁷The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.” ⁹The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.” ¹⁰The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.”

11 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מִלֵּאָהּ יְהוָה הִנֵּה הָרָה וְיִלְדֶתָ בֶן וְקָרָאתָ שְׁמוֹ
 יִשְׁמָעֵאל כִּי־שָׁמַע יְהוָה אֶל־עֲנָנָהּ׃

12 וְהוּא יִהְיֶה פָּרָא אָדָם יָדוּ בְּכָל וַיֵּד כָּל בּוֹ וְעַל־פָּנָיו כָּל־אֲחָיו
 יִשְׁפֹּן׃

13 וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמ־יְהוָה הַדְּבָר אֲלֶיהָ אֲתָה אֵל רָאִי כִּי אָמְרָה הִגַּם הַלֵּם
 רָאִיתִי אֲחָרֵי רָאִי׃

14 עַל־כֵּן קָרָא לְבָאָר בָּאָר לַחֵי רָאִי הִנֵּה בִּי־קָדָשׁ וּבֵין בְּרָד׃

15 וַתֵּלֶד הֶגֶר לְאֲבָרָם בֶּן וַיִּקְרָא אֲבָרָם שְׁם־בְּנוֹ אֲשֶׁר־יִלְדָה הֶגֶר
 יִשְׁמָעֵאל׃

16 וְאֲבָרָם בְּו־שְׁמָנִים שָׁנָה וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים בְּלִדְת־הֶגֶר אֶת־יִשְׁמָעֵאל
 לְאֲבָרָם׃

17 וַיְהִי אֲבָרָם בְּו־תִּשְׁעִים שָׁנָה וַתִּשַׁע שָׁנִים וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה אֶל־אֲבָרָם
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲנִי־אֵל שְׂדֵי הַתְּהִלָּה לְפָנָי וְהָיָה תָמִים׃

2 וְאַתְּנָה בְּרִיתִי בֵינִי וּבֵינָהּ וְאַרְבָּה אוֹתָהּ בְּמָאֵד מְאֹד׃

3 וַיִּפֹּל אֲבָרָם עַל־פָּנָיו וַיִּדְבֹר אֶתֹו אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר׃

4 אֲנִי הִנֵּה בְּרִיתִי אִתָּךְ וְהָיִיתָ לְאֵב הַמּוֹן גּוֹיִם׃

5 וְלֹא־יִקְרָא עוֹד אֶת־שְׁמֶךָ אֲבָרָם וְהָיָה שְׁמֶךָ אֲבָרָהֶם כִּי
 אֲב־הַמּוֹן גּוֹיִם נִתְּתִיךָ׃

6 וְהִפְרִיתִי אִתָּךְ בְּמָאֵד מְאֹד וְנִתְּתִיךָ לְגוֹיִם וּמְלָכִים מִמֶּךָ יֵצְאוּ׃

7 וְהִקְמַתִי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי בֵינִי וּבֵינָהּ וּבֵין וַרְעֻבָה אֲחֵרִיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם
 לְבְרִית עוֹלָם לְהָיוֹת לָהּ לְאֱלֹהִים וּלְוַרְעֻבָה אֲחֵרִיךָ׃

8 וְנִתְּתִי לָהּ וּלְוַרְעֻבָה אֲחֵרִיךָ אֶת אֶרֶץ מִגְרִיבָה אֶת כָּל־אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
 לְאַחֲזֹת עוֹלָם וְהָיִיתִי לָהֶם לְאֱלֹהִים׃

11 *shalt*. ch. 17:19; 29:32–35. Is. 7:14. Mat. 1:21–23. Lu. 1:13, 31, 63. *Ishmael*. i.e. God shall hear. *because*. ch. 41:51, 52. 1 Sa. 1:20. *hath*. ch. 29:32, 33. Ex. 2:23, 24; 3:7. Job 38:41. Ps. 22:24.
 12 *be a*. ch. 21:20. Job 11:12; 39:5–8. *wild*. The word rendered ‘wild’ also denotes the ‘wild ass,’ the description of which animal in Job 39:5–8, affords the very best representation of the wandering, lawless, freebooting life of the Bedouin and other Arabs, the descendants of Ishmael. *his hand*. ch. 27:40. *he shall*. ch. 25:18.
 13 *called*. ver. 7, 9, 10; 22:14; 28:17, 19; 32:30. Ju. 6:24. *Thou*. ch. 32:30. Ex. 33:18–23; 34:5–7. Ps. 139:1–12. Pr. 5:21; 15:3. *him that*. ch. 31:42.
 14 *Beer-lahai-roi*. that is, The well of him that liveth and seeth me. ch. 21:31; 24:62; 25:11. *Kadesh*. Nu. 13:26.
 15 A.M. 2094. B.C. 1910. *Hagar*. ver. 11; ch. 25:12. 1 Ch. 1:28. Ga. 4:22, 23. *Ishmael*. ch. 17:18, 20, 25, 26; 21:9–21; 25:9, 12; 28:9; 37:27.

CHAP. 17
God renews the covenant with Abram, and changes his name to Abraham, in token of a greater blessing, 1–8. Circumcision is instituted, 9–14. Sarai’s name is changed to Sarah, and she is blessed, 15, 16. Isaac is promised, and the time of his birth fixed, 17–22. Abraham and Ishmael are circumcised, 23–27.
 1 A.M. 2107. B.C. 1897. was. ch. 16:16. *the Lord*. ch. 12:1. *Almighty*. ch. 18:14; 28:3; 35:11. Ex. 6:3. Nu. 11:23. De. 10:17. Job 11:7. Ps. 115:3. Je. 32:17. Da. 4:35. Mat. 19:26. Ep. 3:20. Phi. 4:13. He. 7:25. *walk*. ch. 5:22, 24; 6:9; 48:15. 1 Ki. 2:4; 3:6; 8:25. 2 Ki. 20:3. Ps. 116:9. Is. 38:3. Mi. 6:8. Lu. 1:6. Ac. 23:1; 24:16. He. 12:28. *perfect or, upright, or sincere*. ch. 6:9. De. 18:13. Job 1:1. Mat. 5:48.
 2 *And I*. ver. 4–6; ch. 9:9; 15:18. Ps. 105:8–11. Ga. 3:17, 18. *multiply*. ch. 12:2; 13:16; 22:17.
 3 ver. 17. Ex. 3:6. Le. 9:23, 24. Nu. 14:5; 16:22, 45. Jos. 5:14. Ju. 13:20. 1 Ki. 18:39. Eze. 1:28; 3:23; 9:8. Da. 8:17, 18; 10:9. Mat. 17:6. Re. 1:17.
 4 *a father*. ch. 12:2; 13:16; 16:10; 22:17; 25:1–18; 32:12; 35:11; ch. 36. Nu. ch. 1; 26. Ro. 4:11–18. Ga. 3:28, 29. *many nations*. *Heb.* multitude of nations.
 5 *but thy name*. ver. 15; ch. 32:28. Nu. 13:16. 2 Sa. 12:25. Ne. 9:7. Is. 62:2–4; 65:15. Je. 20:3; 23:6. Mat. 1:21–23. Jno. 1:42. Re. 2:17. *Abraham*. i.e. father of a great multitude. *for*. Ro. 4:17.
 6 *nations*. ver. 4, 20; ch. 35:11. *kings*. ver. 16; ch. 36:31, etc. Eze. 4:20. Mat. 1:6, etc.
 7 *And I*. ch. 15:18; 26:24. Ex. 6:4. Ps. 105:8–11. Mi. 7:20. Lu. 1:54, 55, 72–75. Ro. 9:4, 8, 9. Ga. 3:17. Ep. 2:2. *God*. ch. 26:24; 28:13. Ex. 3:6, 15. Le. 26:12. Ps. 81:10. Eze. 28:26. Mat. 22:32. He. 8:10; 11:16. *and to*. Ex. 19:5, 6. Mar. 10:14. Ac. 2:39. Ro. 9:7–9.
 8 *And I*. ch. 12:7; 13:15, 17; 15:7–21. Ps. 105:9, 11. *wherein thou art a stranger*. *Heb.* of thy sojournings. ch. 23:4; 28:4. *everlasting*. ch. 48:4. Ex. 21:6; 31:16, 17; 40:15. Le. 16:34. Nu. 25:13. De. 32:8. 2 Sa. 23:5. Ps. 103:17. He. 9:15. *their*. Ex. 6:7. Le. 26:12. De. 4:37; 14:2; 26:18; 29:13.

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her,

“Behold, you are pregnant

and shall bear a son.

You shall call his name Ishmael,

because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

¹² He shall be a wild donkey of a man,

his hand against everyone

and everyone’s hand against him,

and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

¹³ So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies

between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

9 ויאמר אלהים אל-אברהם ואתה את-בריתי תשמר ותרעה
אתריך לדורתם:

10 זאת בריתי אשר תשמרו ביני וביניכם ובין ורעה אתריך המול
לכם פל-זכר:

11 ונמלתם את בשר ערלתכם והיה לאות ברית ביני וביניכם:

12 ובן-שמונת ימים ימול לכם פל-זכר לדרתיכם וליד בית
ומקנת-כסף מפל בן-זכר אשר לא מזרעה הוא:

13 המול ימול יליד ביתה ומקנת כסף והיתה בריתי בבשרכם
לברית עולם:

14 ועל זכר אשר לא-ימול את-בשר ערלתו ונקרתה הנפש
ההוא מעמיה את-בריתי הפר:

15 ויאמר אלהים אל-אברהם שרי אשתה לא-תקרא את-שמה
שרי כי שרה שמה:

16 וברכתי אתה וגם נתתי ממנה לך בן וברכתיה והיתה לגוים
מלכי עמים ממנה יהיו:

17 ויפל אברהם על-פניו ויצחק ויאמר בלבו הלכן מאה-שנה וילד
ואם-שרה הבת-תשעים שנה תלד:

18 ויאמר אברהם אל-האלהים לו ישמעאל יחיה לפניה:

19 ויאמר אלהים אבל שרה אשתה ילדת לך בן וקראת את-שמו
יצחק והקמתי את-בריתי אתו לברית עולם לזרעו אתריו:

20 ולישמעאל שמעתיך הנה ברכתי אתו והפריתי אתו והרבייתי
אתו במאד מאד שנים-עשר נשיאם יוליד ונתתיו לגוי גדול:

21 ואת-בריתי אקים את-יצחק אשר תלד לך שרה למועד הנה
בשנה האחרת:

9 Ps. 25:10; 103:18. Is. 56:4, 5.
10 *Every*. ver. 11; ch. 34:15. Ex. 4:25; 12:48. De. 10:16; 30:6. Jos. 5:2, 4. Je. 4:4; 9:25, 26. Ac. 7:8. Ro. 2:28, 29; 3:1, 25, 28, 30; 4:9-11. 1 Co. 7:18, 19. Ga. 3:28; 5:3-6; 6:12. Ep. 2:11. Phi. 3:3. Col. 2:11, 12.
11 *the flesh*. Ex. 4:25. Jos. 5:3. 1 Sa. 18:25-27. 2 Sa. 3:14. *a token*. Ac. 7:8. Ro. 4:11.
12 *he that is eight days old*. *Heb.* a son of eight days. ch. 21:4. Le. 12:3. Lu. 1:59; 2:21. Jno. 7:22, 23. Ac. 7:8. Ro. 2:28. Phi. 3:5. *is born*. ver. 23; Ex. 12:48, 49.
13 *born*. ch. 14:14; 15:3. Ex. 12:44; 21:4. *bought*. ch. 37:27, 36; 39:1. Ex. 21:2. 16. Ne. 5:5, 8. Mat. 18:25.
14 *cut*. Ex. 4:24-26; 12:15, 19; 30:33, 38. Le. 7:20, 21, 25, 27; 18:29; 19:8. Nu. 15:30, 31. Jos. 5:2, etc. *broken*. Ps. 55:20. Is. 24:5; 33:8. Je. 11:10; 31:32. 1 Co. 11:27, 29.
15 *As*. ver. 5; ch. 32:28. 2 Sa. 12:25. *Sarah*. *i.e.* princess.
16 *And I*. ch. 1:28; 12:2; 24:60. Ro. 9:9. *give*. ch. 18:10-14. *be a mother of nations*. *Heb.* become nations. ch. 35:11. Ga. 4:26-31. 1 Pe. 3:6. *kings*. ver. 6. Is. 49:23.
17 *fell*. ver. 3. Le. 9:24. Nu. 14:5; 16:22, 45. De. 9:18, 25. Jos. 5:14; 7:6. Ju. 13:20. 1 Ch. 21:16. Job 1:20. Eze. 1:28. Da. 8:17. Mat. 2:11. Re. 5:8; 11:16. *laughed*. ch. 18:12; 21:6. Jno. 8:56. Ro. 4:19, 20.
18 *O that*. Je. 32:39. Ac. 2:39. *before*. Ge. 4:12, 14. Ps. 4:6; 41:12. Is. 59:2.
19 *Sarah*. ver. 21; ch. 18:10-14; 21:2, 3, 6. 2 Ki. 4:16, 17. Lu. 1:13-20. Ro. 9:6-9. Ga. 4:28-31. *Isaac*. Yitzchak, which we change into Isaac, signifies *laughter*; in allusion to Abraham's laughing. ver. 17. By this Abraham did not express his unbelief or weakness of faith, but his joy at the prospect of the fulfilment of so glorious a promise; and to this our Lord evidently alludes, Jno. 8:56.
20 *I have blessed*. ch. 16:10-12. *twelve*. ch. 25:12-18. *and I*. ch. 21:13, 18.
21 *my*. ch. 21:10-12; 26:2-5; 46:1; 48:15. Ex. 2:24; 3:6. Lu. 1:55, 72. Ro. 9:5, 6, 9. Ga. 3:29. He. 11:9. *at*. ch. 18:10; 21:2, 3. Job 14:13. Ac. 1:7.

⁹And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

- 22 ויכל לדבר אתו ויעל אלהים מעל אברהם:
- 23 ויקח אברהם את־ישמעאל בנו ואת כל־ילידי ביתו ואת כל־מקנת כספו כל־זכר באנשי בית אברהם וימל את־בשר ערלתם בעצם היום הזה כאשר דבר אתו אלהים:
- 24 ואברהם בן־תשעים ותשע שנה בהמלו בשר ערלתו:
- 25 וישמעאל בנו בן־שלוש עשרה שנה בהמלו את בשר ערלתו:
- 26 בעצם היום הזה נמול אברהם וישמעאל בנו:
- 27 וכל־אנשי ביתו יליד בית ומקנת־כסף מאת בן־נכר נמלו אתו:

22 ver. 3; ch. 18:33; 35:9–15. Ex. 20:22. Nu. 12:6–8. De. 5:4. Ju. 6:21; 13:20. Jno. 1:18; 10:30.
 23 *circumcised*. ver. 10–14, 26, 27; ch. 18:19; 34:24. Jos. 5:2–9. Ps. 119:60. Pr. 27:1. Ec. 9:10. Ac. 16:3. Ro. 2:25–29; 4:9–12. 1 Co. 7:18, 19. Ga. 5:6; 6:15.
 24 ver. 1, 17; ch. 12:4. Ro. 4:11, 19, 20.
 25 Not only the Jews, but the Arabs, who are the descendants of Ishmael, retain the rite of circumcision to this day; and the latter perform it, as the other Mahometans also do, at the age of *thirteen*.
 26 ch. 12:4; 22:3, 4. Ps. 119:60.
 27 *circumcised*. ch. 18:19.

18 וירא אליו יהוה באלני ממרא והוא ישב פתח־האהל כחם היום:

CHAP. 18
The Lord appears to Abraham, who entertains angels, 1–8. Sarah is reproved for laughing at the promise of a son, 9–15. The destruction of Sodom is revealed to Abraham, 16–22. Abraham makes intercession for the inhabitants, 23–33.
 1 *appeared*. ch. 15:1; 17:1–3, 22; 26:2; 48:3. Ex. 4:1. 2 Ch. 1:7. Ac. 7:2. *Mamre*. ch. 13:18; 14:13. *and he sat*. In these verses we have a delightful picture of genuine and primitive hospitality: a venerable father sits at the tent door, not only to enjoy the current of refreshing air, but that if he saw any weary and exhausted travellers, he might invite them to rest and refresh themselves during the heat of the day, and the same custom still continues in the east. It was not the custom, nor was there any necessity, for strangers to knock at the door, or to speak first, but to stand till they were invited.
 2 *And he*. Ju. 13:3, 9. He. 13:2. *three*. ver. 22; ch. 19:1. He. 13:2. 1 Pe. 4:9. *he ran*. Ro. 12:13. *bowed*. ch. 23:7; 33:3–7; 43:26, 28; 44:14. Ru. 2:10. 2 Ki. 2:15.
 3 *favour*. Ge. 32:5.
 4 *wash your feet*. In those ancient times, shoes such as ours, were not in use; and the foot was protected only with sandals or soles, fastened round the foot with straps. It was, therefore, not only necessary from motives of cleanliness, but also a very great refreshment, in so hot a country, to get the feet washed at the end of a day's journey; and this is the *first* thing that Abraham proposes. ch. 19:2; 24:32; 43:24. 1 Sa. 25:41. Lu. 7:44. Jno. 13:5–15. 1 Ti. 5:10. *tree*. Rest in the shade was the *second* requisite for the refreshment of a weary traveller.
 5 *And I*. Ju. 6:18; 13:15. Mat. 6:11. *bread*. This was the *third* requisite, and is introduced in its proper order; as eating immediately after exertion or fatigue is very unwholesome. *comfort*. *Heb.* stay. Ju. 19:5. Ps. 104:15. Is. 3:1. *are ye come*. *Heb.* ye have passed. ch. 19:8; 33:10.
 6 *Make ready quickly*. *Heb.* hasten. *three*. Is. 32:8. Mat. 13:33. Lu. 10:38–40. Ac. 16:15. Ro. 12:13. Ga. 5:18. He. 13:2. 1 Pe. 4:9.
 7 ch. 19:3. Ju. 13:15, 16. Am. 6:4. Mal. 1:14. Mat. 22:4. Lu. 15:23, 27, 30.
 8 *he took*. ch. 19:3. De. 32:14. Ju. 5:25. *stood*. Ne. 12:44. Lu. 12:37; 17:8. Jno. 12:2. Ga. 5:13. Re. 3:20. *and they*. ch. 19:3. Ju. 13:15. Lu. 24:30, 43. Ac. 10:41.

- 2 וישא עיניו וירא והנה שלשה אנשים נצבים עליו וירא וירץ לקראתם מפתח האהל וישתחו ארצה:
- 3 ויאמר אדני אם־נא מצאתי חן בעיניך אל־נא תעבר מעל עבדך:
- 4 יקח־נא מעט־מים ורחצו רגליכם והישענו תחת העץ:
- 5 ואקחה פת־לחם וסעדו לבכם אחר תעברו כי־על־כן עברתם על־עבדכם ויאמרו כן תעשה כאשר דברת:
- 6 וימהר אברהם האהלה אל־שרה ויאמר מהרי שלש סאים קמח סלת לוישי ויעשי עגות:
- 7 ואלה־הבקר רץ אברהם ויקח בן־בקר רך וטוב ויתן אל־הנער וימהר לעשות אתו:
- 8 ויקח חמאה וחלב ובן־הבקר אשר עשה ויתן לפניהם והוא־עמיד עליהם תחת העץ ויאכלו:

²²When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

18 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 ויאמרו אליו איה שְׁרָה אֲשֶׁתָּךְ ויאמר הנה באהל:

10 ויאמר שׁוֹב אֲשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כְּעַת חַיָּה וְהַנְּהַב־בֶּן לְשָׂרָה אֲשֶׁתָּךְ וְשָׂרָה שֹׁמֵעַת פֶּתַח הָאֵהָל וְהוּא אֶחְרִי:

11 וְאַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה זָקְנִים בָּאִים בְּיָמִים חַדְלֵי לְהָיוֹת לְשָׂרָה אֶרֶץ בְּנָשִׁים:

12 וּמִצַּחֵק שָׂרָה בְּקִרְבָּהּ לֵאמֹר אַחְרֵי בְלַתִּי הִיָּתְה־לִּי עֲדָנָה וְאֵדְנִי זָקֵן:

13 ויאמר יהוה אֶל־אַבְרָהָם לְמַה זֶה צַחֵקְךָ שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר הֲאֵף אֲמַנֶּם אֵלֶּךְ וְאֲנִי זָקְנָתִי:

14 הֲיִפְלֵא מִיְהוָה דְּבָר לְמוֹעֵד אֲשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כְּעַת חַיָּה וְלְשָׂרָה בֶּן:

15 וּתְכַחַשׁ שָׂרָה לֵאמֹר לֹא צַחֵקְתִּי כִּי יִרְאֶה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא כִּי צַחֵקְתָּ:

16 וַיִּקְמוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיִּשְׁקֹפוּ עַל־פְּנֵי סֹדֶם וְאַבְרָהָם הִלֵּךְ עִמָּם לְשַׁלְחָם:

17 וַיְהוֶה אָמֵר הַמְּכַסֶּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה:

18 וְאַבְרָהָם הָיָה לְגוֹי גָדוֹל וְעָצוּם וְנִבְרָכוּ בּוֹ כָּל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ:

19 כִּי יִדְעֹתַי לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יִצְוֶה אֶת־בְּנָיו וְאֶת־בֵּיתוֹ אַחְרָיו וְשָׂמְרוּ דְרָךְ יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט לְמַעַן הִבִּיא יְהוָה עַל־אַבְרָהָם אֶת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר עָלָיו:

20 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה זַעֲקַת סֹדֶם וְעַמָּהּ כִּי־רַבָּה וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי כָבְדָה מְאֹד:

21 אַרְדָּה־נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה הַכְּצַעֲקוֹתָהּ הַבָּאָה אֵלַי עֲשׂוּ כָלָה וְאִם־לֹא אֲדַעָה:

22 וַיִּפְּנוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיֵּלְכוּ סֹדְמָה וְאַבְרָהָם עֹדְנָו עֹמֵד לִפְנֵי יְהוָה:

23 וַיִּגַּשׁ אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲאֵף תִּסְפָּה צְדִיק עִם־רָשָׁע:

24 אוֹלֵי יֵשׁ תְּמַשִּׁים צְדִיקִם בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר הֲעִיר הֲאֵף תִּסְפָּה וְלֹא־תִשָּׂא לְמָקוֹם לְמַעַן תְּמַשִּׁים הַצְדִּיקִם אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבָּהּ:

25 חֲלִלָה לָךְ מִעֲשֵׂת כַּדְּבָר הַזֶּה לְהַמִּית צְדִיק עִם־רָשָׁע וְהִנֵּה כַּצְדִּיק כְּרָשָׁע חֲלִלָה לָךְ הַשֹּׁפֵט כְּלִי־הָאָרֶץ לֹא יַעֲשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט:

9 *Where.* ch. 4:9. *in.* ch. 24:67; 31:33. *Tit.* 2:5. **10** *he said.* ver. 13, 14; ch. 16:10; 22:15, 16. *according.* ch. 17:21; 21:2. 2 *Ki.* 4:16, 17. *lo, Sarah.* ch. 17:16, 19, 21; 21:2. *Ju.* 13:3-5. *Lu.* 1:13. *Ro.* 9:8, 9. *Ga.* 4:23, 28. **11** *old.* ch. 17:17, 24. *Lu.* 1:7, 18, 36. *Ro.* 4:18-21. *He.* 11:11, 12, 19. *the.* ch. 31:35. *Le.* 15:19. **12** *laughed.* ver. 13; ch. 17:17; 21:6, 7. *Ps.* 126:2. *Lu.* 1:18-20, 34, 35. *He.* 11:11, 12. *my.* *Ep.* 5:33. 1 *Pe.* 3:6. **13** *Wherefore.* *Jno.* 2:25. **14** *Is.* *Nu.* 11:23. *De.* 7:21. 1 *Sa.* 14:6. 2 *Ki.* 7:1, 2. *Job* 36:5; 42:2. *Ps.* 93:1; 95:3. *Je.* 32:17. *Mi.* 7:18. *Zec.* 8:6. *Mat.* 3:9; 14:31; 19:26. *Mar.* 10:27. *Lu.* 1:13, 37; 8:50. *Ep.* 3:20. *Phi.* 3:21; 4:13. *He.* 11:19. *I will.* ver. 10; ch. 17:21. *De.* 30:3. 2 *Ki.* 4:16. *Ps.* 90:13. *Mi.* 7:18. *Lu.* 1:13, 18. **15** *denied.* ch. 4:9; 12:13. *Job* 2:10. *Pr.* 28:13. *Jno.* 18:17, 25-27. *Ep.* 4:23. *Col.* 3:9. 1 *Jno.* 1:8. *Nay.* *Ps.* 44:21. *Pr.* 12:19. *Mar.* 2:8. *Jno.* 2:25. *Ro.* 3:19. **16** *to bring.* *Ac.* 15:3; 20:38; 21:5. *Ro.* 15:24. 3 *Jno.* 6. **17** 2 *Ki.* 4:27. 2 *Ch.* 20:7. *Ps.* 25:14. *Am.* 3:7. *Jno.* 15:15. *Ja.* 2:23. **18** *become.* See on ch. 12:2, 3; 22:17, 18; 26:4. *Ps.* 72:17. *Ac.* 3:25, 26. *Ga.* 3:8, 14. *Ep.* 1:3. **19** *For I.* 2 *Sa.* 7:20. *Ps.* 1:6; 11:4; 34:15. *Jno.* 10:14; 21:17. 2 *Ti.* 2:19. *command.* ch. 17:23-27. *De.* 4:9, 10; 6:6, 7; 11:19-21; 32:46. *Jos.* 24:15. 1 *Ch.* 28:9. *Job* 1:5. *Ps.* 78:2-9. *Pr.* 6:20-22; 22:6. *Is.* 38:19. *Ep.* 6:4. 1 *Ti.* 3:4, 5, 12. 2 *Ti.* 1:5; 3:15. *that the.* 1 *Sa.* 2:30, 31. *Ac.* 27:23, 24, 31. **20** *the cry.* ch. 4:10; 19:13. *Is.* 3:9; 5:7. *Je.* 14:7. *Ja.* 5:4. *sin.* ch. 13:13. **21** *I will go down.* This is spoken figuratively; and as the Jewish writers speak, according to the language of men. So eyes, ears, hands, and other members of the body are attributed to God, for effecting those things which men cannot accomplish without these members. ch. 11:5, 7. *Ex.* 3:8; 33:5. *Mi.* 1:3. *Jno.* 6:38. 1 *Th.* 4:16. see *Job* 34:22. *Ps.* 90:8. *Je.* 17:1, 10. *Zep.* 1:12. *He.* 4:13. *I will know.* *Ex.* 33:5. *De.* 8:2; 13:3. *Jos.* 22:22. *Ps.* 139. *Lu.* 16:15. 2 *Co.* 11:11. **22** *the men.* ver. 2; ch. 19:1. *stood.* The two, whom we suppose to have been created angels, departed at this time; and accordingly *two* entered Sodom at evening: while the one, called Jehovah throughout the chapter, continued with Abraham, who "stood yet before the Lord."—*Scott.* ver. 1. *Ps.* 106:23. *Je.* 15:1; 18:20. *Eze.* 22:30. *Ac.* 7:55. 1 *Ti.* 2:1. **23** *drew.* *Ps.* 73:28. *Je.* 30:21. *He.* 10:22. *Ja.* 5:17. *Wilt.* ver. 25; ch. 20:4. *Nu.* 16:22. 2 *Sa.* 24:17. *Job* 8:3; 34:17. *Ps.* 11:4-7. *Ro.* 3:5, 6. **24** *there.* ver. 32. *Is.* 1:9. *Je.* 5:1. *Mat.* 7:13, 14. *spare.* *Ac.* 27:24. **25** *be far.* *Je.* 12:1. *that the.* *Job* 8:20; 9:22. 23. *Ec.* 7:15; 8:12, 13. *Is.* 3:10, 11; 57:1, 2. *Mal.* 3:18. *Shall.* *De.* 32:4. *Job* 8:3; 34:17-19. *Ps.* 11:5-7; 58:11; 94:2; 98:9. *Ro.* 3:6. *Judge.* *Jno.* 5:22-27. 2 *Co.* 5:10.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

26 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶם־אֶמְצָא בְּסֹדִם חַמְּשִׁים צְדִיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר וְנִשְׂאֵתִי לְכָל־הַמָּקוֹם בְּעֵבֹרָם:

27 וַיַּעַן אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגַהֲנָא הוֹאֲלֵתִי לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אֲדָנָי וְאֹנְכִי עִפָּר וַאֲפָר:

28 אוֹלֵי יַחְסְרוֹן חַמְּשִׁים הַצְדִּיקִים חַמְּשָׁה הִתְשַׁחֲתִית בְּחַמְּשָׁה אֶת־כָּל־הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחֲתִית אֶם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וְחַמְּשָׁה:

29 וַיִּסָּף עוֹד לְדַבֵּר אֵלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם אַרְבָּעִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲעֲשֶׂה בְּעֵבֹר הָאַרְבָּעִים:

30 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־נָא יַחַר לֵאדָנָי וְאֲדַבְּרָה אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲעֲשֶׂה אֶם־אֶמְצָא שָׁם שְׁלֹשִׁים:

31 וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגַהֲנָא הוֹאֲלֵתִי לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אֲדָנָי אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם עֶשְׂרִים וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחֲתִית בְּעֵבֹר הָעֶשְׂרִים:

32 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־נָא יַחַר לֵאדָנָי וְאֲדַבְּרָה אֶף־הַפַּעַם אוֹלֵי יִמְצְאוּן שָׁם עֶשְׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁחֲתִית בְּעֵבֹר הָעֶשְׂרָה:

33 וַיֵּלֶךְ יְהוָה כְּאִשֶּׁר כָּלָה לְדַבֵּר אֶל־אַבְרָהָם וְאַבְרָהָם שָׁב לְמִקְמוֹ:

26 Is. 6:13; 10:22; 19:24; 65:8. Je. 5:1. Eze. 22:30. Mat. 24:22.
27 I have ver. 30-32. Ezr. 9:6. Job 42:6-8. Is. 6:5. Lu. 18:1. dust. ch. 2:7; 3:19. Job 4:19. Ps. 8:4; 144:3. Ec. 12:7. Is. 6:5; 64:8. Lu. 5:8. 1 Co. 15:47, 48. 2 Co. 5:1, 2.
28 wilf. Nu. 14:17-19. 1 Ki. 20:32, 33. Job 23:3, 4. Jf I. ver. 26, 29.
29 Ep. 6:18. He. 4:16.
30 ch. 44:18. Ju. 6:39. Es. 4:11-16. Job 40:4. Ps. 9:12; 10:17; 89:7. Is. 6:5; 55:8, 9. He. 12:28, 29.
31 ver. 27. Mat. 7:7, 11. Lu. 11:8; 18:1. Ep. 6:18. He. 4:16; 10:20-22.
32 Oh. ver. 30. Ju. 6:39. Pr. 15:8. Is. 42:6, 7. Ja. 5:15-17. 1 Jno. 5:15, 16. I will not. Ex. 32:9, 10, 14; 33:13, 14; 34:6, 7, 9, 10. Nu. 14:11-20. Job 33:23. Ps. 86:5. Is. 65:8. Mi. 7:18. Mat. 7:7. Ep. 3:20. Ja. 5:16.
33 And the. ver. 16, 22; ch. 32:26. and Abraham. ch. 31:55.

19 וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁנֵי הַמַּלְאָכִים סְדֹמָה בְּעָרֵב וְלוֹט יָשֵׁב בְּשַׁעַר־סְדֹם וַיִּרְאֵה לֹט וַיִּקָּם לְקִרְאתָם וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲזוּ אִפְיָם אַרְצָה:

2 וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנֵה נָא־אֲדָנָי סוּרוּ נָא אֶל־בַּיִת עִבְדְּכֶם וְלִינוּ וְרַחְצוּ רַגְלֵיכֶם וְהִשְׁכַּמְתֶּם וְהִלַּכְתֶּם לְדַרְכְּכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא כִי בְּרַחוּב נָלִין:

3 וַיִּפְצַר־בָּם מְאֹד וַיִּסְרוּ אֵלָיו וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־בַּיִתוֹ וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם מִשְׁתָּה וּמִצּוֹת אָפֶה וַיֹּאכְלוּ:

4 טָרַם יִשְׁכְּבוּ וְאֹנְשֵׁי הָעִיר אֹנְשֵׁי סְדֹם נִסְבּוּ עַל־הַבַּיִת מִנְעַר וְעַד־זָמַן כָּל־הַיָּעַם מִקְצָה:

5 וַיִּקְרְאוּ אֶל־לֹט וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אַיֵּה הָאֹנְשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ הַלְלִיָּהּ הוֹצִיאָם אֵלֵינוּ וְנַדְעָה אֹתָם:

6 וַיֵּצֵא אֶלְהֶם לֹט הַפֶּתַחַה וְהַדְלֵת סָגַר אַחֲרָיו:

7 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־נָא אַחֵי תִרְעוּ:

CHAP. 19
Lot entertains two angels, 1-3. The vicious Sodomites are smitten with blindness, 4-11. Lot is warned, and in vain warns his sons-in-law, 12-14. He is directed to flee with his family to the mountains, but obtains leave to go into Zoar, 15-23. Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed, 24, 25. Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt, 26-28. Lot dwells in a cave, 29, 30. The incestuous origin of Moab and Ammon, 31-38.
1 And there came two angels. Or, rather, 'the two angels came,' referring to those mentioned in the preceding chapter, and there called 'men.' It seems, (from ch. 18, ver. 22.) that these two angels were sent to Sodom, while the third, who was the Lord or Jehovah, remained with Abraham. ch. 18:1-3, 22. rose. ch. 18:1-5. Job 31:32. He. 13:2. bowed. ch. 18:2.
2 turn. He. 13:2. wash. ch. 18:4. Nay. Instead of lo, nay, some MSS. have lo, to him. 'And they said unto him, for we lodge in the street;' where, nevertheless, the negation is understood. Knowing the disposition of the inhabitants, and appearing in the character of mere travellers, they preferred the open street to any house; but not yet willing to make themselves known, as Lot pressed them vehemently, and as they knew him to be a righteous man, they consented to take shelter under his hospitable roof. Ju. 19:17-21. Lu. 24:28, 29. Ac. 16:15.
3 pressed. 2 Ki. 4:8. Lu. 11:8; 14:23; 24:28, 29. 2 Co. 5:14. a feast. ch. 18:6-8; 21:8. Lu. 5:29. Jno. 12:2. He. 13:2. unleavened. ch. 18:6. Ex. 12:15, 39. Ju. 6:19. 1 Sa. 28:24. 1 Co. 5:8.
4 But. Pr. 4:16; 6:18. Mi. 7:3. Ro. 3:15. all. ch. 13:13; 18:20. Ex. 16:2; 23:2. Je. 5:1-6, 31. Mat. 27:20-25.
5 Le. 18:22; 20:13. Ju. 19:22. Is. 1:9; 3:9; Je. 3:3; 6:15. Eze. 16:49, 51. Mat. 11:23, 24. Ro. 1:23, 24, 26, 27. 1 Co. 6:9. 1 Ti. 1:10. 2 Ti. 3:13. Jude 7.
6 Lot. Ju. 19:23. door. Two words are here used for door: the first pethach, which is the door-way, at which Lot went out; the latter, deleth, the leaf of the door, which he shut after him when out.
7 ver. 4. Le. 18:22; 20:13. De. 23:17. Ju. 19:23. 1 Sa. 30:23, 24. Ac. 17:28. Ro. 1:24. 1 Co. 6:9-11. Jude 7.

²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

19 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth ² and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.” ³ But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” ⁶ Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, ⁷ and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

- 8 הנהגה לי נשתי בנות אשר לא ידעו איש אוציאה נא אתהן אליכם ועשו להן פטוב בעיניכם רק לאנשים האל אל-תעשו דבר כיעל-כן באו בצל קרתי:
- 9 ויאמרו גש-הלאה ויאמרו האחד בא-לגור וישפט שפוט עתה נרע לה מהם ויפצרו באיש בלוט מאד ויגשו לשבר הדלת:
- 10 וישלחו האנשים את-נדם ויביאו את-לוט אליהם הביתה ואת-הדלת סגרו:
- 11 ואת-האנשים אשר-פתח הבית הכו בסגורים מקטן ועד-גדול וילאו למצא הפתח:
- 12 ויאמרו האנשים אל-לוט עד מי-לה פה חתן ובניו ובנותיה וכל אשר-לה בעיר הוצא מן-המקום:
- 13 כיימשחתים אנחנו את-המקום הזה כייגדלה צעקתם את-פני יהוה וישלחנו יהוה לשחתה:
- 14 ויצא לוט וידבר אל-חתניו לקחי בנתיו ויאמר קומו צאו מן-המקום הזה כיימשחית יהוה את-העיר ויהי כמצחק בעיני חתניו:
- 15 וכמו השחר עלה ויאצו המלאכים בלוט לאמר קום קח את-אשתך ואת-נשתי בנתיך הנמצאת פן-תספה בעון העיר:
- 16 ויתמהמה ויחזקו האנשים בינדם וביד-אשתו וביד נשתי בנתיו בקמלת יהוה עליו ויצאהו וינחהו מחוץ לעיר:
- 17 ויהי כהוציאם אתם החוצה ויאמר המלט על-נפשך אל-תבט אחריה ואל-תעמד בכל-הכפר ההרה המלט פן-תספה:
- 18 ויאמר לוט אלהם אל-נא אדני:
- 19 הנהגה נא מצא עבדך חן בעיניך ותגדל חסדך אשר עשית עמדי להחיות את-נפשי ואנכי לא אוכל להמלט ההרה פן-תבקני הרעה נמתי:
- 20 הנהגה העיר הזאת קרבה לנוס שמה והיא מצער אמלטה נא שמה הלא מצער הוא ותחי נפשי:

8 I have. Ex. 32:22. *let. ver.* 31–38; ch. 42:37. Ju. 19:24. Mar. 9:6. Ro. 3:8. *therefore.* ch. 18:5. Ju. 9:15. Is. 58:7.

9 *Stand.* 1 Sa. 17:44; 25:17. Pr. 9:7, 8. Is. 65:5. Je. 3:3; 6:15; 8:12. Mat. 7:6. *This.* ch. 13:12. Ex. 2:14. Ac. 7:26–28. 2 Pe. 2:7, 8. *pressed.* ch. 11:6. 1 Sa. 2:16. Pr. 14:16; 17:12; 27:3. Ec. 9:3; 10:13. Da. 3:19–22.

11 *with blindness.* The word *sanverim*, rendered ‘blindness,’ and which occurs only here, and in 2 Ki. 6:18, is supposed to denote *dazzlings, deceptions, or confusions of sight* from excessive light; being derived by SCHULTENS, who is followed by PARKHURST, from the Arabic *sana*, to pour forth, diffuse, and *nor*, light. Dr. GEDDES, to the same purpose, thinks it is compounded of the Arabic *sana*, which signifies a flash, and *or*, light. The Targums, in both places where it occurs, render it by *eruptions, or flashes of light, or as MERCER, in ROBERTSON, explains the Chaldee word, irradiations.* 2 Ki. 6:18. Ac. 13:11. *that they.* Ec. 10:15. Is. 57:10. Je. 2:36.

12 *Hast.* ch. 7:1. Nu. 16:26. Jos. 6:22, 23. Je. 32:39. 2 Pe. 2:7, 9. *son.* ver. 14, 17, 22. Re. 18:4.

13 *cry.* ch. 13:13; 18:20. Ja. 5:4. *Lord hath.* 1 Ch. 21:15, 16. Ps. 11:5, 6. Is. 3:11; 36:10; 37:36. Eze. 9:5, 6. Mat. 13:41, 42, 49, 50. Ac. 12:23. Ro. 3:8, 9. Jude 7. Re. 16:1–12.

14 *which.* Mat. 1:18. *Up.* ver. 17, 22. Nu. 16:21, 26, 45. Je. 51:6. Lu. 9:42. Re. 18:4–8. *as one.* Ex. 9:21; 12:31. 2 Ch. 30:10; 36:16. Pr. 29:1. Is. 28:22. Je. 5:12–14; 20:7. Eze. 20:49. Mat. 9:24. Lu. 17:28–30; 24:11. Ac. 17:32. 1 Th. 5:3.

15 *hastened.* ver. 17, 22. Nu. 16:24–27. Pr. 6:4, 5. Lu. 13:24, 25. 2 Co. 6:2. He. 3:7, 8. Re. 18:4. *are here.* Heb. are found. *iniquity, or, punishment.*

16 *lingered.* Ps. 119:60. Jno. 6:44. *the Lord.* Ex. 34:6. Nu. 14:18. De. 4:31. 1 Ch. 16:34. Ps. 34:12; 86:5, 15; 103:8–10, 13; 106:1, 8; 107:1; 111:4; 118:1; 136:1. Is. 63:9. La. 3:22. Mi. 7:18, 19. Lu. 6:35, 36; 18:13. Ro. 9:15, 16, 18. 2 Co. 1:3. Ep. 2:4, 5. Tit. 3:5. *brought.* Jos. 6:22. 2 Pe. 2:9.

17 *he said.* ch. 18:22. *Escape.* ver. 14, 15, 22. 1 Sa. 19:11. 1 Ki. 19:3. Ps. 121:1. Mat. 3:7; 24:16–18. He. 2:3. *look.* ver. 26. Lu. 9:62; 17:31, 32. Phi. 3:13, 14.

18 ch. 32:26. 2 Ki. 5:11, 12. Is. 45:11. Jno. 13:6–8. Ac. 9:13; 10:14.

19 *and thou.* Ps. 18; 40; 103; 106; 107; 116. 1 Ti. 1:14–16. *lest some.* ch. 12:13. De. 31:17. 1 Sa. 27:1. 1 Ki. 9:9. Ps. 77:7–11; 116:11. Mat. 8:25, 26. Mar. 9:19. Ro. 8:31.

20 *this.* ver. 30. Pr. 3:5–7. Am. 3:6. *and my.* ch. 12:13. Ps. 119:175. Is. 55:3.

⁸ Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” ⁹ But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. ¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

¹² Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. ¹³ For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” ¹⁴ So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

¹⁵ As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.” ¹⁶ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. ¹⁷ And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.” ¹⁸ And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords. ¹⁹ Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die. ²⁰ Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!”

21 ויאמר אליו הנה נשאתי פניי גם לדבר הנה לבלתי הפכי
את העיר אשר דברת:

22 מהר המלט שמה פי לא אוכל לעשות דבר עד-באף שמה
על-כן קרא שם-העיר צוער:

23 השמש יצא על-הארץ ולוט בא צערה:

24 ויהוה המטיר על-סדם ועל-עמרה גפרית ואש מאת יהוה
מן-השמים:

25 ויהפך את-הערים האל ואת כל-הכפר ואת כל-ישיבי הערים
ונצמח האדמה:

26 ומבט אשתי מאחרי ויהי נציב מלח:

27 וישכם אברהם בבקר אלהי-המקום אשר-עמד שם את-פני יהוה:

28 וישקף על-פני סדם ועמרה ועל-כל-פני ארץ הכפר וירא והנה
עלה קיטר הארץ קקיטר הכבשן:

29 ויהי בשחת אלהים את-ערי הכפר ויזכר אלהים את-אברהם
וישלח את-לוט מתוך ההפכה בהפך את-הערים אשר-ישב בהן לוט:

30 ויעל לוט מצוער וישב בהר ושתי בנתיו עמו כי רא לשכת
בצוער וישב במערה הוא ושתי בנתיו:

31 ותאמר הבכירה אל-הצעירה אבינו זקן ואיש אין בארץ לבוא
עלינו פדרך כל-הארץ:

32 לכה נשקה את-אבינו יין ונשפכה עמו ונחיה מאבינו זרע:

33 ומשקין את-אביהן יין בלילה הוא ותבא הבכירה ותשכב
את-אביה ולא ידע בשכבה ובקומה:

34 ויהי ממחרת ותאמר הבכירה אל-הצעירה הן-שכבתי אמש
את-אבי נשקנו יין גם-הלילה ובאי שכבי עמו ונחיה מאבינו זרע:

35 ומשקין גם בלילה והוא את-אביהן יין ותקם הצעירה ותשכב
עמו ולא ידע בשכבה ובקומה:

21 See, 1. ch. 4:7. Job 42:8, 9. Ps. 34:15; 102:17; 145:19. Je. 14:10. Mat. 12:20. Lu. 11:8. He. 2:17; 4:15, 16. *thee. Heb.* thy face. *that.* ch. 12:2; 18:24. 22 *for.* ch. 32:25–28. Ex. 32:10. De. 9:14. Ps. 91:1–10. Is. 65:8. Mar. 6:5, 2 Ti. 2:13. Tit. 1:2. *called.* ch. 13:10; 14:2. Is. 15:5. Je. 48:34. *Zoar. i.e.* little. ver. 20.
23 *risen. Heb.* gone forth.
24 *the Lord.* De. 29:23. Job 18:15. Ps. 11:6. Is. 1:9; 13:19. Je. 20:16; 49:18; 50:40. La. 4:6. Eze. 16:49, 50. Ho. 11:8. Am. 4:11. Zep. 2:9. Mat. 11:23, 24. Lu. 17:28, 29. 2 Pe. 2:6. Jude 7. *brimstone.* The word rendered 'brimstone,' (*q. d.* brimstone, or brimstone, *id est* burning-stone,) is always rendered by the LXX. 'sulphur,' and seems to denote a *meteorous inflammable matter.*
25 ch. 13:10; 14:3. Ps. 107:34.
26 *looked.* This unhappy woman, says the Rev. T. SCOTT, 'looked back,' contrary to God's express command, perhaps with a hope of returning, which latter supposition is favoured by our Lord's words, 'Let him not return back: remember Lot's wife.' She was, therefore, instantaneously struck dead and petrified, and thus remained to after ages a visible monument of the Divine displeasure. ver. 17. Pr. 14:14. Lu. 17:31, 32. He. 10:38. *and.* Nu. 16:38.
27 *early.* Ps. 5:3. *to the.* ch. 18:22–33. Eze. 16:49, 50. Hab. 2:1. He. 2:1.
28 Ps. 107:34. 2 Pe. 2:7. Jude 7. Re. 14:10, 11; 18:9, 18; 19:3; 21:8.
29 *that God.* ch. 8:1; 12:2; 18:23–33; 30:22. De. 9:5. Ne. 13:14, 22. Ps. 25:7; 105:8, 42; 106:4; 136:23; 145:20. Eze. 36:31, 32. Ho. 11:8.
30 *Lot.* ver. 17–23. *for he.* ch. 49:4. Je. 2:36, 37. Ja. 1:8. *Zoar.* ch. 13:10; 14:22. De. 34:3. Is. 15:5. Je. 48:34.
31 *not.* ver. 28. Mar. 9:6. *to come* ch. 4:1; 6:4; 16:2, 4; 38:8, 9, 14–30. De. 25:5. Is. 4:1.
32 *Come.* ch. 11:3. *drink.* ch. 9:21. Pr. 23:31–33. Hab. 2:15, 16. *seed.* Le. 18:6, 7. Mar. 12:19.
33 *drink.* Le. 18:6, 7. Pr. 20:1; 23:29–35. Hab. 2:15, 16.
34 Is. 3:9. Je. 3:3; 5:3; 6:15; 8:12.
35 Ps. 8:4. Pr. 24:16. Ec. 7:26. Lu. 21:34. 1 Co. 10:11, 12. 1 Pe. 4:7.

²¹ He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. ²² Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

²³ The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. ²⁵ And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. ²⁶ But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷ And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. ²⁸ And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

²⁹ So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

³⁰ Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters. ³¹ And the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. ³² Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." ³³ So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. He did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

³⁴ The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also. Then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." ³⁵ So they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

- 36 ותהרין שְׁתֵי בְנוֹת־לוֹט מֵאַבְיָהֶן:
- 37 ותלד הבכירה בן ותקרא שְׁמוּ מוֹאֵב הוּא אַבְי־מוֹאֵב עַד־הַיּוֹם:
- 38 והצעירה גם־הוא ילדה בן ותקרא שְׁמוּ בֶן־עַמִּי הוּא אַבְי בְּנֵי־עַמּוֹן עַד־הַיּוֹם:

36 ver. 8. Le. 18:6, 7. Ju. 1:7. 1 Sa. 15:33. Hab. 2:15. Mat. 7:2.
 37 A.M. 2108. B.C. 1896. *Moab*. This name is generally interpreted of the father; from *mo*, of, and *av*, a father. *Moabites*. Nu. 21:29; ch. 22:24. De. 2:9, 19; 23:3. Ju. ch. 3. Ru. 4:10. 2 Sa. ch. 8. 2 Ki. ch. 3.
 38 *Ben-ammi*, i.e. *Son of my people*, from *ben*, a son, and *ammi*, my people. *children*. De. 2:9, 19; 23:3. Ju. 10:6-18; ch. 11. 1 Sa. ch. 11. 2 Sa. ch. 10. Ne. 13:1-3, 23-28. Ps. 83:4-8. Is. 11:14. Zep. 2:9.

20 ויסע משם אברהם ארצה הנגב וישב בירקדש ובין שור ויגר בגרר:

CHAP. 20
Abraham sojourns at Gerar, 1. Denies his wife, who is taken by Abimelech, 2. Abimelech is reprov'd for her in a dream, 3-8. He rebukes Abraham, 9-13. Restores Sarah, 14, 15; and reproves her, 16. Abimelech and his family are healed at Abraham's prayer, 17, 18.
 1 A.M. cir. 2107. B.C. cir. 1897. *from*. ch. 13:1; 18:1; 24:62. *Kadesh*. ch. 14:7; 16:1, 7, 14. Nu. 13:26; 20:16. De. 1:19; 32:51. 1 Sa. 15:7. Ps. 29:8. *Gerar*. Gerar was a city of Arabia Petraea, under a king of the Philistines, 25 miles from Eleutheropolis beyond Daroma, in the south of Judah. From ch. 10:19, it appears to have been situated in the angle where the south and west sides of Canaan met, and to have been not far from Gaza. JEROME, in his Hebrew Traditions on Genesis, says, from Gerar to Jerusalem was three days' journey. There was a wood near Gerar, spoken of by THEODORET; and a brook, (ch. 26:26.) on which was a monastery, noticed by SOZOMEN. ch. 10:19; 26:1, 6, 20, 26. 2 Ch. 14:13, 14.
 2 *said*. ch. 12:11-13; 26:7. 2 Ch. 19:2; 20:37; 32:31. Pr. 24:16. Ec. 7:20. Ga. 2:11, 12. Ep. 4:25. Col. 3:9. *Abimelech*. ch. 12:15; 26:1, 16.
 3 *a dream*. ch. 28:12; 31:24; 37:5, 9; 40:8; 41:1, etc. Job 4:12, 13; 33:15. Mat. 1:20; 2:12, 13; 27:19. *a dead*. ver. 7. Ps. 105:14. Eze. 33:14, 15. Jon. 3:4. *a man's wife*. Heb. married to an husband.
 4 *had*. ver. 6, 18. *wilt*. ver. 17, 18; ch. 18:23-25; 19:24. 2 Sa. 4:11. 1 Ch. 21:17.
 5 *in the integrity, or, simplicity, or, sincerity*. Jos. 22:22. 1 Ki. 9:4. 2 Ki. 20:3. 1 Ch. 29:17. Ps. 7:8; 25:21; 78:72. Pr. 11:3; 20:7. 2 Co. 1:12. 1 Th. 2:10. 1 Ti. 1:13. *and innocency*. Job 33:9. Ps. 24:4; 26:6; 73:13. Da. 6:22.
 6 *withheld*. ver. 18; ch. 31:7; 35:5. Ex. 34:24. 1 Sa. 25:26, 34. Ps. 84:11. Pr. 21:1. Ho. 2:6, 7. *sinning*. ch. 39:9. Le. 6:2. Ps. 51:4; 81:12. 2 Th. 2:7, 11. *to touch*. ch. 3:3; 26:11. 1 Co. 7:1. 2 Co. 6:17.
 7 *a prophet*. The word *navi*, rendered a *prophet*, not only signifies one who foretells future events, but also an *intercessor, instructor*. See 1 Sa. ch. 10. 1 Ki. ch. 18, and 1 Co. 14:4. The title was also given to men eminent for eloquence and literary abilities: hence Aaron, because he was the spokesman of Moses to the Egyptian king, is called a prophet. Ex. 4:16; 7:1. ch. 12:1-3; 18:17. Ex. 7:1. 1 Ch. 16:22. Ps. 25:14; 105:9-15. He. 1:1. *pray*. Le. 6:4, 7. 1 Sa. 7:5, 8; 12:19, 23. 2 Sa. 24:17. 1 Ki. 13:6. 2 Ki. 5:11; 19:2-4. Job 42:8. Je. 14:11; 15:1; 27:18. Ja. 5:14-16. 1 Jno. 5:16. Re. 11:5, 6. *surely*. ver. 18; ch. 2:17; 12:17. Job 34:19. Ps. 105:14. Eze. 3:18; 33:8, 14-16. He. 13:4. *all*. ch. 12:15. Nu. 16:32, 33. 2 Sa. 24:17.
 9 *What hast*. ch. 12:18; 26:10. Ex. 32:21, 35. Jos. 7:25. 1 Sa. 26:18, 19. Pr. 28:10. *a great*. ch. 38:24; 39:9. Le. 20:10. 2 Sa. 12:5, 10, 11. Ro. 2:11. He. 13:4. *ought*. ch. 34:7. 2 Sa. 13:12. Tit. 1:11.
 11 *Surely*. ch. 22:12; 42:18. Ne. 5:15. Job 1:1; 28:28. Ps. 14:4; 36:1-4. Pr. 1:7; 2:5; 8:13; 16:6. Ro. 3:18. *slay*. ch. 12:12; 26:7.
 12 *And yet*. ch. 11:29; 12:13. 1 Th. 5:22. *she is the*. EBN BATRIK, in his annals, among other ancient traditions, has preserved the following: 'Terah first married *Yona*, by whom he had Abraham; afterwards he married *Tehevita*, by whom he had Sarah.'

- 2 ויאמר אברהם אל־שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ אַחְתִּי הוּא וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְימֶלֶךְ מֶלֶךְ גְּרָר וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שָׂרָה:
- 3 וַיֵּבֵא אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְימֶלֶךְ בַּחלום הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הֲנֵנּוּ מֵת עַל־הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר־לָקַחְתָּ וְהוּא בְּעֵלֶת בָּעַל:
- 4 וַאֲבִימֶלֶךְ לֹא קָרַב אֵלֶיהָ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲדֹנָי הַגּוֹי גַּם־צָדִיק תְּהַרְגֵנִי: וְהָיָה הוּא אֶמְר־לִי אַחְתִּי הוּא וְהִיא־גַם־הוּא אֶמְרָה אַחִי הוּא בְּתֵם־לִבִּי וּבְגִנּוֹן כִּפִּי עָשִׂיתִי זֹאת:
- 6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הֲאֵלֹהִים בַּחלום גַּם אֲנֹכִי יַדְעִיתִי כִּי בְתֵם־לִבְכֶּךָ עָשִׂיתָ זֹאת וְאֶחְשֶׁף גַּם־אֲנֹכִי אוֹתָהּ מִחֲטוּת־לִי עַל־כֵּן לֹא־נִתְתִּיף לְנִגְעַ אֵלֶיהָ:
- 7 וְעַתָּה הֲשִׁב אִשְׁתְּ־הָאִישׁ כִּי־נָבִיא הוּא וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל בַּעַדָּהּ וַחֲנִה וְאִם־אֵינָהּ מְשִׁיב דָּע כִּי־מוֹת תָּמוּת אִתָּה וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָהּ:
- 8 וַיִּשְׁכֶּם אַבְימֶלֶךְ בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־עַבְדָּיו וַיַּדְבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם וַיִּירָאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים מְאֹד:
- 9 וַיִּקְרָא אַבְימֶלֶךְ לְאַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מָה־עָשִׂיתָ לָנוּ וּמָה־חָטַאתִי לָךְ כִּי־הִבַּאתָ עָלַי וְעַל־מִמְלַכְתִּי חֲטָאָה גְדוֹלָה מֵעַשִׂים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יַעֲשׂוּ עָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי:
- 10 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְימֶלֶךְ אֶל־אַבְרָהָם מָה רָאִיתָ כִּי עָשִׂיתָ אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה:
- 11 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם כִּי אֶמְרָתִי רַק אֵין־יָרֵאת אֱלֹהִים בְּמָקוֹם הַזֶּה וַהֲרִגוּנִי עַל־דְּבַר אִשְׁתִּי:
- 12 וְגַם־אֶמְנָה אַחְתִּי בַת־אָבִי הוּא אֵף לֹא בַת־אָמִי וַתְּהִי־לִי לְאִשָּׁה:

³⁶ Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

³⁷ The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. ³⁸ The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

20 From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. ² And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." ⁴ Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, "Lord, will you kill an innocent people? ⁵ Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." ⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

⁸ So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. ⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." ¹⁰ And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you did this thing?" ¹¹ Abraham said, "I did it because I thought, 'There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.' ¹² Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife."

13 ויהי כַּאֲשֶׁר הִתְעוּ אֹתִי אֱלֹהִים מִבֵּית אָבִי וְאָמַר לָהּ זֶה חֲסִדְךָ
אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשִׂי עִמָּדִי אֶל כָּל־הַמְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר נִבְּוֵא שְׁמָה אֲמַרְיִלִי אַחִי הוּא:

14 וַיִּקַּח אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ צֹאן וַיִּבְקַר וַעֲבָדִים וַשְׂפָחֹת וַיִּתֵּן לְאַבְרָהָם וַיֵּשֶׁב
לִזְאת שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:

15 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ הִנֵּה אֲרֻצֵי לְפָנֶיךָ בְּטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ שָׁב:

16 וּלְשָׂרָה אָמַר הִנֵּה נִתְּנִי אֵלַיךָ כְּסֶפֶף לְאַחֶיךָ הִנֵּה הוּא־לְךָ כְּסוּת
עֵינַיִם לְכֹל אֲשֶׁר אֲתָךְ וְאֵת כָּל וְנִכְחַת:

17 וַיִּתְּפֹלֵל אַבְרָהָם אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּרְפָּא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ
וְאֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאִמְהַתִּיו וַיָּלְדוּ:

18 כִּי־עֲצָר עֲצָר יִהְיֶה בְּעַד כָּל־רַחֲמֵם לְבֵית אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ עַל־דְּבַר שָׂרָה
אִשְׁתְּ אַבְרָהָם:

21 וַיְהִי כִּי־יָלְדָה שָׂרָה בְּאֵשֶׁר אָמַר וַיַּעַשׂ יְהוָה לְשָׂרָה כַּאֲשֶׁר
דִּבֶּר:

2 וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד שָׂרָה לְאַבְרָהָם בֶּן לְזִקְנָיו לְמוֹעֵד אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אֹתוֹ
אֱלֹהִים:

3 וַיִּקְרָא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־שֵׁם־בְּנֵו הַנּוֹלָד־לוֹ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה־לוֹ שָׂרָה
יִצְחָק:

4 וַיִּמַּל אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנֵו בֶן־שְׁמֹנֶת יָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֹתוֹ
אֱלֹהִים:

5 וְאַבְרָהָם בֶּן־מֵאָת שָׁנָה בְּהוֹלֵד לוֹ אֵת יִצְחָק בְּנֵו:

6 וַתֹּאמֶר שָׂרָה צָחֵק עָשָׂה לִי אֱלֹהִים כָּל־הַשְּׂמֵעַ יִצְחָק־לִי:

7 וַתֹּאמֶר מִי מִלָּל לְאַבְרָהָם הַיְנִיקָה בְּנָיִם שָׂרָה כִּי־יָלְדָתִי בֶן
לְזִקְנָיו:

8 וַיִּגְדַּל הַיָּלֵד וַיִּגְמַל וַיַּעַשׂ אַבְרָהָם מִשְׁתָּה גְדוֹל כִּיּוֹם הַגָּמֵל
אֶת־יִצְחָק:

9 וַתִּמָּרָא שָׂרָה אֶת־בֶּן־הַקָּהָר הַמְצָרִית אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה לְאַבְרָהָם מִצְחָק:

10 וַתֹּאמֶר לְאַבְרָהָם גֵּרֶשׁ הָאִמָּה הַזֹּאת וְאֶת־בְּנָהּ כִּי לֹא יִירָשׁ
כֶּן־הָאִמָּה הַזֹּאת עִם־בְּנֵי עַם־יִצְחָק:

11 וַיִּרַע הַדָּבָר מְאֹד בְּעֵינֵי אַבְרָהָם עַל אֹדֶת בְּנֵו:

13 *God*. ch. 12:1, 9, 11, etc. *Ac*. 7:3-5. *He*. 11:8. *This*. 1 *Sa*. 23:21. *Ps*. 64:5. *Ac*. 5:9. *say*. ch. 12:13.
14 *took*. ver. 11; ch. 12:16. *restored*. ver. 2, 7. ch. 12:19, 20.
15 *my land*. ch. 13:9; 34:10; 47:6. *where it pleaseth thee*. *Heb*. as is good in thine eyes.
16 *thy*. ver. 5. *Pr*. 27:5. *thousand*. What these pieces were is not certain; but it is probable they were *shekels*, as it is so understood by the Targum; and the LXX. render it *didrachma*, by which the Hebrew shekel is rendered in ch. 23:15, 16. *behold*. Or, 'behold it (the 1000 shekels) is to thee,' etc. ch. 26:11. *a covering*. ch. 24:65. *thus*. 1 *Ch*. 21:3-6. *Pr*. 9:8, 9; 12:1; 25:12; 27:5. *Jon*. 1:6. *Re*. 3:19.
17 ver. 7; ch. 29:31. 1 *Sa*. 5:11, 12. *Ezr*. 6:10. *Job* 42:9, 10. *Pr*. 15:8, 29. *Is*. 45:11. *Mat*. 7:7; 21:22. *Ac*. 3:24. *Phi*. 4:6. 1 *Th*. 5:25. *Ja*. 5:16.
18 ver. 7; ch. 12:17; 16:2; 30:2. 1 *Sa*. 1:6; 5:10.

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Isaac is born, and circumcised, 1-5. *Sarah's joy*, 6. *Isaac is weaned*, 8. *Hagar and Ishmael are cast forth*, 9-14. *Hagar in distress*, 15, 16. *The angel relieves and comforts her*, 17-21. *Abimelech's covenant with Abraham at Beer-sheba*, 22-34. *I visited*. ch. 50:24. *Ex*. 3:16; 4:31; 20:5. *Ru*. 1:6. 1 *Sa*. 2:21. *Ps*. 106:4. *Lu*. 1:68; 19:44. *Ro*. 4:17-20. *Sarah as*. ch. 17:19; 18:10, 14. *Ps*. 12:6. *Mat*. 24:35. *Ga*. 4:23, 28. *Tit*. 1:2.
2 *conceived*. 2 *Ki*. 4:16, 17. *Lu*. 1:24, 25, 36. *Ac*. 7:8. *Ga*. 4:22. *He*. 11:11. *at the set*. ch. 17:19, 21; 18:10, 14. *Ro*. 9:9.
3 ver. 6, 12; ch. 17:19; 22:2. *Jos*. 24:3. *Mat*. 1:2. *Ac*. 7:8. *Ro*. 9:7. *He*. 11:18.
4 ch. 17:10-12. *Ex*. 12:48. *Le*. 12:3. *De*. 12:32. *Lu*. 1:6, 59; 2:21. *Jno*. 7:22, 23. *Ac*. 7:8.
5 ch. 17:1, 17. *Ro*. 4:19.
6 *God*. ch. 17:17; 18:12-15. 1 *Sa*. 1:26-28; 2:1-10. *Ps*. 113:9; 126:2. *Is*. 49:15, 21; 54:1. *Lu*. 1:46-55. *Jno*. 16:21, 22. *Ga*. 4:27, 28. *He*. 11:1. *to laugh*. Sarah most likely remembered the circumstance mentioned in ch. 18:12; and also the name *Isaac*, which implies *laughter*. *will laugh*. *Lu*. 1:14, 58. *Ro*. 12:15.
7 *Who*. *Nu*. 23:23. *De*. 4:32-34. *Ps*. 86:8, 10. *Is*. 49:21; 66:8. *Ep*. 3:10. 2 *Th*. 1:10. *for I*. ch. 18:11, 12.
8 A.M. 2111. B.C. 1893. *and was*. 1 *Sa*. 1:22. *Ps*. 131:2. *Ho*. 1:8. *feast*. ch. 19:3; 26:30; 29:22; 40:20. *Ju*. 14:10, 12. 1 *Sa*. 25:36. 2 *Sa*. 3:20. 1 *Ki*. 3:15. *Es*. 1:3.
9 *Sarah*. ch. 16:3-6, 15; 17:20. *Egyptian*. ch. 16:1, 15. *mocking*. 2 *Ki*. 2:23, 24. 2 *Ch*. 30:10; 36:16. *Ne*. 4:1-5. *Job* 30:1. *Ps*. 22:6; 42:10; 44:13, 14. *Pr*. 20:11. *La*. 1:7. *Ga*. 4:22, 29. *He*. 11:36.
10 *Cast out*. The word rendered 'cast out,' signifies also to *divorce*. See *Le*. 21:7. In this latter sense, it may be understood here. ch. 25:6, 19; 17:19, 21; 20:11; 22:10; 36:6, 7. *Mat*. 8:11, 12; 22:13. *Jno*. 8:35. *Ga*. 4:22-31. 1 *Jno*. 2:19. *heir*. *Jno*. 8:35. *Ga*. 3:18; 4:7. 1 *Pe*. 1:4. 1 *Jno*. 2:19.
11 *because*. ch. 17:18; 22:1, 2. 2 *Sa*. 18:33, *Mat*. 10:37. *He*. 12:11.

¹³And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, "He is my brother." ' "

¹⁴Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you." ¹⁶To Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated." ¹⁷Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. ²And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." ⁷And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

⁸And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." ¹¹And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

12 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אַל־יִרַע בְּעֵינֶיךָ עַל־הַנְּעָר
וְעַל־אֲמָתָהּ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר תֹּאמַר אֵלֶיךָ שָׂרָה שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלָהּ כִּי בִיצְחָק יִקְרָא
לָהּ זָרַע:

13 וְגַם אֶת־בְּנוֹתֶיךָ לְגוֹי אֲשֵׁימוּנָו כִּי זָרַעָהּ הוּא:

14 וַיִּשְׁכַּם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקְחֶלֶחֶם וַחֲמַת מַיִם וַיִּתֵּן אֶל־הַגֵּר שָׁם
עַל־שִׁכְמָהּ וְאֶת־הַיָּלֶד וַיִּשְׁלַחַהּ וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתִּמְתַּע בַּמִּדְבָּר בְּאֵר שָׁבַע:

15 וַיִּכְלוּ הַמַּיִם מִן־הַחֲמַת וַתִּשְׁלַח אֶת־הַיָּלֶד תַּחַת אֶחָד הַשִּׁיחִים:

16 וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתֵּשֶׁב לָהּ מִנְּגַד הַרְחֹק כַּמֶּטְחָנִי קָשֶׁת כִּי אָמְרָה אֶל־אֲרָאָה
בְּמוֹת הַיָּלֶד וַתֵּשֶׁב מִנְּגַד וַתִּשָּׂא אֶת־קוֹלָהּ וַתִּבְרַךְ:

17 וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלֹהִים אֶת־קוֹל הַנְּעָר וַיִּקְרָא מְלֹאךָ אֱלֹהִים אֶל־הַגֵּר
מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מַה־לָּךְ הַגֵּר אֶל־תִּירָאִי כִּי־שָׁמַע אֱלֹהִים
אֶל־קוֹל הַנְּעָר בְּאֲשֶׁר הוּא־שָׁם:

18 קוּמִי שְׂאִי אֶת־הַנְּעָר וְהַזְזִיקִי אֶת־יָדֶךָ בּוֹ כִּי־לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל
אֲשֵׁימוּנָו:

19 וַיִּפְקַח אֱלֹהִים אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ וַתֵּרָא בְּאֵר מַיִם וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתִּמְלֵא
אֶת־הַחֲמַת מַיִם וַתִּשְׁקֵן אֶת־הַנְּעָר:

20 וַיְהִי אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַנְּעָר וַיִּגְדֵּל וַיֵּשֶׁב בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיְהִי רֹבָה קָשֶׁת:

21 וַיֵּשֶׁב בַּמִּדְבָּר פָּאֲרֹן וַתִּקְחֶהּ לוֹ אָמוֹ אִשָּׁה מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:

22 וַיְהִי בָּעֵת הַהוּא וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וּפִיכַל שַׂר־צָבָאוֹ אֶל־אַבְרָהָם
לֵאמֹר אֱלֹהִים עִמָּךְ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה עוֹשֶׂה:

23 וְעַתָּה הֲשִׁבְעָה לִי בְּאֱלֹהִים הֲנֵה אִם־תִּשְׁקַר לִי וּלְנִינִי וּלְנִכְדֵי
כַּחַסְדֵי אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי עִמָּךְ תַּעֲשֶׂה עִמָּדִי וְעַם־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־גָּרַתָּה בָּהּ:

24 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֲנֹכִי אֲשָׁבַע:

25 וְהוֹכַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ עַל־אֲדוֹת בְּאֵר הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר גָּזְלוּ
עִבְדֵי אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ:

26 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ לֹא יָדַעְתִּי מִי עָשָׂה אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה וְגַם־אַתָּה
לֹא־הִגַּדְתָּ לִי וְגַם אֲנֹכִי לֹא שָׁמַעְתִּי בְּלִתֵּי הַיּוֹם:

27 וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם צֹאן וּבָקָר וַיִּתֵּן לְאַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וַיִּכְרְתוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם בְּרִית:

12 *hearken.* 1 Sa. 8:7, 9. Is. 46:10. in *Isaac.* ch. 17:19, 21. Ro. 9:7, 8. He. 11:18.
13 *ver.* 18; ch. 16:10; 17:20; 25:12-18.
14 *A.M.* 2112. *B.C.* 1892. *rose up.* ch. 19:27; 22:3; 24:54; 26:31. *Ps.* 119:60. *Pr.* 27:14. *Ec.* 9:10. *took.* ch. 25:6; 36:6, 7. *child.* Or, *youth.* (see *ver.* 12, 20,) as Ishmael was now 16 or 17 years of age. *sent.* *Jno.* 8:35. *wandered.* ch. 16:7; 37:15. *Ps.* 107:4. *Is.* 16:8. *Ga.* 4:23-25. *Beer-sheba.* So called when Moses wrote; but not before Abraham's covenant with Abimelech. *ver.* 31. Such instances of the figure prolepsis are not unfrequent in the Pentateuch. *ver.* 33; ch. 22:19; 26:33; 46:1. 1 *Ki.* 19:3.
15 *the water.* *ver.* 14. *Ex.* 15:22-25; 17:1-3. 2 *Ki.* 3:9. *Ps.* 63:1. *Is.* 44:12. *Je.* 14:3. *and she cast the child.* Or, 'and she sent the lad,' to screen him from the intensity of the heat.
16 *Let.* ch. 44:34. 1 *Ki.* 3:26. *Es.* 8:6. *Is.* 49:15. *Zec.* 12:10. *Lu.* 15:20. *lift.* ch. 27:38; 29:11. *Ju.* 2:4. *Ru.* 1:9. 1 *Sa.* 24:16; 30:4.
17 *heard.* ch. 16:11. *Ex.* 3:7; 22:23, 27. 2 *Ki.* 13:4, 23. *Ps.* 50:15; 65:2; 91:15. *Mat.* 15:32. *the angel.* See on ch. 16:9, 11. *What.* *Ju.* 18:23. 1 *Sa.* 11:5. *Is.* 22:1. *fear.* ch. 15:1; 46:3. *Ex.* 14:13. *Ps.* 107:4-6. *Is.* 41:10, 13, 14; 43:1, 2. *Mar.* 5:36.
18 *I will.* *ver.* 13; ch. 16:10; 17:20; 25:12-18. 1 *Ch.* 1:29-31.
19 *Nu.* 22:31. 2 *Ki.* 6:17-20. *Is.* 35:5, 6. *Lu.* 24:16-31.
20 *God.* ch. 17:20; 28:15; 39:2, 3, 21. *Ju.* 6:12; 13:24, 25. *Lu.* 1:80; 2:40. *an archer.* ch. 10:9; 16:12; 25:27; 27:3; 49:23, 24.
21 *in the.* *Nu.* 10:12; 12:16; 13:3, 26. 1 *Sa.* 25:1. *a wife.* ch. 24:3, 4; 26:34, 35; 27:46; 28:1, 2. *Ju.* 14:2. 1 *Co.* 7:38.
22 *A.M.* 2118. *B.C.* 1886. *Abimelech.* ch. 20:2; 26:26. *God.* ch. 20:17; 26:28; 28:15; 30:27; 39:2, 3. *Jos.* 3:7. 2 *Ch.* 1:1. *Is.* 8:10; 45:14. *Zec.* 8:23. *Mat.* 1:23. *Ro.* 8:31. 1 *Co.* 14:25. *He.* 13:5. *Re.* 3:9.
23 *swear.* ch. 14:22, 23; 24:3; 26:28; 31:44, 53. *De.* 6:13. *Jos.* 2:12. 1 *Sa.* 20:13, 17, 42; 24:21, 22; 30:15. *Je.* 4:2. 2 *Co.* 1:23. *He.* 6:16. *that thou wilt not deal falsely with me.* *Heb.* if thou shalt lie unto me. *I have.* ch. 20:14.
24 ch. 14:13. *Ro.* 12:18. *He.* 6:16.
25 *reproved.* ch. 26:15-22; 29:8. *Ex.* 2:15-17. *Ju.* 1:15. *Pr.* 17:10; 25:9; 27:5. *Mat.* 18:15. *because.* Wells of water were of great consequence in those hot countries, especially where the flocks were numerous; because water was scarce, and digging to find it was attended with the expense of much time and labour. *servants.* ch. 13:7; 26:15-22. *Ex.* 2:16, 17.
26 *I wot.* 'Wot,' though used for the present, is the past tense of the almost obsolete word 'to wit,' from the Saxon *witan*, to know. ch. 13:7. 2 *Ki.* 5:20-24.
27 *took.* ch. 14:22, 23. *Pr.* 17:8; 18:16, 24; 21:14. *Is.* 32:8. *made.* ch. 26:28-31; 31:44. 1 *Sa.* 18:3. *Eze.* 17:13. *Ro.* 1:31. *Ga.* 3:15.

¹² But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³ And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Let me not look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

²² At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, “God is with you in all that you do. ²³ Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned.” ²⁴ And Abraham said, “I will swear.”

²⁵ When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech’s servants had seized, ²⁶ Abimelech said, “I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today.” ²⁷ So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant.

- 28 וַיִּצַב אַבְרָהָם אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כִּבְשֹׁת הַצֹּאן לְבִדְהָן:
- 29 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֶל־אַבְרָהָם מָה הִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת כִּבְשֹׁת הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר הִצַּבְתָּ לְבִדְנָה:
- 30 וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי אֶת־שִׁבְעַת כִּבְשֹׁת תִּקַּח מִיַּדִּי בַעֲבוּר תִּהְיֶה־לִּי לְעֵדָה כִּי תִפְרַתִּי אֶת־הַבָּאָר הַזֹּאת:
- 31 עַל־כֵּן קָרָא לַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא בָּאָר שִׁבְעַת כִּי שָׁם נִשְׁבָּעוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם:
- 32 וַיִּכְרְתוּ בְרִית בֵּין־בָּאָר שִׁבְעַת וַיָּקָם אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ וּפִיכַל שֶׁר־צָבָאוּ וַיָּשָׁבוּ אֶל־אֶרֶץ פְּלִשְׁתִּים:
- 33 וַיִּטַּע אֲשֶׁל בֵּין־בָּאָר שִׁבְעַת וַיִּקְרָא־שָׁם בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה אֵל עוֹלָם:
- 34 וַיִּגַּר אַבְרָהָם בְּאֶרֶץ פְּלִשְׁתִּים יָמִים רַבִּים:

29 ch. 33:8. Ex. 12:26. 1 Sa. 15:14.
 30 a witness. ch. 31:44-48, 52. Jos. 22:27, 28; 24:27.
 31 called. ch. 26:33. Beer-sheba. i.e. the well of the oath, or the well of the seven: alluding to the seven ewe lambs. The verb rendered 'to swear' is derived from the word translated seven. ver. 14; ch. 26:23. Jos. 15:28. Ju. 20:1. 2 Sa. 17:11. 1 Ki. 4:25.
 32 ver. 27; ch. 14:13; 31:53. 1 Sa. 18:3. the Philistines. ch. 10:14; 26:8, 14. Ex. 13:17. Ju. 13:1.
 33 grove. or, tree. Am. 8:14. The original word eshel, has been variously translated a grove, a plantation, an orchard, a cultivated field, and an oak; but it may denote a kind of tamarisk, as it is rendered by Geseenius, the same with the Arabic athl. Beer-sheba. De. 16:21. Ju. 3:7. called. ch. 4:26; 12:8; 26:23, 25, 33. on the name. Dr. Shuckford justly contends, that the expression rendered, 'he called on the name,' signifies 'he invoked in the name.' everlasting. De. 33:27. Ps. 90:2. Is. 40:28; 57:15. Je. 10:10. Ro. 1:20; 16:26. 1 Ti. 1:17. 34 ch. 20:1. 1 Ch. 29:15. Ps. 39:12. He. 11:9, 13. 1 Pe. 2:11.

22 וַיְהִי אַחֵר הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהָאֱלֹהִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:

CHAP. 22
 Abraham is tempted to offer Isaac, 1, 2. He gives proof of his faith and obedience, 3-10. The angel prevents him, 11, 12. Isaac is exchanged for a ram, 13. The place is called Jehovah-jireh, 14. Abraham is again blessed, 15-19. The generations of Nahor unto Rebekah, 20-24.
 1 A.M. 2132. B.C. 1872. Jos. Ant. God. Ex. 15:25, 26; 16:4. De. 8:2; 13:3. Ju. 2:22. 2 Sa. 24:1. 2 Ch. 32:31. Pr. 17:3. 1 Co. 10:13. He. 11:17. Ja. 1:12-14; 2:21. 1 Pe. 1:7. tempt. Or prove, or try, as tempt, from tento, originally signified. Behold, here I am. Heb. Behold me. ver. 7, 11. Ex. 3:4. Is. 6:8.
 2 Take. ch. 17:19; 21:12. Jno. 3:16. Ro. 5:8; 8:32. He. 11:17. 1 Jno. 4:9; 10. Moriah. 2 Ch. 3:1. and offer. Ju. 11:31, 39. 2 Ki. 3:27. Mi. 6:7.
 3 ch. 17:23; 21:14. Ps. 119:60. Ec. 9:10. Is. 26:3, 4. Mat. 10:37. Mar. 10:28-31. Lu. 14:26. Ga. 1:16. He. 11:8, 17-19.
 4 third. Ex. 5:3; 15:22; 19:11, 15. Le. 7:17. Nu. 10:33; 19:12, 19; 31:19. Jos. 1:11, 2 Ki. 20:5. Es. 5:1. Ho. 6:2. Mat. 17:23. Lu. 13:32. 1 Co. 15:4. saw. 1 Sa. 26:13.
 5 Abide. He. 12:1. come. He. 11:19.
 6 laid it. Is. 53:6. Mat. 8:17. Lu. 24:26, 27. Jno. 19:17. 1 Pe. 2:24.
 7 My father. Mat. 26:39, 42. Jno. 18:11. Ro. 8:15. Here am I. Heb. Behold me. ver. 1. but ch. 4:2-4; 8:20. lamb. or, kid. Ex. 12:3.
 8 ch. 18:14. 2 Ch. 25:9. Mat. 19:26. Jno. 1:29, 36. 1 Pe. 1:19, 20. Re. 5:6, 12; 7:14; 13:8.

- 2 וַיֹּאמֶר קַח־נָא אֶת־בְּנֶךְךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ אֲשֶׁר־אַהֲבָתָּ אֶת־יִצְחָק וְלֶךְ־לְךָ אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַמֹּרְיָה וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל אֶחָד הַהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֱלֹהִי:
- 3 וַיִּשְׁכַּם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיַּחְבֹּשׁ אֶת־חַמְרוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אִתּוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק בְּנֵוֹ וַיִּבְקַע עֶצִי עֹלָה וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר־לוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים:
- 4 בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי נִישָׂא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיִּרְא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם מֵרָחֵק:
- 5 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמוֹר וְאֲנִי וְהַנֶּעֱר גִּלְכָה עַד־פֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנִשְׁוָבָה אֵלֵיכֶם:
- 6 וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֶצִי הָעֹלָה וַיִּשָּׂם עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנֵוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדוֹ אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:
- 7 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים וְאַיִה הַשָּׂה לְעֹלָה:
- 8 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֲלֵהִים יְרָאֵה־לוֹ הַשָּׂה לְעֹלָה בְנִי וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

²⁸ Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock apart. ²⁹ And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart?" ³⁰ He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." ³¹ Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. ³² So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines. ³³ Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. ³⁴ And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

9 ויבאו אל־המקום אשר אמר־לו האֱלֹהִים ויבן שם אברהם
את־המזבֵּחַ ויעָרֶף את־העֵצִים ויעֲקֹד את־צַחֲק בְּנֹו וישֵׂם אֹתוֹ
עַל־הַמְּזִבֵּחַ מִמַּעַל לְעֵצִים:

10 וישַׁלַח אברהם את־ידו ויִקַּח אֶת־הַמְּאֻכָּלֶת לְשַׁחֵט אֶת־בְּנֹו:

11 ויקרא אליו מִלֶּאֶף יהוה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם ויאמר אברהם אברהם
ויאמר הֲגַנִּי:

12 ויאמר אל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל־הַנֶּעֱר ואל־תַּעֲשֵׂ לֹו מֵאוֹמָה כִּי עַתָּה
יִדְעֵתִי כִּי־יְרֵא אֱלֹהִים אִתָּה וְלֹא חֲשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יְחִידְךָ מִמִּנִּי:

13 וישָׂא אברהם את־עֵינָיו ויִרְא וְהִנֵּה־אֵיל אֶחָד נֹאֲחָז בְּסֹבֵב
בְּקַרְנָיו ויִלֶּף אברהם ויִקַּח אֶת־הָאֵיל ויעֲלֶהוּ לְעֵלָה תַּחַת בְּנֹו:

14 ויקרא אברהם שֵׁם־הַמְּקוֹם הַהוּא יהוה יִרְאָה אֲשֶׁר יֹאמַר הַיּוֹם
בְּהָר יהוה יִרְאָה:

15 ויקרא מִלֶּאֶף יהוה אֶל־אברהם שְׁנֵית מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם:

16 ויאמר בִּי נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי נְאֻם־יהוה כִּי יַעַן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ אֶת־הַדָּבָר
הַזֶּה וְלֹא חֲשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יְחִידְךָ:

17 כִּי־בָרַךְ אֶבְרָכָךָ וְהִרְבָּה אַרְבָּה אֶת־זַרְעֶךָ כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכַחֲזוֹל
אֲשֶׁר עַל־שְׁפַת הַיָּם וּיְרַשׁ זַרְעֶךָ אֶת שְׁעַר אֵיבֹו:

18 וְהִתְבָּרְכוּ בְּזַרְעֶךָ כָּל גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ עָקֵב אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקִלִּי:

19 וישָׁב אברהם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו ויקָמוּ ויִלְכוּ יַחְדָּו אֶל־בְּאֵר שָׁבַע וישָׁב
אברהם בְּבֵּאֵר שָׁבַע:

20 ויהי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה ויִגַּד לְאַבְרָהָם לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה יְלִדָה
מִלְּפָה גַם־הוּא בְּנִים לְנַחֲזָר אַחִיךָ:

21 אֶת־עֹוֶץ בְּכָרוֹ וְאֶת־בִּזוֹ אַחִיו וְאֶת־קְמוּאֵל אֲבִי אָרָם:

22 וְאֶת־כְּשָׁד וְאֶת־חֲזוֹ וְאֶת־פִּלְדֵּשׁ וְאֶת־יְדֵלְף וְאֶת בְּתוּאֵל:

23 וּבְתוּאֵל יָלַד אֶת־רַבְּקָה שְׁמִנָּה אֵלֶּה יְלִדָה מִלְּפָה לְנַחֲזָר אַחִי
אברהם:

24 וּפִילְגֶשׁוּ וּשְׁמָה רְאוּמָה וּמִלְדָּ גַם־הוּא אֶת־טֹבַח וְאֶת־גַּחֵם
וְאֶת־תַּחַשׁ וְאֶת־מַעֲכָה:

9 place. ver. 2-4. Mat. ch. 21; 26; 27. built. ch. 8:20. bound. Ps. 118:27. Is. 53:4-10. Mat. 27:2. Mar. 15:1. Jno. 10:17, 18. Ac. 8:32. Ga. 3:13. Ep. 5:2. Phi. 2:7, 8. He. 9:28. 1 Pe. 2:24.

10 Is. 53:6-12. He. 11:17-19. Ja. 2:21-23.

11 angel. ver. 12, 16; ch. 16:7, 9, 10; 21:17. Abraham. ver. 1. Ex. 3:4. 1 Sa. 3:10. Ac. 9:4; 26:14.

12 Lay. 1 Sa. 15:22. Job 5:19. Je. 19:5. Mi. 6:6-8. 1 Co. 10:13. 2 Co. 8:12. He. 11:19. now. ch. 20:11; 26:5; 42:18. Ex. 20:20. 1 Sa. 12:24, 25; 15:22. Ne. 5:15. Job 28:28. Ps. 1:6; 2:11; 25:12, 14; 111:10; 112:1; 147:11. Pr. 1:7. Ec. 8:12, 13; 12:13. Je. 32:40. Mal. 4:2. Mat. 5:16; 10:37, 38; 16:24; 19:29. Ac. 9:31. He. 12:28. Ja. 2:18, 21, 22. Re. 19:5. seeing. Jno. 3:16. Ro. 5:8; 8:32. 1 Jno. 4:9, 10.

13 behind. ver. 8. Ps. 40:6-8; 89:19, 20. Is. 30:21. 1 Co. 10:13. 2 Co. 1:9, 10. in the. 1 Co. 5:7, 8. 1 Pe. 1:19, 20.

14 called. ch. 16:13, 14; 28:19; 32:30. Ex. 17:15. Ju. 6:24. 1 Sa. 7:12. Eze. 48:35. Jehovahjireh. i. e. The Lord will see, or provide. ver. 8, 13. Ex. 17:15. In. De. 32:36. Ps. 22:4, 5. Da. 3:17, etc. Mi. 4:10. Jno. 1:14. 2 Co. 1:8-10. 1 Ti. 3:16. it shall be seen. 'In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The meaning is, that God, in the greatest difficulties, when all human assistance is vain, will make a suitable provision for the deliverance of those who trust in Him.

15 ver. 11.

16 ch. 12:2. Ps. 105:9. Is. 45:23. Je. 49:13; 51:14. Am. 6:8. Lu. 1:73. Ro. 4:13, 14. He. 6:13, 14.

17 in blessing. ch. 12:2; 27:28, 29; 28:3, 14, etc.; 49:25, 26. De. 28:2-13. Ep. 1:3. I will multiply. See on ch. 13:16; 15:5; 17:6; 26:4. De. 1:10. Je. 33:22. shore. Heb. lip. 1 Ki. 9:26. thy seed. ch. 24:60. Nu. 24:17-19. De. 21:19. Jos. ch. 1-10. 2 Sa. ch. 8; 10. Ps. 2:8, 9; 72:8, 9. Je. 32:22. Da. 2:44, 45. Mi. 1:9. Lu. 1:68-75. 1 Co. 15:57. Re. 11:15.

18 And in. See on ch. 12:3; 18:18; 26:4. Ps. 72:17. Ac. 3:25. Ro. 1:3. Ga. 3:8, 9, 16, 18, 28, 29. Ep. 1:3. obeyed. ver. 3, 10; ch. 26:5. 1 Sa. 2:30. Je. 7:23. He. ch. 11.

19 So Abraham. ver. 5. to Beer-sheba. ch. 21:31. Jos. 15:28. Ju. 20:1.

20 A.M. 2142. B.C. 1862. told. Pr. 25:25. Milcah. ch. 11:29; 24:15, 24. Nahor. ch. 11:26; 24:10, 24; 31:53.

21 Huz. Job 1:1. Uz. Buz. Job 32:2. Kemuel. Kemuel might have given name to the Kamilites, a people of Syria, mentioned by STRABO, to the west of the Euphrates. Aram. Syrians. ch. 24:10. Nu. 23:7. Ps. 60, title.

23 Bethuel. ch. 24:15, 24, 47; 25:20; 28:2, 5. Rebekah. ch. 24:51, 60, 67. Ro. 9:10. Rebecca.

24 concubine. ch. 16:3; 25:6. Pr. 15:25. Maachah. He may be the father of the Macetes, in Arabia Felix: there is a city called Maca towards the straits of Ormus.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

²⁰Now after these things it was told to Abraham, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ²²Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." ²³(Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ²⁴Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

The age and death of Sarah, 1, 2. The purchase of the field and cave of Machpelah, 3-18; where Sarah is buried, 19, 20.
 1 A.M. 2144, B.C. 1860. Sarah. It is worthy of remark, that Sarah is the only woman whose age, death, and burial are distinctly noted in the Sacred Writings. *an.* ch. 17:17.
 2 *Kirjath-arba.* ver. 19; ch. 13:18. Nu. 13:22. Jos. 10:39; 14:14, 15; 20:7. Ju. 1:10. 1 Sa. 20:31. 2 Sa. 2:11; 5:3, 5. 1 Ch. 6:57. *came.* For the convenience of feeding his numerous flocks, Abraham had several places of temporary residence; and it is likely, that while he sojourned at Beer-sheba, as we find he did from ver. 19 of the preceding chapter, Sarah died at Hebron, which was 24 miles distant. *mourn.* ch. 27:41; 50:10. Nu. 20:29. De. 34:8. 1 Sa. 28:3. 2 Sa. 1:12, 17. 2 Ch. 35:25. Je. 22:10, 18. Eze. 24:16-18. Jno. 11:31, 35. Ac. 8:2.
 3 *Heth.* ver. 5, 7; ch. 10:15; 25:10; 27:46; 49:30. 1 Sa. 26:6. 2 Sa. 23:39.
 4 *stranger.* ch. 17:8; 47:9. Le. 25:23. 1 Ch. 29:15. Ps. 39:12; 105:12, 13; 119:19. He. 11:9, 13-16. 1 Pe. 2:11. *buryingplace.* ch. 3:19; 49:30; 50:13. Job 30:23. Ec. 6:3; 12:5, 7. Ac. 7:5. *bury.* ver. 19.
 6 *my lord.* ch. 18:12; 24:18, 35; 31:35; 32:4, 5, 18; 42:10; 44:5, 8. Ex. 32:22. Ru. 2:13. *a mighty prince.* Heb. a prince of God. ch. 21:22. Is. 45:14. 1 Jno. 3:1, 2. *prince.* ch. 13:2; 14:14; 24:35.
 7 ch. 18:2; 19:1. Pr. 18:24. Ro. 12:17, 18. He. 12:14, 1 Pe. 3:8.
 8 *intreat.* 1 Ki. 2:17. Lu. 7:3, 4. He. 7:26. 1 Jno. 2:1, 2.
 9 *much money.* Heb. full money. Ro. 12:17; 13:8.
 10 *dwelt.* Or, *sitting* (as the word frequently denotes) among the children of Heth, at the gate of the city, where all public business was transacted. Ephron, though a chief man, might have been personally unknown to Abraham; but now he answers for himself, making a free tender of the field and cave to Abraham, in the presence of all the people, which amounted to a legal conveyance to the Patriarch. *audience.* Heb. ears. *all that.* ver. 18; ch. 34:20, 24. Ru. 4:1-4. Job 29:7. Is. 28:6. *his.* ch. 24:10. Mat. 9:1. Lu. 2:3, 4.
 11 *my lord.* ver. 6. 2 Sa. 24:20-24. 1 Ch. 21:22-24. Is. 32:8. *in the.* ver. 18. Nu. 35:30. De. 17:6; 19:15. Ru. 4:1, 4, 9, 11. Je. 32:7-12. Lu. 19:24.
 12 See ver. 7; ch. 18:2; 19:1.
 13 *I will.* ch. 14:22, 23. 2 Sa. 24:24. Ac. 20:35. Ro. 13:8. Phi. 4:5-8. Col. 4:5. He. 13:5.
 15 *is worth.* Though the words 'is worth' are not in the Text, yet they are clearly implied, to adapt the Hebrew to the English idiom. A shekel, according to the general opinion, was equal in value to about 2s. 6d. of our money; but, according to Dr. PRIDEAUX, 3s. English. In those early times, money was given in weight; for it is said, (ver. 16.) that 'Abraham WEIGHED,' wayishkal, the silver; and hence, we find that it was a certain weight which afterwards passed as a current coin; for the word *shekel* is not only used to denote a piece of silver, but also to weigh. *shekels.* Ex. 30:15. Eze. 45:12.
 16 *weighed.* ch. 43:21. Ezr. 8:25-30. Job 28:15. Je. 32:9. Zec. 11:12. Mat. 7:12. Ro. 13:8. Phi. 4:8. 1 Th. 4:6. *four.* ver. 15. Ex. 30:13. Eze. 45:12.

23 ויהיו חיי שרה מאה שנה ועשרים שנה ושבע שנים שני חיי

שרה:

2 ותמת שרה בקרית ארבע הוא חברון בארץ כנען ויבא אברהם לִסְפֹד לְשָׂרָה וּלְכַפְתָּהּ:

3 ויקם אברהם מעל פני מתו וינדבר אל־בני־חת לאמר:

4 גֵר־וְתוֹשֵׁב אֲנִי עִמָּכֶם תָּנוּ לִי אֲחֻזַּת־קֶבֶר עִמָּכֶם וְאֶקְבְּרָה מִתִּי מִלְפָּנַי:

5 ויענו בני־חת את־אברהם לאמר לו:

6 שְׁמַעְנוּ אֲדֹנָי נְשִׂיא אֱלֹהִים אַתָּה בְּתוֹכֵנוּ בְּמִבְחָר קִבְּרֵינוּ קֶבֶר אֲת־מֵתָךְ אִישׁ מִמֵּנוּ אֲת־קִבְּרוּ לֹא־יִכְלֶה מִמָּךְ מִקֶּבֶר מֵתָךְ:

7 ויקם אברהם וישתחו לעם־הארץ לבני־חת:

8 וינדבר אתם לאמר אם־יש אֲת־נַפְשָׁכֶם לִקְבֹר אֲת־מִתִּי מִלְפָּנַי שְׁמַעְוֵנִי וּפְגַעוּ־לִי בְעַפְרוֹן בֶּן־צֹחַר:

9 ויתן־לי אֲת־מַעֲרַת הַמְּכַפְלָה אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ אֲשֶׁר בִּקְצֵה שְׂדֵהוּ בְּכֶסֶף מְלֵא יִתְּנָה לִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם לְאֲחֻזַּת־קֶבֶר:

10 ויעפרון ישב בתוך בני־חת ויען עפרון החתי את־אברהם באזני בני־חת לְכָל בָּאֵי שְׁעַר־עִירוֹ לֵאמֹר:

11 לֹא־אֲדֹנָי שְׁמַעְנִי הַשְׂדֵה נְתַתִּי לָךְ וְהַמַּעֲרָה אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ לָךְ נְתַתִּיָּה לְעֵינֵי בְנֵי־עַמִּי נְתַתִּיָּה לָךְ קֶבֶר מֵתָךְ:

12 וישתחו אברהם לפני עם הארץ:

13 וינדבר אל־עפרון באזני עם־הארץ לאמר אף אם־אתה לו שְׁמַעְנִי נְתַתִּי כֶּסֶף הַשְׂדֵה קַח מִמֵּנִי וְאֶקְבְּרָה אֲת־מִתִּי שְׁמָה:

14 ויען עפרון את־אברהם לאמר לו:

15 אֲדֹנָי שְׁמַעְנִי אֲרִץ אַרְבַּע מֵאֹת שְׁקָל־כֶּסֶף בִּינִי וּבִינְךָ מֵה־הוּא וְאֲת־מֵתָךְ קֶבֶר:

16 וישמע אברהם אל־עפרון וישקל אברהם לעפרון את־הכסף אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר בְּאָזְנֵי בְנֵי־חַת אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת שְׁקָל כֶּסֶף עֹבֵר לַפַּחַר:

23 Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah.

²And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. ³And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, ⁴“I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.” ⁵The Hittites answered Abraham, ⁶“Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead.” ⁷Abraham rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land. ⁸And he said to them, “If you are willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me Ephron the son of Zohar, ⁹that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as property for a burying place.”

¹⁰Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, ¹¹“No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead.” ¹²Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. ¹³And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, “But if you will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there.” ¹⁴Ephron answered Abraham, ¹⁵“My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between you and me? Bury your dead.” ¹⁶Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.

17 וַיִּקַּם שָׂדֵה עֶפְרוֹן אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּכְפֶּלֶה אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי מִמְרָא הַשָּׂדֵה
וְהַמְעָרָה אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ וְכָל־הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר בְּכָל־גְּבֻלוֹ סָבִיב:
18 לְאַבְרָהָם לְמִקְנָה לְעֵינָי בְּנִי־חַת כָּל־כָּאִי שְׁעַר־עִירוֹ:
19 וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן קָבַר אַבְרָהָם אֶת־שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ אֶל־מְעַרַת שָׂדֵה
הַמִּכְפֶּלֶה עַל־פְּנֵי מִמְרָא הוּא חֶבְרוֹן בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:
20 וַיִּקַּם הַשָּׂדֵה וְהַמְעָרָה אֲשֶׁר־בוֹ לְאַבְרָהָם לְאַחֲזֹת־קָבַר מֵאֵת
בְּנֵי־חַת:
24 וְאַבְרָהָם זָקֵן בָּא בַּיָּמִים וַיְהוּהוּ בְּרַךְ אֶת־אַבְרָהָם כָּל־:
2 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־עֶבְדוֹ זָקֵן בֵּיתוֹ הַמְשַׁל בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ
שֵׁים־נָא יְדָךְ תַּסַּח יְרֻכִי:
3 וְאַשְׁבִּיעָךָ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְנֹאֲלֵהִי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִקַּח
אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִבְּנוֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּקִרְבּוֹ:
4 כִּי אֶל־אֶרֶץ־צִי וְאֶל־מוֹלְדֹתַי תִּלְךָ וְלִקְחָתָּ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי לִי־צֹחֵק:
5 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הֲעֶבֶד אוֹלִי לֹא־תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אַחֲרַי
אֶל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הֲהִשָּׁב אָשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנֵי אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יֵצְאֹת מִשָּׁם:
6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם הֲשָׁמַר לָךְ פְּוֹת־שִׁיב אֶת־בְּנֵי שְׁמָה:
7 יְהוּהוּ אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם אֲשֶׁר לִקְחָנִי מִבֵּית אָבִי וּמֵאֶרֶץ מוֹלְדֹתַי
וְאֲשֶׁר דָּבַר־לִי וְאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע־לִי לֵאמֹר לִזְרַעְךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
הוּא יִשְׁלַח מִלְּאָכּוֹ לִפְנֵיךָ וְלִקְחָתָּ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִשָּׁם:
8 וְאִם־לֹא תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אַחֲרַי וְנִקִּיתָ מִשְׁבַּעַתִּי זֹאת רַק
אֶת־בְּנֵי לֹא תִשָּׁב שְׁמָה:
9 וַיִּשָּׂם הֲעֶבֶד אֶת־יָדוֹ תַּסַּח יְרַךְ אַבְרָהָם אֲדֹנָיו וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ
עַל־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה:
10 וַיִּקַּח הֲעֶבֶד עֲשָׂרָה גַמְלִים מִגְּמְלֵי אֲדֹנָיו וַיִּלְךָ וְכָל־טוֹב אֲדֹנָיו
בְּיָדוֹ וַיִּקַּם וַיִּלְךָ אֶל־אַרְסֵי נְהָרִים אֶל־עִיר נַחֹר:
11 וַיִּבְרַךְ הַגַּמְלִים מִחוּץ לְעִיר אֶל־בְּאֵר הַמַּיִם לְעֵת עָרֵב לְעֵת צֹאת
הַשָּׁאֲבֹת:

17 the field. ver. 20; ch. 25:9; 49:30-32; 50:13. Ac. 7:16. made sure. ver. 20. Ru. 4:7-10. Ps. 112:5. Je. 32:7-14. Mat. 10:16. Ep. 5:15. Col. 4:5.
18 all. ch. 34:20. Ru. 4:1. Je. 32:12.
19 ch. 3:19; 25:9, 10; 35:27-29; 47:30; 49:29-32; 50:13, 25. Job 30:23. Ec. 6:3; 12:5, 7.
20 were. Ru. 4:7-10. 2 Sa. 24:24. Je. 32:10, 11. for a. ch. 25:9; 49:31, 32; 50:5, 13, 24, 25. 2 Ki. 21:18.

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2 eldest. ch. 15:2. 1 Ti. 5:17. ruled. ver. 10; ch. 39:4-6, 8, 9; 44:1. Put. ver. 9; ch. 47:29. 1 Ch. 29:24.
3 swear. ch. 21:23; 26:28-31; 31:44-53; 50:25. Ex. 20:7; 22:11; 23:13. Le. 19:12. Nu. 5:21. De. 6:13; 10:20. Jos. 2:12. 1 Sa. 20:17. Ne. 13:25. Is. 45:23; 48:1; 65:16. Je. 4:2; 12:16. Zep. 1:5. He. 6:16. the. ch. 14:22. 2 Ki. 19:15. 2 Ch. 2:12. Ne. 9:6. Ps. 115:15. Je. 10:11. that. ch. 6:2; 4; 26:34, 35; 27:46; 28:1, 2, 8. Ex. 34:16. De. 7:3, 4. 1 Co. 7:39. 2 Co. 6:14-17.
4 to my kindred. ch. 11:25, etc.; 12:1, 7; 22:20-23; 28:2. There does not appear in all this concern the least taint of worldly policy, or any of those motives which usually govern men in the settlement of their children. No mention is made of riches, or honours, or natural accomplishments, but merely of what related to God.—FULLER.
5 Peradventure. ver. 58. Ex. 20:7; 9:2. Pr. 13:16. Je. 4:2.
6 Ga. 5:1. He. 10:39; 11:9, 13-16. 2 Pe. 2:20-22.
7 Lord. Ezr. 1:2. Da. 2:44. Jon. 1:9. Re. 11:13. took. ch. 12:1-7. which spake. ch. 13:15; 15:18; 17:8; 22:16-18; 26:3, 4, 24. Ex. 13:5; 32:13. Nu. 14:16, 30; 32:11. De. 1:8; 34:4. Jos. 1:6. Ju. 2:1. Ac. 7:5. He. 11:9. angel. Ex. 23:20-23; 33:2. Ps. 32:8; 34:7; 73:24; 103:20. Pr. 3:5, 6. Is. 63:9. He. 1:14.
8 clear. Nu. 30:5, 8. Jos. 2:17-20; 9:20. Jno. 8:32. only. ver. 4, 5, 6. Ac. 7:2.
9 ver. 2.
10 for. or. and. all the. ver. 2; ch. 39:4-6, 8, 9, 22, 23. Mesopotamia. De. 23:4. Ju. 3:8-10. 1 Ch. 19:6. Ac. 2:9. city. ch. 11:31; 27:43; 29:1, 4, 5.
11 kneel. ch. 33:13, 14. Pr. 12:10. women go out to draw water. Heb. women which draw water go forth. ver. 13-20. Ex. 2:16. 1 Sa. 9:11. Jno. 4:7.

¹⁷ So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was made over ¹⁸ to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city. ¹⁹ After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. ²⁰ The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.

24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. ² And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, ³ that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” ⁵ The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” ⁶ Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. ⁷ The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” ⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. ¹¹ And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water.

12 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אַבְרָהָם הַקְּרָה־נָא לִפְנֵי הַיּוֹם
וַעֲשֵׂה־חֶסֶד עִם אֲדֹנָי אַבְרָהָם:

13 הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי נֹצֵב עַל־עֵין הַמַּיִם וּבָנוֹת אֲנֹשֵׁי הָעִיר יֵצְאוֹת לְשָׂאֵב
מַיִם:

14 וְהִנֵּה הַנְּעֹר אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֵלַיָּה הֵטִי־נָא כַדָּף וְאַשְׁתָּה וְאַמְרָה שְׂתָה
וְגַם־גַּמְלִיךָ אֲשֶׁקָּה אֶתָּה הַכַּחֲסָף לַעֲבָדְךָ לִיצְחָק וּבָה אֲדַע פִּי־עֲשִׂיתָ
חֶסֶד עִם־אֲדֹנָי:

15 וַיְהִי־הוּא טָרָם כִּלְה לְדַבֵּר וְהִנֵּה רַבָּקָה יֹצֵאת אֲשֶׁר יִלְדָּה
לְבַתְּוָאֵל בְּוַמְלֶכָה אֲשֶׁת נְחוֹר אַחֵי אַבְרָהָם וְכַדָּה עַל־שִׁכְמָה:

16 וְהַנְּעֹר טֹבַת מְרָאָה מְאֹד בְּתוֹלָה וְאִישׁ לֹא יִדְעָה וַתֵּרֶד הָעֵינָה
וַתִּמְלֵא כַדָּה וַתַּעַל:

17 וַיֵּרֶץ הָעֶבֶד לִקְרֹאתָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגַמְיָאִנִּי נָא מֵעַט־מַיִם מִכַּפְדָּךְ:

18 וַתֹּאמֶר שְׂתָה אֲדֹנָי וַתִּמְמַהַר וַתֵּרֶד כַּדָּה עַל־יָדָהּ וַתִּשְׁקָהּוּ:

19 וַתְּכַל לְהַשְׁקֹתוֹ וַתֹּאמֶר גַּם לְגַמְלִיךָ אֲשָׂאֵב עַד אִם־כָּלוּ לְשֵׁתָת:

20 וַתִּמְמַהַר וַתַּעַר כַּדָּה אֶל־הַשִּׁקָּת וַתֵּרֶץ עוֹד אֶל־הַבְּאֵר לְשָׂאֵב
וַתִּשְׂאֵב לְכָל־גַּמְלֵיוֹ:

21 וְהָאִישׁ מִשְׁתַּאֲהָ לָּהּ מִחֲרִישׁ לְדַעַת הַהֲצִלִּים יְהוָה דָּרְכּוֹ אִם־לֹא:

22 וַיְהִי כֹאֲשֶׁר כָּלוּ הַגַּמְלִים לְשֵׁתוֹת וַיִּקַּח הָאִישׁ גִּזְם זָהָב בְּקַע
מִשְׁקָלוֹ וּשְׁנֵי צְמִידִים עַל־יָדָיָה עֲשָׂרָה זָהָב מִשְׁקָלָם:

23 וַיֹּאמֶר בֶּת־מִי אַתָּה הַגִּידִי נָא לִי הֵיטֵב בֵּית־אָבִיךָ מְקוֹם לָנוּ לָלוֹן:

24 וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בֶּת־בְּתוֹאֵל אָנֹכִי בְּוַמְלֶכָה אֲשֶׁר יִלְדָּה לְנְחוֹר:

25 וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו גַּם־תִּבְנֶן גַּם־מִסְפּוֹא רַב עִמָּנוּ גַם־מְקוֹם לָלוֹן:

26 וַיִּקַּד הָאִישׁ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לַיהוָה:

27 וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עָזַב חֶסֶדּוֹ
וַאֲמָתוֹ מֵעַם אֲדֹנָי אָנֹכִי בְּדָרְךָ נָחֲנִי יְהוָה בֵּית אַחֵי אֲדֹנָי:

28 וַתֵּרֶץ הַנְּעֹר וַתִּגַּד לְבֵית אִמָּהּ כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה:

12 *O Lord*. ver. 27; ch. 15:1; 17:7, 8; 26:24; 28:13; 31:42; 32:9. Ex. 3:6, 15. 1 Ki. 18:36. 2 Ki. 2:14. Mat. 22:32. *I pray*. ch. 27:10; 43:14. Ne. 1:11; 2:4. Ps. 37:5; 90:16, 17; 118:25; 122:6; 127:1. Pr. 3:6. Phi. 4:6. 1 Th. 3:10, 11.

13 *I stand*. ver. 43. Ps. 37:5. Pr. 3:6. *daughters*. ver. 11; ch. 29:9, 10. Ex. 2:16. Ju. 5:11. 1 Sa. 9:11. Jno. 4:7.

14 *And let*. Ju. 6:17, 37. 1 Sa. 14:9. *she that*. ver. 44. Pr. 19:14. *thereby*. ch. 15:8. Ex. 4:1-9. Ju. 6:17, 37; 7:13-15; 18:5. 1 Sa. 6:7-9; 10:2-10; 14:8, 10; 20:7. 2 Sa. 5:24; 20:9. 2 Ki. 20:8-11. Is. 7:11. Ro. 1:10.

15 *before*. ver. 45. Ju. 6:36-40. Ps. 34:15; 65:2; 145:18, 19. Is. 58:9; 65:24. Da. 9:20-23. *Rebekah*. ver. 24; ch. 22:20-23. *Milcah*. ch. 11:27, 29; 22:23. *pitcher*. ch. 21:14; 29:9. Ex. 2:16. Ru. 2:2, 17. Pr. 31:27.

16 *fair to look upon*. *Heb.* good of countenance. ch. 26:7; 39:6. *known*. ch. 4:1. Nu. 31:17, 18. Ca. 5:2. *Let*. 1 Ki. 17:10. Jno. 4:7, 9. *water of*. ch. 26. Is. 21:14; 30:25; 35:6, 7; 41:17, 18; 49:10. *Pr*. 31:26. 1 Pe. 3:8; 4:8, 9. *ver*. 14, 45, 46. 1 Pe. 4:9.

21 *wondering at*. 2 Sa. 7:18-20. Ps. 34:1-6; 107:1, 8, 15, 43; 116:1-7. Lu. 2:19, 51. *to wit*. i.e. 'to know,' or 'to learn.' *the Lord*. ver. 12, 56.

22 *took*. ver. 30. Ex. 32:2, 3. Es. 5:1. Je. 2:32. 1 Ti. 2:9, 10. 1 Pe. 3:3, 8. *earning*. or, jewel for the forehead. Ex. 32:2, 3. Is. 3:19-23. Eze. 16:11, 12. From the word being in the singular number, it is not likely to have been an ear-ring, or a 'jewel for the forehead,' but 'a jewel for the nose, a nose-ring,' which is in use throughout Arabia and Persia, particularly among young women. It is very properly translated *εμππιβον*, 'an ornament for the nose,' by SYMMACHUS; and Sir JOHN CHARDIN informs us, that 'it is a custom in almost all the East, for the women to wear rings in their noses, in the left nostril, which is bored low down in the middle. These rings are of gold, and have commonly two pearls and one ruby between, placed in the ring. I never saw a girl or young woman in Arabia or in all Persia, who did not wear a ring after this manner in her nostril.' *of half*. ch. 23:15, 16. *bracelets*. The word rendered 'bracelet,' from a root which signifies 'to join or couple together,' may imply whatever may clasp round the arms and legs; for rings and ornaments are worn round both by females in India and Persia. The small part of the leg, and the whole arm, from the shoulder to the wrist, are generally decorated in this way. As these were given Rebekah for 'her hands,' it sufficiently distinguishes them from similar ornaments for the ankles.

24 ver. 15; ch. 11:29; 22:20, 23.

25 ch. 18:4-8. Ju. 19:19-21. Is. 32:8. 1 Pe. 4:9.

26 ver. 48, 52; ch. 22:5. Ex. 4:31; 12:27; 34:8. 1 Ch. 29:20. 2 Ch. 20:18; 29:30. Ne. 8:6. Ps. 22:29; 66:4; 72:9; 95:6. Mi. 6:6. Phi. 2:10.

27 *Blessed*. ver. 12; ch. 9:26; 14:20. Ex. 18:10. Ru. 4:14. 1 Sa. 25:32, 39. 2 Sa. 18:28. 1 Ch. 29:10-13. Ps. 68:19; 72:18, 19. Lu. 1:68. Ep. 1:3. 1 Ti. 1:17. *of his*. ch. 32:10. Ps. 98:3; 100:5. Mi. 7:20. Jno. 1:17. *the Lord*. ver. 48. Pr. 3:6; 4:11-13; 8:20. *of my*. ver. 4; ch. 13:8. Ex. 2:11, 13.

28 *of*. ver. 48, 55, 67; ch. 31:33. *her mother's*. Some have conjectured from this, that her father Bethuel was dead; and the person called Bethuel, (ver. 50.) was a younger brother. This is possible; but as Dr. A. CLARKE remarks, the mother's house might be mentioned were even the father alive; for in Asiatic countries, the women have apartments entirely separate from those of the men, in which their little children and grown-up daughters reside with them. This was probably the case here; though, from the whole narrative, it is very probable that Bethuel was dead, as the whole business appears to be conducted by Rebekah's brothers.

¹² And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.

¹³ Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴ Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶ The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. ¹⁷ Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water to drink from your jar.” ¹⁸ She said, “Drink, my lord.” And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. ¹⁹ When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” ²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. ²¹ The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, ²³ and said, “Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” ²⁴ She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” ²⁵ She added, “We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night.” ²⁶ The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD ²⁷ and said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of my master’s kinsmen.” ²⁸ Then the young woman ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

29 וילרְבָקָה אַח וּשְׁמוֹ לָבֶן וַיִּרְץ לָבֶן אֶל־הָאִישׁ הַחוּצָה אֶל־הָעֵין:

30 וַיְהִי כִּרְאֹת אֶת־הַנָּזֶם וְאֶת־הַצָּמִדִּים עַל־יָדָיו אַחְתּוֹ וּכְשָׁמְעוֹ
אֶת־דְּבָרֵי רְבָקָה אַחְתּוֹ לֵאמֹר כֹּה־דָבַר אֵלַי הָאִישׁ וַיָּבֵא אֶל־הָאִישׁ
וַהֲנִה עֹמֵד עַל־הַגְּמָלִים עַל־הָעֵין:

31 וַיֹּאמֶר בּוֹא בְרוּךְ יְהוָה לָמָּה תַעֲמִד בַּחוּץ וְאַנְכִי פָנִיתִי הַבַּיִת
וּמְקוֹם לְגַמְלִים:

32 וַיָּבֵא הָאִישׁ הַבֵּיתָה וַיִּפְתַּח הַגְּמָלִים וַיִּתֵּן תָּבֶן וּמִסְפּוֹא לְגַמְלִים
וּמִים לְרוּחַ רְגָלָיו וּרְגְלֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ:

33 וַיִּישָׂם^פ לְפָנָיו לְאַכֹּל וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲכַל עַד אִם־דִּבַּרְתִּי דְבָרֵי
וַיֹּאמֶר דְּבַר:

34 וַיֹּאמֶר עֲבֹד אֲבָרְהָם אָנֹכִי:

35 וַיְהוּהוּ בְרוּךְ אֶת־אֲדֹנָי מָאֵד וַיִּגְדַּל וַיִּתְּנוּ־לוֹ צֹאן וּבָקָר וְכֹסֶף וְזָהָב
וְעֲבָדִם וּשְׁפָחוֹת וּגְמָלִים וְחֲמָרִים:

36 וַתִּלְדְּ שָׂרָה אִשְׁתׁ אֲדֹנָי בֶּן לֵאדֹנָי אַחֲרַי זִקְנָתָה וַיִּתְּנוּ־לוֹ
אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ:

37 וַיִּשְׁבַּעֲנִי אֲדֹנָי לֵאמֹר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִבְּנוֹת הַפְּנִיעֵנִי אֲשֶׁר
אָנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּאַרְצוֹ:

38 אִם־לֹא אֶל־בֵּית־אָבִי תִלְדֶּה וְאֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתִּי וְלִקְחַתְּ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי:

39 וַאֲמַר אֶל־אֲדֹנָי אֵלַי לֹא־תִלְדֶּה הָאִשָּׁה אַחֲרָי:

40 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־הִתְהַלַּכְתִּי לְפָנָיו יִשְׁלַח מַלְאָכּוֹ אִתּוֹ
וַהֲצִלִּים דַּרְכּוֹ וְלִקְחַתְּ אִשָּׁה לְבָנִי מִמִּשְׁפַּחְתִּי וּמִבֵּית אָבִי:

41 אַז תִּנָּקֶה מְאֹלְתִי כִּי תָבוֹא אֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתִּי וְאִם־לֹא יִתְּנוּ לָךְ וְהֵייתְ
נְקִי מְאֹלְתִי:

42 וְאַבְא הַיּוֹם אֶל־הָעֵין וְאֹמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אֲבָרְהָם
אִם־יִשְׁפָּטֵנִי מִצָּלִים דַּרְכֵי אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי הִלַּךְ עָלָיָה:

43 הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי נֹצֵב עַל־עֵין הַמַּיִם וְהִנֵּה הַעֲלָמָה הִיִּצְאָת לִשְׂאֵב
וְאִמְרַתִּי אֵלָיָה הִשְׁקִינִי־נָא מִעֵט־מַיִם מִכַּדָּה:

44 וְאִמְרָה אֵלַי גַּם־אִתָּה שָׂמָה וְגַם לְגַמְלֵיךָ אֲשָׁאֵב הוּא הָאִשָּׁה
אֲשֶׁר־הִכִּים יְהוָה לְבֶן־אֲדֹנָי:

29 ver. 55, 60; ch. 29:5.
31 thou. ch. 26:29. Ju. 17:2. Ru. 3:10. Ps. 115:15. Pr. 17:8; 18:16. for I. ver. 25.
32 he ungirded. i.e. Laban ungirded. straw. Straw, by the eastern mode of threshing, was cut or shattered, and reduced to a kind of chaff. With this, sometimes mixed with a little barley, the eastern people still feed their labouring beasts, as they anciently did. wash. ch. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24. Ju. 19:21. 1 Sa. 25:41. Lu. 7:44. Jno. 3:4-14. 1 Ti. 5:10.
33 Job 23:12. Ps. 132:3-5. Pr. 22:29. Ec. 9:10. Jno. 4:14, 31-34. Ep. 6:5-8. 1 Ti. 6:2.
34 ver. 2.
35 the Lord. ver. 1; ch. 12:2; 13:2; 25:11; 26:12; 49:25. Ps. 18:35; 112:3. Pr. 10:22; 22:4. 1 Ti. 4:8. flocks. ch. 12:16; 13:2; 26:13, 14. Job 1:3; 42:10-12. Ps. 107:38. Mat. 6:33.
36 Sarah. ch. 11:29, 30; 17:15-19; 18:10-14; 21:1-7. Ro. 4:19. unto. ch. 21:10; 25:5.
37 And my. ver. 2-9; ch. 6:2; 27:46. Ezr. 9:1-3. Canaanites. The Canaanites were infected with gross idolatry; and consequently, not proper persons with whom to form so intimate a connexion; especially as Jehovah had shewn Abraham that they were filling up the measure of their iniquity, and were doomed to destruction.
38 But. ver. 4; ch. 12:1. my father's. i.e. where the family of Haran his brother had settled; and where he himself had remained some time with his father Terah. Nahor did not dwell at Ur of the Chaldees, but at Haran in Mesopotamia. The true worship of God seems to have been in some measure preserved pure in this family, though afterwards corrupted. See ch. 31:19.
39 ver. 5. Peradventure. We may see, says CALMET, by this and other passages of Scripture, (Jos. 9:18.) what the sentiments of the ancients were relative to an oath. They believed that they were bound precisely by what was spoken, and had no liberty to interpret the intentions of those by whom the oath was made.
40 And he. ver. 7. before. ch. 5:22, 24; 6:9; 17:1; 48:15. 1 Ki. 2:3; 8:23. 2 Ki. 20:3. Ps. 16:8. will. ver. 7. Ex. 23:20; 33:2. Ps. 1:3; 91:11. Da. 3:28. He. 1:14. Re. 22:8, 16.
41 ver. 8. De. 29:12.
42 O Lord. ver. 12-14. Ac. 10:7, 8, 22. prosper. ver. 12, 31; ch. 39:3. Ezr. 8:21. Ne. 1:11. Ps. 37:5; 90:17. Ro. 1:10.
43 ver. 13, 14.
44 Both. Is. 32:8. 1 Ti. 2:10. He. 13:2. 1 Pe. 3:8. the woman. ver. 14; ch. 2:22. Pr. 16:33; 18:22; 19:14. appointed. Those events, which appear to us the effect of choice, contrivance, or chance, are matters of appointment with God; and the persuasion of this does not prevent, but rather encourage, the use of all proper means; at the same time that it confines us to proper means, and delivers the mind from useless anxiety about consequences.

²⁹Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. ³⁰As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "Thus the man spoke to me," he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. ³¹He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels." ³²So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." He said, "Speak on."

³⁴So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.' ³⁹I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' ⁴⁰But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house. ⁴¹Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

⁴²"I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45 אָנִי טָרַם אֶכְלָה לְדַבֵּר אֶל־לִבִּי וְהִגַּה רַבְּקָה יֵצֵאת וְכַדָּה
עַל־שִׁכְמָהּ וּתְרַד הָעֵינָהּ וּתִשָּׂאבּ וְאָמַר אֵלֶיהָ הִשְׁקִינִי נָא:

46 וּתְמַהֵר וּתְוֹרַד כַּדָּה מֵעֵלֶיהָ וּתֹאמֶר שְׂתֵה וְגַם־גְּמִלִיף אִשְׁקָה
וְאִשְׁתֵּי וְגַם הַגְּמִלִים הִשְׁקָתָהּ:

47 וְאִשְׂאֵל אֹתָהּ וְאָמַר בְּתַמִּי אֵת וּתֹאמֶר בְּתַבְּתוֹאֵל בְּוַנְחֹר
אִשָּׁר יִלְדָה־לוֹ מִלְכָּה וְאִשָּׁם הַנְּזָם עַל־אֶפֶס וְהַצְּמִידִים עַל־יַדֶּיהָ:

48 וְאֶקַּד וְאִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לַיהוָה וְאֶבְרַךְ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אֲבָרְקֶם
אִשָּׁר הִנְחֵנִי בְּדַרְךְ אֲמַת לְקַסַּת אֶת־בַּת־אָחִי אֲדֹנָי לְבָנוּ:

49 וְעַתָּה אִם־יִשְׁכֶּם עֲשִׂים חֶסֶד וְאֲמַת אֶת־אֲדֹנָי הַגִּידוּ לִי וְאִם־לֹא
הַגִּידוּ לִי וְאֶפְנֶה עַל־יָמִין אוֹ עַל־שְׂמֹאל:

50 וַיַּעַן לָכֵן וּבְתוֹאֵל וַיֹּאמְרוּ מִיְהוָה יֵצֵא הַדְּבָר לֹא נוֹכַל דַּבֵּר אֵלֶיהָ
רַע אוֹ־טוֹב:

51 הִנֵּה־רַבְּקָה לְפָנֶיהָ קַח וְלֶף וְתֵהִי אִשָּׁה לְבֶן־אֲדֹנֶיהָ כַּאֲשֶׁר דַּבֵּר
יְהוָה:

52 וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר שָׁמַע עֶבֶד אֲבָרְקֶם אֶת־דְּבָרֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַרְצָה
לַיהוָה:

53 וַיּוֹצֵא הָעֶבֶד כְּלֵי־כֶסֶף וְכָלִי זָהָב וּבְגָדִים וַיִּתֵּן לְרַבְּקָה וּמַגְדָּנַת
נָתַן לְאַחִיהָ וּלְאִמָּהּ:

54 וַיֵּאכְלוּ וַיִּשְׂתּוּ הוּא וְהָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־עִמּוֹ וַיְלִינוּ וַיִּקְוּמוּ בַּבֶּקֶר
וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלַחְנִי לְאֲדֹנָי:

55 וַיֹּאמֶר אַחִיהָ וְאִמָּהּ תִּשָּׁב הַנְּעַר אֲתָנוּ יָמִים אוֹ עֲשׂוֹר אַחַר תִּלְדֶּךָ:

56 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אֶל־תִּמְאַחְרוּ אֹתִי וַיְהוּהוּ הַצְּלִיחַ דַּרְכֵי שְׁלַחוֹנִי
וְאֶלְכָה לְאֲדֹנָי:

57 וַיֹּאמְרוּ נִקְרָא לְנַעַר וּנְשֹׂאֵלָה אֶת־פִּיהָ:

58 וַיִּקְרָאוּ לְרַבְּקָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶיהָ הַתְּלַכִּי עִם־הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה וּתֹאמֶר
אֵלָי:

59 וַיִּשְׁלַחוּ אֶת־רַבְּקָה אַחֲתָם וְאֶת־מַנְקַתָּהּ וְאֶת־עֶבֶד אֲבָרְקֶם
וְאֶת־אֲנָשָׁיו:

45 *before*. ver. 15–20. Is. 58:9; 65:24. Da. 9:19, 23. Ac. 4:24–33; 10:30; 12:12–17. Mat. 7:7. *speaking*. 1 Sa. 1:13–15. 2 Sa. 7:27. Ne. 2:4. Ro. 8:26.

47 *I put*. ver. 22, 53. Ps. 45:9, 13, 14. Is. 62:3–5. Eze. 16:10–13. Ep. 5:26, 27.

48 *bowed*. ver. 26, 27, 52. *led me*. ver. 27; ch. 22:23. Ex. 18:20. Ezr. 8:21. Ps. 32:8; 48:14; 107:7. Pr. 3:5, 6; 4:11. Is. 48:17.

49 *now if*. ch. 47:29. Jos. 2:14. *deal kindly and truly*. Heb. do mercy and truth. ch. 32:10. Pr. 3:3. *that I*. Nu. 20:17. De. 2:27.

50 *Laban*. These seem both to be brothers, of whom Laban was the eldest and chief: the opinion of JOSEPHUS appears to be very correct, that Bethuel, the father, had been dead some time. See ver. 15, 28, 53, 55, 60. *The thing*. Ps. 118:23. Mat. 21:42. Mar. 12:11. we. ch. 31:24, 29. 2 Sa. 13:22. Ac. 11:17.

51 *Rebekah*. ch. 20:15. *hath*. ver. 15. 2 Sa. 16:10.

52 *worshipped*. ver. 26, 48, 1 Ch. 29:20. 2 Ch. 20:18. Ps. 34:1, 2; 95:6; 107:21, 22; 116:1, 2. Mat. 2:11. Ac. 10:25, 26.

53 *jewels*. Heb. vessels. The original word denotes vessels, utensils, instruments, furniture, or dress; and these presented by Abraham's servant might have been of various kinds. Ex. 3:22; 11:2; 12:35. *brother*. No mention is made of her father, *precious*. This term, rendered 'precious things,' as may be seen in the parallel texts, is used to express exquisite fruits or delicacies, and precious plants or flowers; but here it may mean gifts in general, though rather of an inferior kind to those mentioned above. De. 33:13–16. 2 Ch. 21:3. Ezr. 1:6. Ca. 4:13. Is. 39:2.

54 *Send me*. ver. 56, 59; ch. 28:5, 6; 45:24. 2 Sa. 18:19, 27, 28. Pr. 22:29. Ec. 7:10. Lu. 8:38, 39.

55 *a few days*. or, a full year, or ten months. ch. 4:3. Le. 25:29. Ju. 14:8.

56 *Hinder*. ch. 45:9–13. Pr. 25:25. *prospered*. Jos. 1:8. Is. 48:15.

58 Ps. 45:10, 11. Lu. 1:38.

59 *their*. ver. 50, 53, 60. *nurse*. ch. 35:8. Nu. 11:12. 1 Th. 2:5.

⁴⁵ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹ Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.”

⁵² When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” ⁵⁶ But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷ They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham’s servant and his men.

- 60 וַיִּבְרְכוּ אֶת־רֵבְקָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהּ אַחֲתַנּוּ אֶת־הַיָּ לְאַלְפֵי רֵבְבָה וַיִּירֶשׁ זֶרְעָךָ אֶת־שְׂנָאָיו:
- 61 וּמָקָם רֵבְקָה וְנִצְרָתִיָּה וּתְרַפְבְּנָה עַל־הַגְּמָלִים וּתְלַכְנָה אַחֲרַי הָאִישׁ וַיִּקַּח הָעֶבֶד אֶת־רֵבְקָה וַיִּלְךְ:
- 62 וַיִּצְחַק בָּא מִבּוֹא בָּאָר לַחֵי רָאִי וְהוּא יוֹשֵׁב בְּאֶרֶץ הַגְּגָב:
- 63 וַיֵּצֵא יִצְחָק לְשׁוֹם בְּשָׂדֵה לְפָנוֹת עָרֵב וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו וַיִּרְא וְהִנֵּה גְמָלִים בָּאִים:
- 64 וּתְשָׂא רֵבְקָה אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ וַתִּרְא אֶת־יִצְחָק וַתִּפֹּל מֵעַל הַגְּמָל:
- 65 וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־הָעֶבֶד מִי־הָאִישׁ הַלֵּזָה הַהֵלֶךְ בְּשָׂדֵה לְקִרְאָתָנוּ וַיֹּאמֶר הָעֶבֶד הוּא אֲדֹנָי וַתִּשַׁח הַצְּעִיף וַתִּתְּכַס:
- 66 וַיִּסְפֹּר הָעֶבֶד לְיִצְחָק אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:
- 67 וַיִּבְאֶה יִצְחָק הָאֵהָלָה שָׂרָה אִמּוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־רֵבְקָה וַתְּהִי־לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּאָּהֲבֶהָ וַיִּנָּחֵם יִצְחָק אַחֲרַי אִמּוֹ:

25 וַיִּסֹּף אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה וַשְׁמָה קְטוּרָה:

- 2 וַתֵּלֶד לוֹ אֶת־זִמְרֹן וְאֶת־יִקְשָׁן וְאֶת־מִדְּוִן וְאֶת־מִדְּוִן וְאֶת־יִשְׁבָּק וְאֶת־שׁוֹחַ:
- 3 וַיִּקְשָׁן יָלַד אֶת־שָׂבָא וְאֶת־דָּדָן וַיִּבְנֶי דָּדָן הָיוּ אַשּׁוּרִים וּלְטוּשִׁים וּלְאַמִּים:
- 4 וַיִּבְנֶי מִדְּוִן עֵיפָה וְעַפְרָה וְחִזְוִן וְאַבְדִּיעַ וְאַלְדֵּעָה כָּל־אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי קְטוּרָה:
- 5 וַיִּתֵּן אַבְרָהָם אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ לְיִצְחָק:
- 6 וּלְבָנָי הַפִּילִגְשִׁים אֲשֶׁר לְאַבְרָהָם נָתַן אַבְרָהָם מִתְּנַת וַיִּשְׁלַחֵם מֵעַל יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ בְּעוֹדָנּוּ חַי קְדָמָה אֶל־אֶרֶץ קְדָם:

60 they. ch. 1:28; 9:1; 14:19; 17:16; 28:3; 48:15, 16, 20. Ru. 4:11, 12. *be thou the mother. or, 'be thou for thousands of myriads; 'a large family being always considered, in ancient times, as a proof of the peculiar blessing and favour of God. thousands. Da. 7:10. thy seed. See on ch. 22:17. Le. 25:46. De. 21:19.*
 61 they rode. ch. 31:34. 1 Sa. 30:17. Es. 8:10, 14. followed. ch. 2:24. Ps. 45:10.
 62 Lahai-roi. ch. 16:14; 25:11. south. ch. 12:9.
 63 to meditate. or, to pray. They who acknowledge God in all their ways, will find him present to direct their paths, and make their way prosperous; and when the prayer of faith meets with an immediate answer, the glory ought as speedily to be rendered to God in solemn praise and thanksgiving. Jos. 1:8. Ps. 1:2; 77:11, 12; 104:34; 119:15; 139:17, 18; 143:5, 6.
 64 lighted. Jos. 15:18. Ju. 1:14.
 65 a veil. ch. 20:16. 1 Co. 11:5, 6, 10. 1 Ti. 2:9.
 66 Mar. 6:30.
 67 his mother. ch. 18:6, 9, 10. Ca. 8:2. Is. 54:1-5. Sarah's tent. Sarah being dead, her tent, which, according to the custom of the east, was distinct from that of Abraham, became now appropriated to the use of Rebekah. and took. ch. 2:22-24. 2 Co. 11:1, 2. Ep. 5:22-33. comforted. ch. 37:35; 38:12. 1 Th. 4:13, 15.

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 2 A.M. cir. 2152. B.C. cir. 1852. she bare. 1 Ch. 1:32, 33. Je. 25:25. Zimri. Midian. ch. 36:35; 37:28, 36. Ex. 2:15, 16; 18:1-4. Nu. 22:4; 25:17, 18; 31:2, 8. Ju. ch. 6-8. Shuah. Job 2:11.
 3 A.M. cir. 2180. B.C. cir. 1824. Sheba. 1 Ki. 10:1. Job 6:19. Ps. 72:10. Dedan. Je. 25:23; 49:8. Eze. 25:13; 27:20. Asshurim. 2 Sa. 2:9. Eze. 27:6.
 4 A.M. cir. 2200. B.C. cir. 1804. Ephah. Is. 60:6.
 5 A.M. cir. 2175. B.C. cir. 1829. ch. 21:10-12; 24:36. Ps. 68:18. Mat. 11:27; 28:18. Jno. 3:35; 17:2. Ro. 8:17, 32; 9:7-9. 1 Co. 3:21-23. Ga. 3:29; 4:28. Col. 1:19. He. 1:2. Isaac typified the Son of God, 'whom HE hath appointed Heir of all things.'
 6 concubines. ver. 1; ch. 16:3; 30:4, 9; 32:22; 35:22. Ju. 19:1, 2, 4. gifts. Ps. 17:14, 15. Mat. 5:45. Lu. 11:11-13. Ac. 14:17. sent. ch. 21:14. east country. Arabia Deserta, which was eastward of Beer-sheba, where Abraham dwelt. Ju. 6:3. Job. 1:1, 3.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you become

thousands of ten thousands,

and may your offspring possess

the gate of those who hate him!”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

25 Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ² She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵ Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶ But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

7 וְאֵלֶּה יְמֵי שְׁנֵי־חַיֵּי אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר־חַי מֵאֵת שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה וְחָמֵשׁ שָׁנִים:

8 וַיִּגְוַע וַיָּמָת אַבְרָהָם בְּשִׁיבָה טוֹבָה זָקֵן וְשִׁבְעַת וַיֵּאֱסֹף אֶל־עַמּוּיוֹ:

9 וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ יִצְחָק וַיִּשְׁמַעְאֵל בְּנָיו אֶל־מַעְרַת הַמְּכַפְלָה אֶל־שְׂדֵה עֶפְרָן בֶּן־צֹחַר הַחֲתִי אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי מִמְרָא:

10 הַשְּׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר־קָנָה אַבְרָהָם מֵאֵת בְּנֵי־חֵת שָׁמָּה קָבַר אַבְרָהָם וְשָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:

11 וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי מוֹת אַבְרָהָם וַיִּבְרָךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּשָּׁב יִצְחָק עִם־בְּאֵר לַחֵי רְאִי:

12 וְאֵלֶּה תְּלֹדֹת יִשְׁמַעְאֵל בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה הָגָר הַמִּצְרַיִת שִׁפְחַת שָׂרָה לְאַבְרָהָם:

13 וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׁמַעְאֵל בְּשִׁמְתָם לְתוֹלְדוֹתָם בְּכֹר יִשְׁמַעְאֵל נְבִיֹת וְקָדָר וְאַדְבָּאֵל וּמְבַשֵּׁם:

14 וּמִשְׁמַע וְדוּמָה וּמִשָּׂא:

15 חֲדָד וְתִימָא יְטוּר נְפִישׁ וְקֹדְמָה:

16 אֵלֶּה הֵם בְּנֵי יִשְׁמַעְאֵל וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמֹתָם בְּחִצְצֵיָהֶם וּבְסִירְתָם שְׁנַיִם־עָשָׂר נְשִׂאִים לְאַמְתָּם:

17 וְאֵלֶּה שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי יִשְׁמַעְאֵל מֵאֵת שָׁנָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים וַיִּגְוַע וַיָּמָת וַיֵּאֱסֹף אֶל־עַמּוּיוֹ:

18 וַיִּשְׁכְּנוּ מִחוּיְלָה עַד־שׁוּר אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶזְכָּה אִשׁוּרָה עַל־פְּנֵי כְּל־אֲחִיו נָפֹל:

19 וְאֵלֶּה תוֹלְדֹת יִצְחָק בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם אַבְרָהָם הוֹלִיד אֶת־יִצְחָק:

20 וַיְהִי יִצְחָק בֶּן־אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בְּקַחְתּוֹ אֶת־רִבְקָה בַּת־בְּתוּאֵל הָאֲרָמִי מִפְּדַן אָרָם אִחֹת לְבֵן הָאֲרָמִי לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה:

21 וַיַּעֲמֵר יִצְחָק לַיהוָה לִנְכַח אִשְׁתּוֹ פִּי עֲקָרָה הוּא וַיַּעֲמֵר לוֹ יְהוָה וַתֵּהָרֶגֶת רִבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:

22 וַיִּתְרַצְּצוּ הַבָּנִים בְּקִרְבָּהּ וַתֹּאמֶר אֵם־בֶּן לְמָה זֶה אֲנֹכִי וַתִּלְדָּה לְקָרֶשׁ אֶת־יְהוָה:

23 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לָהּ שְׁנֵי גִיִּים^p בְּבִטְנָהּ וּשְׁנֵי לְאֻמִּים מִמֶּעֶיף יִפְרְדּוּ וּלְאֵם מִלְּאָם יֶאֱמָץ וְרַב יַעֲבֹד צַעִיר:

7 A.M. 2183. B.C. 1821. ch. 12:4.
 8 gave. ver. 17; ch. 35:18; 49:33. Ac. 5:5, 10; 12:23. good. ch. 15:15; 35:28, 29; 47:8, 9; 49:29. Ju. 8:32. 1 Ch. 29:28. Job 5:26; 42:17. Pr. 20:29. Je. 6:11. gathered. ver. 7; ch. 35:29; 49:33. Nu. 20:24; 27:13. Ju. 2:10. Ac. 13:36.
 9 Isacc. ch. 21:9, 10; 35:29. in the cave. ch. 23:9–20; 49:29, 30; 50:13.
 10 The field. ch. 23:16. there. ch. 49:31.
 11 after. ch. 12:2; 17:19; 22:17; 50:24. Lahai-roi. ch. 16:14; 24:62.
 12 ch. 16:10–15; 17:20; 21:13. Ps. 83:6.
 13 the names. 1 Ch. 1:29–31. Nebajoth. From Nebajoth sprang the Nabatheans, who inhabited Arabia Petraea; from Kedar, the Cedreans, who dwelt near the Nabatheans; and from Jetur, the Itureans, who inhabited a small tract of country east of Jordan, which afterwards belonged to Manasseh. ch. 36:3. Is. 60:7. Kedar. Ps. 120:5. Ca. 1:5. Is. 21:16, 17; 42:11.
 14 Dumah. Is. 21:11, 16.
 15 Hadar. or. Hadad. More than 300 MSS. and printed editions read *Hadad*, as in 1 Ch. 1:30. Tema. 1 Ch. 5:19. Job 2:11. Naphish. These are evidently the same people mentioned in 1 Ch. 5:19, who, with the Itureans, assisted the Hagarines against the Israelites, but were overcome by the two tribes of Reuben and Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.
 16 castles. The word *tiroth*, rendered 'castles,' is supposed by some to denote here 'towers,' fortified rocks, or mountain-tops, and fastnesses of various kinds in woods and hilly countries; but it rather means, 'shepherds' cots,' surrounded by sufficient enclosures to prevent the cattle from straying, as the cognate Syriac word *teyaro*, and Arabic *tawar*, signify 'a sheep fold.' twelve. ch. 17:20, 23.
 17 A.M. 2231. B.C. 1773. these are. ver. 7, 8 gathered. ch. 15:15.
 18 Havilah. ch. 2:11; 10:7, 29; 20:1; 21:14, 21. as thou. ch. 13:10. toward. 2 Ki. 23:29. Is. 19:23, 24. died. Heb. fell. ch. 14:10. Ps. 78:64. in the. ch. 16:12.
 19 A.M. 2108. B.C. 1896. Abraham. 1 Ch. 1:32. Mat. 1:2. Lu. 3:34. Ac. 7:8.
 20 A.M. 2148. B.C. 1856. when he. ch. 22:23; 24:67. the Syrian. ch. 24:29; 28:5, 6; 31:18, 20, 24; 35:9. De. 26:5. Lu. 4:27.
 21 A.M. 2167. B.C. 1837. intreated. 1 Sa. 1:11, 27. Ps. 50:15; 65:2; 91:15. Is. 45:11; 58:9; 65:24. Lu. 1:13. because. ch. 11:30; 15:2, 3; 16:2; 17:16–19. 1 Sa. 1:2. Lu. 1:7. and the. 1 Ch. 5:20. 2 Ch. 33:13. Eze. 8:23. Ps. 145:19. Pr. 10:24. and Rebekah. Ro. 9:10–12.
 22 A.M. 2168. B.C. 1836. enquire. 1 Sa. 9:9; 10:22; 22:15; 28:6; 30:8. Eze. 20:31; 36:37.
 23 Two nations. ch. 17:16; 24:60. two manner. ver. 27; ch. 32:6; 33:3; 36:31. Nu. 20:14. the elder. ch. 27:29, 40. 2 Sa. 8:14. 1 Ki. 22:47. 1 Ch. 18:13. 2 Ch. 25:11, 12. Ps. 60:8, 9; 83:5–15. Is. ch. 34; 63:1–6. Je. 49:7–22. Eze. 25:12–14; ch. 35. Am. 1:11, 12. Ob. 1–16. Mal. 1:2–5. Ro. 9:10–13.

⁷ These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years.

⁸ Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰ the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹ After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

¹² These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham. ¹³ These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ¹⁴ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵ Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. ¹⁷ (These are the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.)

¹⁸ They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹ And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger."

24 וַיִּמְלֵאוּ יָמֶיהָ לְלֶדֶת וְהָיָה תוֹמָם בְּבִטְנָהּ:

25 וַיֵּצֵא הָרֵאשׁוֹן אֲדָמוֹנִי כֹּלֹ כְּאֲדָרְת שְׁעָר וַיִּקְרָאוּ שְׁמוֹ עֵשָׂו:

26 וְאַחֲרֵי־כֵן יָצָא אַחִיו וַיְדוּ אַחְזָת בְּעֵקֵב עֵשָׂו וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ יַעֲקֹב וַיִּצְחָק בְּרוֹ-שֵׁשִׁים שָׁנָה בְּלֶדֶת אֹתָם:

27 וַיִּגְדְּלוּ הַנְּעָרִים וַיְהִי עֵשָׂו אִישׁ יָדַע צִיד אִישׁ שָׂדֵה וַיַּעֲקֹב אִישׁ תָּם יָשֵׁב אֲהָלִים:

28 וַיֵּאָהֵב יַצְחָק אֶת-עֵשָׂו כִּי-צִיד בְּפִיו וַרְבֵּקָה אֲהָבַת אֶת-יַעֲקֹב:

29 וַיִּנְדַּד יַעֲקֹב נֹזֵד וַיָּבֵא עֵשָׂו מִן-הַשָּׂדֵה וְהוּא עָנִי:

30 וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו אֶל-יַעֲקֹב הֲלֵעִיטְנִי נָא מִן-הָאֵדָם הָאֵדָם הִנֵּה כִּי עָנִי אֲנִי עַל-כֵּן קָרָא-שְׁמוֹ אֲדָוָם:

31 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב מְכַרָּה כִּי־וָא אֶת-בְּכֹרְתָךְ לִי:

32 וַיֹּאמֶר עֵשָׂו הִנֵּה אֲנִי הוֹלֵךְ לָמוֹת וְלָמָּה-הִנֵּה לִי בְּכֹרָה:

33 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב הֲשִׁבְעָה לִי כִּי־וָא וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ וַיִּמְכֹּר אֶת-בְּכֹרְתוֹ לַיַּעֲקֹב:

34 וַיַּעֲקֹב נָתַן לַעֵשָׂו לַחֵם וַנְּזִיד עֲדָשִׁים וַיֹּאכַל וַיִּשְׁתֶּה וַיָּקָם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּבֶז עֵשָׂו אֶת-הַבְּכֹרָה:

25 *Esau*. The word *Esau* has been generally considered to imply *made, formed, or perfected, or perfect, robust, etc.* But it appears to be dialectical variation of the Arabic *atha*, to be covered with hair; whence *athai*, hairy, as no doubt the word *Esau* imports, in allusion to the circumstance of his being covered with red hair or down at his birth. ch. 27:11, 16, 23.

26 *And after*. ch. 38:28–30. *took*. Ho. 12:3. *Jacob*. ch. 27:36. *Isaac was*. ver. 20.

27 *a cunning*. ch. 10:9; 21:20; 27:3–5, 40. *a plain man*. ch. 6:9; 28:10, 11; 31:39–41; 46:34. Job 1:1, 8; 2:3. Ps. 37:37. *dwelling*. He. 11:9.

28 *he did eat of his venison*. Heb. *venison was in his mouth*. ch. 27:4, 19, 25, 31. *Rebekah*. ch. 27:6.

29 *A.M.* 2199. *B.C.* 1805. *and he*. Ju. 8:4, 5. 1 Sa. 14:28, 31. Pr. 13:25. Is. 40:30, 31.

30 *with that same red pottage*. Heb. *with that red, with that red pottage*. This, we are informed, (ver. 34.) was of lentiles, a sort of pulse. *Edom*. i.e. *red*. ch. 36:1, 9, 43. Ex. 15:15. Nu. 20:14–21. De. 23:7. 2 Ki. 8:20.

32 *at the point to die*. Heb. *going to die*. *and what*. Job 21:15; 22:17; 34:9. Mal. 3:14. *birthright*. Ex. 22:9.

33 *Swear*. ch. 14:22; 24:3. Mar. 6:23. He. 6:16. *and he sold*. ch. 27:36; 36:6, 7. He. 12:16.

34 *eat*. Ec. 8:15. Is. 22:13. 1 Co. 15:32. *thus Esau*. Ps. 106:24. Zec. 11:13. Mat. 22:5; 26:15. Lu. 14:18–20. Ac. 13:41. Phi. 3:18, 19. He. 12:16, 17.

26 וַיְהִי רָעַב בְּאֶרֶץ מִלְכָד הַרְעֵב הָרֵאשׁוֹן אֲשֶׁר הָיָה בִּימֵי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּלְךָ יַצְחָק אֶל-אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ מֶלֶךְ-פְּלִשְׁתִּים גְּרָרָה:

2 וַיִּרְא אֱלֹו יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-תַּרְדַּד מִצְרַיִמָּה שָׁכֵן בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֱלֹוֹ:

3 גּוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְאֵהְיָה עִמָּךְ וְאַבְרָכְךָ כִּי-לָךְ וּלְזַרְעֶךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת-כָּל-הָאֲרָצוֹת הָאֵל וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת-הַשְּׁבַע אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם אֲבִיךָ:

4 וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֶת-זַרְעֶךָ כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְנָתַתִּי לְזַרְעֶךָ אֶת כָּל-הָאֲרָצוֹת הָאֵל וְהִתְבָּרְכוּ בְּזַרְעֶךָ כֹּל גּוֹי הָאָרֶץ:

5 עַקֵּב אֲשֶׁר-שָׁמַע אַבְרָהָם בְּקִלִּי וַיִּשְׁמַר מִשְׁמַרְתִּי מִצּוֹתַי חֲקוֹתַי וְתוֹרֹתַי:

CHAP. 26
Isaac, because of famine, sojourns in Gerar, and the Lord instructs and blesses him, 1–6. He is reproved by Abimelech for denying his wife, 7–11. He grows rich, and the Philistines envy his prosperity, 12–17. He digs Esek, Sitnah, and Rehoboth, 18–22. God appears to him at Beer-sheba, and blesses him; and Abimelech makes a covenant with him, 23–33. Esau's wives, 34, 35.

1 *A.M.* 2200. *B.C.* 1804. *the first*. ch. 12:10. *And Isaac*. ch. 25:11. *Abimelech*. ch. 20:2; 21:22–32.

2 *appeared*. ch. 12:7; 17:1; 18:1, 10–20. *dwelt*. ch. 12:1. Ps. 37:3.

3 *Sojourn*. ver. 12, 14; ch. 20:1. Ps. 32:8; 37:1–6; 39:12. He. 11:9, 13–16. *I will be*. ch. 28:15; 39:2, 21. Is. 43:2, 5. Phi. 4:9. *unto thee*. ch. 12:1, 7; 13:15, 17; 15:18; 17:8. *oath*. ch. 22:16, 18. Ps. 105:9. Mi. 7:20. He. 6:17.

4 *multiply*. ch. 13:16; 15:5, 18; 17:4–8; 18:18; 22:17. He. 11:2. *seed shall*. ch. 12:2, 3; 22:18. Ps. 72:17. Ac. 3:25. Ga. 3:8, 16.

5 ch. 12:4; 17:23; 18:19; 22:16, 18. Ps. 112:1, 2; 128. Mat. 5:19; 7:24. 1 Co. 15:58. Ga. 5:6. He. 11:8. Ja. 2:21.

²⁴When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

26 Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. ²And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. ³Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ⁵because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

- 6 וַיָּשָׁב יִצְחָק בְּגֵרָר:
- 7 וַיִּשְׁאַלּוּ אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם לְאִשְׁתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אַחֲתִי הוּא כִּי יָרָא לְאִמֶּר אִשְׁתִּי פֶן־יִהְיֶה אַנְשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם עַל־רֵבְקָה כִּי־טוֹבַת מְרָאָה הִיא:
- 8 וַיְהִי כִּי אָרְכוּ־לוֹ שָׁם הַיָּמִים וַיִּשְׁקֹף אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ מִלֶּךְ פְּלִשְׁתִּים בְּעַד הַחֲלוֹן וַיֵּרָא וַהֲנִהּ יִצְחָק מְצַחֵק אֶת רֵבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:
- 9 וַיִּקְרָא אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ לְיִצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר אִךְ הִנֵּה אִשְׁתְּךָ הוּא וְאִיךָ אָמַרְתָּ אַחֲתִי הוּא וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק כִּי אָמַרְתִּי פֶן־אָמוּת עָלַיְךָ:
- 10 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ מִה־זֹּאת עָשִׂיתָ לָנוּ כִּמְעַט שָׁכַב אַחַד הָעַם אֶת־אִשְׁתְּךָ וְהִבֵּאתָ עָלֵינוּ אִשָּׁם:
- 11 וַיֵּצֵאוּ אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֶת־כָּל־הָעַם לְאִמֶּר הַנִּגְעַע בְּאִישׁ הַזֶּה וּבְאִשְׁתּוֹ מוֹת יוֹמָת:
- 12 וַיִּזְרַע יִצְחָק בְּאֶרֶץ הַהוּא וַיִּמְצָא בִּישְׁנָה הַהוּא מְאָה שְׁעָרִים וַיִּבְרַכְהוּ יְהוָה:
- 13 וַיִּגְדַּל הָאִישׁ וַיִּלְךְ הַלֹּךְ וַיִּגְדַּל עַד כִּי־גָדַל מְאֹד:
- 14 וַיְהִי־לוֹ מִקְנֵה־צֹאן וּמִקְנֵה בָקָר וַעֲבָדָה רַבָּה וַיִּקְנְאוּ אֹתוֹ פְּלִשְׁתִּים:
- 15 וְכָל־הַבְּאֵרֹת אֲשֶׁר חָפְרוּ עַבְדֵי אַבְיִו בְּיַמֵּי אַבְרָהָם אַבְיִו סָתְמוֹם פְּלִשְׁתִּים וַיִּמְלְאוּם עֶפְרָ:
- 16 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ אֶל־יִצְחָק לֵךְ מֵעַמָּנוּ כִּי־עֲצַמְתָּ־מִמָּנוּ מְאֹד:
- 17 וַיִּלְךְ מִשָּׁם יִצְחָק וַיִּחַן בְּנַחַל־גֵּרָר וַיָּשָׁב שָׁם:
- 18 וַיָּשָׁב יִצְחָק וַיַּחְפֹּר אֶת־בְּאֵרֹת הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר חָפְרוּ בְּיַמֵּי אַבְרָהָם אַבְיִו וַיִּסְתְּמוּם פְּלִשְׁתִּים אַחֲרָי מוֹת אַבְרָהָם וַיִּקְרָא לָהֶן שְׁמוֹת כַּשְׁמֹת אֲשֶׁר־קָרָא לָהֶן אַבְיִו:
- 19 וַיַּחְפְּרוּ עַבְדֵי־יִצְחָק בְּנַחַל וַיִּמְצְאוּ־שָׁם בְּאֵר מַיִם חַיִּים:
- 20 וַיָּרִיבוּ רַעֲיֵי גֵרָר עִם־רַעֲיֵי יִצְחָק לֵאמֹר לָנוּ הַיָּמִים וַיִּקְרָא שְׁם־הַבְּאֵר עֶשֶׂק כִּי הִתְעַשְׂקוּ עִמּוֹ:
- 21 וַיַּחְפְּרוּ בְּאֵר אַחֲרַת וַיָּרִיבוּ גַם־עָלֶיהָ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ שְׁטָנָה:
- 22 וַיַּעֲתֵק מִשָּׁם וַיַּחְפֹּר בְּאֵר אַחֲרַת וְלֹא רָבוּ עָלֶיהָ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ רַחֲבוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי־עָתָה הִרְחִיב יְהוָה לָנוּ וּפְרִינוּ בְּאֶרֶץ:

6 *Gerar*. ch. 20:1.
 7 *She is my sister*. ch. 12:13; 20:2, 5, 12, 13. Pr. 29:25. Mat. 10:28. Ep. 5:25. Col. 3:9. *fair*. ch. 24:16.
 8 *a window*. Ju. 5:28. Pr. 7:6. Ca. 2:9. *sporting*. Pr. 5:18, 19. Ec. 9:9. Is. 62:5.
 10 ch. 12:18, 19; 20:9, 10.
 11 *toucheth*. ch. 20:6. Ps. 105:15. Pr. 6:29. *Zec.* 2:8.
 12 *sowed*. The author of the "History of the Piratical States of Barbary" observes, (44,) that the Moors of that country are divided into tribes like the Arabians, and like them dwell in tents, formed into itinerant villages; that "these wanderers farm lands of the inhabitants of the towns, sow and cultivate them, paying their rent with the produce, such as fruits, corn, wax, etc. They are very skillful in choosing the most advantageous soils for every season, and very careful to avoid the Turkish troops, the violence of the one little suiting the simplicity of the other." It is natural to suppose, that Isaac possessed the like sagacity, when he sowed in the land of Gerar, and received that year an hundred-fold. *received*. *Heb.* found, *an hundredfold*. Ps. 67:6; 72:16. Ec. 11:6. *Zec.* 8:12. Mat. 13:8, 23. Mar. 4:8. 1 Co. 3:6. 2 Co. 9:10, 11. Ga. 6:7, 8. *blessed*. ver. 3, 29; ch. 24:1, 35; 30:30. Job 42:12.
 13 *And the man waxed great*. Dr. ADAM CLARKE remarks, that there is a strange and observable occurrence of the same term in the original, which is literally, "And the man was GREAT, and he went, going on, and was GREAT, until that he was exceeding GREAT." How simple is this language, and yet how forcible! *waxed great*. ch. 24:35. Ps. 112:3. *went forward*. *Heb.* went going.
 14 *had possession*. ch. 12:16; 13:2. Job 1:3; 42:12. Ps. 112:3; 144:13, 14. Pr. 10:22. *servants*. or, husbandry. *envied*. ch. 37:11. 1 Sa. 18:9. Job 5:2. Ps. 112:10. Pr. 27:4. Ec. 4:4.
 15 *his father's*. ch. 21:30. *had stopped*. In those countries, a well of water was a great acquisition, and hence, this mode of injuring new settlers, or revenging themselves on their enemies, is still resorted to among the inhabitants.
 16 *Go*. Dr. A. CLARKE observes, that this is the first instance on record of what was termed among the Greeks, *ostracism*, i.e. the banishment of a person from the state, of whose power, influence, or riches, the people were jealous. *mightier*. Ex. 1:9.
 18 *in the days*. HOUBIGANT contends, that instead of *bimey*, "in the days," we should read *avdey*, "servants;" agreeably to the Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate: "And Isaac digged again the wells of water which the *servants* of Abraham his father had digged." *and he*. ch. 21:31. Nu. 32:38. Ps. 16:4. Ho. 2:17. *Zec.* 13:2.
 19 *springing water*. *Heb.* living. Ca. 4:15. Jno. 4:10, 11; 7:38.
 20 *did strive*. ch. 21:25. *Esek*. i.e. Contention.
 21 *Simah*. i.e. Hatred. *Ezr.* 4:6.
 22 *digged*. The wells in Arabia are generally dug in the rock: their mouths are about six feet in diameter, and they are from nineteen to twenty feet in depth. But NIEBUHR informs us, that many wells are from 160 to 170 feet deep. *Rehoboth*. i.e. Room. *the Lord*. Ps. 4:1; 18:19; 118:5. *be fruitful*. ch. 17:6; 28:3; 41:52. Ex. 1:7.

⁶ So Isaac settled in Gerar. ⁷ When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” for he feared to say, “My wife,” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,” because she was attractive in appearance. ⁸ When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. ⁹ So Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac said to him, “Because I thought, ‘Lest I die because of her.’ ” ¹⁰ Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” ¹¹ So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

¹² And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, ¹³ and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. ¹⁴ He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ (Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) ¹⁶ And Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.”

¹⁷ So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. ¹⁸ And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. ¹⁹ But when Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, ²⁰ the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, “The water is ours.” So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. ²¹ Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. ²² And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, “For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

23 ויעל משם באר שבע:

24 ויבא אליו יהוה בלילה ההוא ויאמר אנכי אלהי אברהם אביך
אלתירא פיא אתה אנכי וברכתיה והרביתי את זרעך בעבור אברהם
עבדי:

25 ויבן שם מזבח ויקרא בשם יהוה ויטשם אהלו ויכרושם
עבדי יצחק באר:

26 ואבימלך הלך אליו מגרר ואחזת מרעהו ופיקל שר צבאו:

27 ויאמר אלהים יצחק מדוע באתם אלי ואתם שנאתם אתי
ותשלחוני מאתכם:

28 ויאמרו ראו ראינו פיהה יהוה עמך ונאמר תהי נא אלה
בינותינו בינינו ובינך ונקרתה ברית עמך:

29 אם תעשה עמנו רעה פאשר לא נגענוך וכאשר עשינו עמך
רק טוב ונשלחה בשלום אתה עתה ברוך יהוה:

30 ויעש להם משטה ויאכלו וישתו:

31 וישכמו בכפר וישבעו איש לאחיו וישלחם יצחק וילכו מאתו
בשלום:

32 ויהי ביום ההוא ויבאו עבדי יצחק ויגדו לו על אדות הבאר
אשר חפרו ויאמרו לו מצאנו מים:

33 ויקרא אתה שבעה על פני שם העיר באר שבע עד היום הזה:

34 ויהי עשו בן ארבעים שנה ויקח אשה את יהודית בת בארי
החתי ואת בישמת בת אילן החתי:

35 ותהיין מרת רוח ל יצחק ולרבקה:

27 ויהי כייזון יצחק ותכהין עיניו מראת ויקרא את עשו בנו
הגדל ויאמר אליו בני ויאמר אליו הנני:

2 ויאמר הנה נא זקנתי לא ידעתי יום מותי:

3 ועתה שאנא כליה תליך וקשמה וצא השדה וצודה לי צידה:

4 ועשה לי מטעמים פאשר אהבתי והביאה לי ואכלה בעבור
תברכה נפשי בטורם אמות:

23 Beer-sheba. ch. 21:31; 46:1. Ju. 20:1.
24 I am the. ch. 15:1; 17:7; 24:12; 28:13; 31:5. Ex. 3:6. Mat. 22:32. Ac. 7:32. fear. ver. 3, 4; ch. 13:16; 22:19. Ps. 27:1-3; 46:1, 2. Is. 12:2; 41:10, 13-15; 43:1, 2; 44:2; 51:7. 12. Lu. 12:32. He. 13:6. Re. 1:17.
25 builded. ch. 8:20; 12:7; 13:18; 22:9; 33:20. 35:1. Ex. 17:15. called. Ps. 116:17.
26 Abimelech. ch. 20:3; 21:22-32. Phicol. Phicol, as well as Abimelech, 'father king,' seems to have been a name of office or dignity among the Philistines; for it is not probable that they were the same as are mentioned in the days of Abraham (ch. 21:22, 32.)
27 seeing. ver. 14, 16. Ju. 11:7. Ac. 7:9, 14, 27, 35. Re. 3:9. sent me. ver. 16.
28 We saw certainly. Heb. Seeing we saw. was with. ch. 21:22, 23; 39:5. Jos. 3:7. 2 Ch. 1:1. Is. 45:14; 60:14; 61:6. 9. Ro. 8:31. 1 Co. 14:25. He. 13:5. Let there. ch. 21:31, 32; 24:3, 41; 31:49-53. He. 6:16.
29 That thou wilt. Heb. If thou shalt, etc. not. ver. 11, 14, 15. the blessed. ver. 12; ch. 12:2; 21:22; 22:17; 24:31. Ps. 115:15.
30 ch. 19:3; 21:8; 31:54. Ro. 12:18. He. 12:14. 1 Pe. 4:9.
31 betimes. ch. 19:2; 21:14; 22:3; 31:55. sware. ch. 14:22; 21:23, 31, 32; 25:33; 31:44. 1 Sa. 14:24; 20:3, 16, 17; 30:15. He. 6:16.
32 We have. ver. 25. Pr. 2:4, 5; 10:4; 13:4. Mat. 7:7.
33 Shebah. i.e. an oath, therefore. ch. 21:31. Beer-sheba. i.e. the well of the oath. ver. 28. This may have been the same city which was called Beer-sheba a hundred years before this, in the time of Abraham; but as the well, from which it had its name originally, was closed up by the Philistines, the name of the place might have been abolished with the well; when, therefore, Isaac re-opened it, he restored the ancient name of the place.
34 A.M. 2208. B.C. 1796. And Esau. ch. 36:2, 5, 13. the daughter. ch. 24:3. Ex. 34:16. 1 Co. 7:2. He. 12:16. Bashemath. ch. 36:2.
35 Which. ch. 6:2; 27:46; 28:1, 2, 8. grief of mind. Heb. bitterness of spirit.

CHAP. 27
Isaac sends Esau for venison, 1-5. Rebekah instructs Jacob to obtain the blessing, 6-13. Jacob, feigning to be Esau, obtains it, 14-29. Esau brings venison, 30-32. Isaac trembles, 33. Esau complains, and by importunity obtains a blessing, 34-40. He threatens Jacob's life, 41. Rebekah disappoints him, by sending Jacob away, 42-46.
1 A.M. 2244. B.C. 1760. dim. ch. 48:10. 1 Sa. 3:2. Ec. 12:3. Jno. 9:3. eldest son. ch. 25:23-25.
2 I know not. ch. 48:21. 1 Sa. 20:3. Pr. 27:1. Ec. 9:10. Is. 38:1, 3. Mar. 13:35. Ja. 4:14.
3 take, I. ch. 10:9; 25:27, 28. take me. Heb. hunt. ch. 25:27, 28. 1 Co. 6:12.
4 that I may eat. The blessing, says Dr. A. CLARKE, which Isaac was to confer on his son, was a species of divine right, and must be communicated with appropriate ceremonies. As eating and drinking were used among the Asiatics on almost all religious occasions, and especially in making and confirming covenants, it is reasonable to suppose, that something of this kind was essentially necessary on this occasion; and that Isaac could not convey the right, till he had eaten of the meat provided for the purpose by him who was to receive the blessing, that my. ver. 7, 23, 25, 27; ch. 14:19; 24:60; 28:3; 48:9, 15-20; 49:28. Le. 9:22, 23. De. 33:1, etc. Jos. 14:13; 22:6. Lu. 2:34; 24:51. He. 11:20.

²³ From there he went up to Beersheba. ²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake." ²⁵ So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

²⁶ When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, ²⁷ Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" ²⁸ They said, "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, ²⁹ that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD." ³⁰ So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. ³¹ In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. ³² That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water." ³³ He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

³⁴ When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, ³⁵ and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

27 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ² He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, ⁴ and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

5 וּרְבִקָּה שִׁמְעַת בְּדַבֵּר יִצְחָק אֶל־עֵשָׂו בְּנוֹ וַיִּלְדֶּה עֵשָׂו הַשָּׂדֵה לְצִוֵּד
צִיד לְהִבְיֵא:
6 וּרְבִקָּה אָמְרָה אֶל־יַעֲקֹב בְּנֵהּ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה נִשְׁמָעְתִּי אֶת־אָבִיךָ
מְדַבֵּר אֶל־עֵשָׂו אַחִיךָ לֵאמֹר:
7 הִבְיֵאָה לִּי צִיד וְעֲשֵׂה־לִּי מִטְעָמִים וְאֶכְלֶה וְאֶבְרַכְכָּה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה
לִפְנֵי מוֹתִי:
8 וְעַתָּה בְּנֵי שָׁמַע בְּקֹלִי לֵאשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוֶּה אֹתְךָ:
9 לְךָ־נָא אֶל־הַצֹּאן וְקַח־לִּי מִשָּׁם שְׁנֵי גְדֵי עִזִּים עִזִּים טָבִים וְאֶעֱשֶׂה
אִתָּם מִטְעָמִים לְאָבִיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר אָהֵב:
10 וְהִבֵּאתָ לְאָבִיךָ וְאָכַל בְּעֵבֶר אֲשֶׁר יְבָרַכְךָ לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ:
11 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־רְבִקָּה אִמּוֹ הֵן עֵשָׂו אַחִי אִישׁ שָׂעֵר וְאֲנֹכִי אִישׁ
חֶלְקִי:
12 אוּלַי יִמְשָׁנִי אָבִי וְהִיִּיתִי בְּעֵינָיו כַּמִּתְעַתֵּעַ וְהִבֵּאתִי עָלַי קָלְהָה
וְלֹא בְרָכָה:
13 וַתֹּאמֶר לוֹ אִמּוֹ עָלַי קָלְהָתְךָ בְּנֵי אֶף שָׁמַע בְּקֹלִי וְלָךְ קַח־לִּי:
14 וַיִּלְדֶּה וַיִּקַּח וַיָּבֵא לְאִמּוֹ וַתַּעַשׂ אִמּוֹ מִטְעָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר אָהֵב אָבִיו:
15 וַתִּקַּח רְבִקָּה אֶת־בְּגָדֵי עֵשָׂו בְּנֵהּ הַגָּדֹל הַחֲמֹדֹת אֲשֶׁר אָתָּה בּוֹבֵית
וַתִּלְבַּשׁ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב בְּנֵהּ הַקָּטָן:
16 וְאֵת עֹרֹת גְּדֵי הָעִזִּים הִלְבִּישָׁה עַל־יָדָיו וְעַל חֻלְקֹת צַוָּארָיו:
17 וַתִּתֵּן אֶת־הַמִּטְעָמִים וְאֶת־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂתָה בְּיַד יַעֲקֹב בְּנֵהּ:
18 וַיָּבֵא אֶל־אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי מִי אָתָּה בְּנֵי:
19 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־אָבִיו אֲנֹכִי עֵשָׂו בְּכֹרֶךָ עָשִׂיתִי כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ
אֵלַי קוּם־נָא שָׁבָה וְאֶכְלֶה מִצִּיֵּי בְּעִבּוֹר תְּבָרַכְנִי נְפִשָׁה:
20 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־בְּנוֹ מִהֲזֶה מַהֲרַת לְמַצֵּא בְּנֵי וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי הִקְרָה
יְהוָה אֵלֶיךָ לִפְנֵי:
21 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־יַעֲקֹב גִּישָׁה־נָּא וְאִמְשָׁה בְּנֵי הַאֲתָה זֶה בְּנֵי עֵשָׂו
אִם־לֹא:
22 וַיִּגַּשׁ יַעֲקֹב אֶל־יִצְחָק אָבִיו וַיִּמְשָׁהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר הַקֵּל קוֹל יַעֲקֹב
וְהִזְדִּים יָדַי עֵשָׂו:
23 וְלֹא הִפִּירוּ כִּי־הָיוּ יָדָיו כִּי־דִי עֵשָׂו אַחִיו שָׁעֵרֹת וַיְבָרַכְהוּ:

7 before the. De. 33:1. Jos. 6:26. 1 Sa. 24:19.
8 ver. 13; ch. 25:23. Ac. 4:19; 5:29. Ep. 6:1.
9 two. Ju. 13:15. 1 Sa. 16:20. *savoury. matammim*,
from *taam*, to taste or relish: how dressed is uncer-
tain, but its name declares its nature, ver. 4.
11 hairy man. ch. 25:25.
12 feel. ver. 22. Job 12:16. 2 Co. 6:8. a deceiver.
ver. 36; ch. 25:27. 1 Th. 5:22. and I shall. ch. 9:25.
De. 27:18. Je. 48:10. Mal. 1:14.
13 Upon. ch. 25:23, 33; 43:9. 1 Sa. 14:24-28, 36-
45; 25:24. 2 Sa. 14:9. Mat. 27:25.
14 mother. ver. 4, 7, 9, 17, 31; ch. 25:28. Ps. 141:4.
Pr. 23:2, 3. Lu. 21:34.
15 goodly raiment. Heb. desirable, ver. 27. The
Septuagint translates it 'a goodly robe,' which was
a long garment that great men used to wear, (Lu.
20:46; 15:22.) The priest afterwards in the law had
'holy garments' to minister in, (Ex. 28:2-4.)
Whether the first-born before the law had such to
minister in is not certain; for, had they been com-
mon garments, why did not Esau himself or his
wives keep them? But being, in likelihood, holy
robes, received from their ancestors, the mother of
the family kept them in sweet chests, from moths
and the like; whereupon it is said, (ver. 27.) 'Isaac
smelled the smell of his garments.'
16 skins. Travellers inform us, that the Eastern
goats have long, fine, and beautiful hair, of the
most delicate silky softness; indeed the animals
generally in those hot countries are not covered
with so thick a coat of hair as they are in more
northerly regions; so that Isaac might easily be
deceived, when his eyes were dim, and his feeling
no less impaired than his sight.
19 I am. ver. 21, 24, 25; ch. 25:25; 29:23-25. 1 Ki.
13:18; 14:2. Is. 28:15. Zec. 13:3, 4. Mat. 26:70-74.
that thy. ver. 4.
20 Because. Ex. 20:7. Job 13:7. to me. Heb. before
me.
21 Come. Ps. 73:28. Is. 57:19. Ja. 4:8. may feel. ver.
12.
22 The voice. How wonderful, says Mr. SCOTT, is
that difference which there is betwixt the faces and
the voices of the several individuals of the human
species! Scarcely any two of the innumerable
millions are exactly alike in either, and yet the
difference cannot be defined or described! The
power, wisdom, and kindness of our Creator should
be admired and adored in this remarkable circum-
stance; for they are very visible. This description of
Jacob is not unaptly accommodated to the character
of a hypocrite: his *voice*, his language, is that of a
Christian; his *hands*, or conduct, that of an ungodly
man: but the judgment will proceed from God, the
Judge of all, at the last day, as in the present case,
not by the *voice*, but by the *hands*.
23 his hands. ver. 16. he blessed. Ro. 9:11, 12. He.
11:20.

⁵ Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷ 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.' ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. ⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." ¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing." ¹³ His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

¹⁴ So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶ And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷ And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸ So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." ²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²² So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.

24 וַיֹּאמֶר אַתָּה זֶה בְּנִי עֲשׂוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי:

25 וַיֹּאמֶר הַגִּישָׁה לִי וְאִכְלָה מִצֵּיד בְּנִי לְמַעַן תִּבְרַכְכָּה נַפְשִׁי וַיִּגְשֶׁ-לוֹ
וַיֹּאכַל וַיָּבֵא לוֹ יַיִן וַיִּשְׂתֶּה:

26 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יִצְחָק אָבִיו גְּשָׁה-נָּא וּשְׁקָה-לִי בְּנִי:

27 וַיִּגַּשׁ וַיִּשְׁקֶ-לוֹ וַיִּרְחַח אֶת-רִיחַ בְּגָדָיו וַיִּבְרַכְהוּ וַיֹּאמֶר רְאֵה רִיחַ
בְּנִי כְּרִיחַ שְׂדֵה אֲשֶׁר בְּרָכּוּ יְהוָה:

28 וַיִּתְּנֶ-לָהּ הַקָּלְהִים מִטַּל הַשָּׁמַיִם וּמִשְׁמַנֵּי הָאָרֶץ וְרֹב דָּגָן וְתִירֹשׁ:

29 וַעֲבֹדוּף עַמִּים וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהּ לְאֵמִים הִנֵּה גִבִּיר לְאַחִיָּה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה
לָהּ בְּנֵי אִמָּהּ אַרְרִיָּה אֶרֶוֹר וּמִבְּרַכְיָה בְּרוּךְ:

30 וַיְהִי כִּאֲשֶׁר כָּלָה יִצְחָק לְבַרְךָ אֶת-יַעֲקֹב וַיְהִי אִךּ יָצָא יַעֲקֹב וַעֲקֹב
מֵאֵת פְּנֵי יִצְחָק אָבִיו וַעֲשׂוּ אֲחִיו בָּא מִצֵּידוֹ:

31 וַיַּעַשׂ גַּם-הוּא מִטְעָמִים וַיָּבֵא לְאָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָבִיו יָקָם אָבִי
וַיֹּאכַל מִצֵּיד בְּנוֹ בַעֲבוּר תִּבְרַכְנִי נַפְשָׁה:

32 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יִצְחָק אָבִיו מִי-אַתָּה וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי בְּנֶךָ בְּכַרְךָ עֲשׂוּ:

33 וַיִּחְרַד יִצְחָק חֲרָדָה גְּדֹלָה עַד-מָאֵד וַיֹּאמֶר מִי-אַפּוֹא הוּא
הַצֹּדֵד-צִיד וַיָּבֵא לִי וְאִכַּל מִכָּל בְּטָרָם תְּבוּאָה וְאִבְרַכְהוּ גַם-בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה:

34 כַּשְׂמַע עֲשׂוּ אֶת-דְּבָרֵי אָבִיו וַיִּצְעַק צָעֲקָה גְּדֹלָה וּמְרָה עַד-מָאֵד
וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָבִיו בְּרַכְנִי גַם-אָנֹכִי אָבִי:

35 וַיֹּאמֶר בָּא אַחִיָּה בְּמַרְמָה וַיִּקַּח בְּרַכְתָּהּ:

36 וַיֹּאמֶר הֲכִי קָרָא שְׁמוֹ יַעֲקֹב וַיַּעֲקֹבנִי זֶה פַעַמִּים אֶת-בְּכֹרְתִי
לְקַח וְהִנֵּה עַתָּה לְקַח בְּרַכְתִּי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלֹא-אַצְלִתָּ לִי בְּרַכָּה:

24 *I am.* 1 Sa. 21:2, 13; 27:10. 2 Sa. 14:5. Job 13:7, 8; 15:5. Pr. 12:19, 22; 30:8. Zec. 8:16. Ro. 3:7, 8. Ep. 4:25. Col. 3:9.

25 *that my.* ver. 4.

27 *blessed.* He. 11:20. *the smell of a field.* A field where aromatic plants, flowers, fruits, and spices grew in abundance, with which these garments (see ver. 15) of Esau might probably have been perfumed by being laid up with them. Ca. 2:13; 4:11–14; 7:12, 13. Ho. 14:6, 7. *which.* ch. 26:12. He. 6:7.

28 *of the dew.* De. 11:11, 12; 32:2; 33:13, 28. 2 Sa. 1:21. 1 Ki. 17:1. Ps. 65:9–13; 133:3. Is. 45:8. Je. 14:22. Ho. 14:5–7. Mi. 5:7. He. 11:20. *the fatness.* ver. 39; ch. 45:18; 49:20. Nu. 13:20. Ps. 36:8. Ro. 11:17. *plenty.* De. 7:13; 8:7–9; 33:28. Jos. 5:6. 1 Ki. 5:11, 2 Ch. 2:10. Ps. 65:9, 13; 104:15. Joel 2:19. Zec. 9:17.

29 *Let people.* ch. 9:25, 26; 22:17, 18; 49:8–10. 2 Sa. ch. 8; 10. 1 Ki. 4:21. Ps. 2:6–9; 72:8. Is. 9:7. Da. 2:44, 45. Re. 19:16. *be lord.* ver. 37; ch. 25:22, 23, 33. 2 Sa. 8:14. 1 Ki. 11:15, 16; 22:47. 1 Ch. 5:2. 2 Ch. 25:11–14. Ps. 60, title. Is. 63:1–6. Mal. 1:2–5. Ro. 9:12. *cursed.* ch. 12:3. Nu. 22:11, 12; 23:8; 24:9. Zep. 2:8, 9. Mat. 25:40, 45.

31 *eat.* ver. 4.

33 *trembled very exceedingly.* Heb. trembled with a great trembling greatly. Job 21:6; 37:1. Ps. 55:5. *taken.* Heb. hunted. *thou camest.* ver. 25. *yea.* ch. 28:3, 4. Jno. 10:10, 28, 29. Ro. 5:20, 21; 11:29. Ep. 1:3. He. 11:20.

34 *he cried.* 1 Sa. 30:4. Pr. 1:24–28, 31; 19:3. Lu. 13:24–28. He. 12:17.

35 ver. 19–23. 2 Ki. 10:19. Job 13:7. Mal. 2:10. Ro. 3:7, 8. 2 Co. 4:7. 1 Th. 4:6.

36 *Jacob.* i.e. a supplanter. ch. 25:26, 31–34; 32:28. Jno. 1:47. *he took.* ch. 25:26, 33, 34.

²⁴ He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am."

²⁵ Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." ²⁷ So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son

is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

²⁸ May God give you of the dew of heaven

and of the fatness of the earth

and plenty of grain and wine.

²⁹ Let peoples serve you,

and nations bow down to you.

Be lord over your brothers,

and may your mother's sons bow down to you.

Cursed be everyone who curses you,

and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

³⁰ As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹ He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." ³² His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." ³³ Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." ³⁴ As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" ³⁵ But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." ³⁶ Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 וַיַּעַן יַצְחָק וַיֹּאמֶר לַעֲשׂוֹ הֵן גְּבִיר שְׁמֹתִיו לָךְ וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲחִיו
נתתי לוֹ לַעֲבָדִים וְדָגָן וְתִירָשׁ סִמְכֹתָיו וּלְכָה אִפּוֹא מָה אֶעֱשֶׂה בְּנִי:
38 וַיֹּאמֶר עֲשׂוֹ אֶל־אֲבִיו הַבְּרָכָה אַחַת הוּא־לָךְ אָבִי בְּרַכְנִי גַם־אֲנִי
אָבִי וַיֵּשְׂא עֲשׂוֹ קִלּוֹ וַיִּבֶךְ:
39 וַיַּעַן יַצְחָק אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הִנֵּה מִשְׁמַנֵּי הָאָרֶץ יִהְיֶה מִוִּשְׁבָּךְ
וּמִטַּל הַשָּׁמַיִם מֵעַל:
40 וְעַל־חֲרָבָךְ תִּחְיֶה וְאֶת־אֲחִיךָ תַעֲבֹד וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר תִּרְיֹד וּפְרָקָתְךָ
עָלוּ מֵעַל צִנְאָרְךָ:
41 וַיֵּשְׂטֵם עֲשׂוֹ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב עַל־הַבְּרָכָה אֲשֶׁר בְּרָכוּ אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר עֲשׂוֹ
בְּלִבּוֹ יִקְרְבוּ יָמַי אֶבֶל אָבִי וְאֶהְרָגָה אֶת־יַעֲקֹב אֲחִי:
42 וַיִּגְדַּל לְרַבְּקָה אֶת־דָּבָרֵי עֲשׂוֹ בְּנָה הַגְּדֹל נִתְשַׁלַּח וַתִּקְרָא לִיַעֲקֹב
בְּנָה הַקָּטָן וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הִנֵּה עֲשׂוֹ אֲחִיךָ מִתְנַחֵם לָךְ לְהִרְגֶךָ:
43 וַעֲתָה בְנֵי שְׂמֵעַ בְּקִלֵּי וְקוֹם בְּרַח־לָךְ אֶל־לְבָן אֲחִי חֲרָנָה:
44 וַיִּשְׁבֹּת עִמּוֹ יָמִים אַחְדִּים עַד אֲשֶׁר־תָּשׁוּב חַמַּת אֲחִיךָ:
45 עַד־שׁוּב אֶרֶץ־אֲחִיךָ מִמָּדָה וְשָׁכַח אֶת אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתָ לוֹ וְשָׁלַחְתִּי
וּלְקַחְתִּיךָ מִשָּׁם לָמָּה אֲשַׁכַּל גַּם־שְׁנֵיכֶם יוֹם אֶחָד:
46 וַתֹּאמֶר רַבְּקָה אֶל־יַצְחָק קַצְתִּי בְּחַיֵּי מִפְּנֵי בְּנוֹת חַת אִם־לִקַּחְתִּי
יַעֲקֹב אִשָּׁה מִבְּנוֹת־חַת כְּאֵלֶּה מִבְּנוֹת הָאָרֶץ לָמָּה לִּי חַיִּים:

37 I have. ver. 29; ch. 25:23. 2 Sa. 8:14. Ro. 9:10-12. with. ver. 28. sustained, or, supported.
38 ver. 34, 36. ch. 49:28. Pr. 1:24-26. Is. 32:10-12; 65:14. He. 12:17.
39 Behold. ch. 36:6-8. Jos. 24:4. He. 11:20. the fatness. or, of the fatness, ver. 28. It is here foretold, says Bp. NEWTON, that as to temporal advantages, the two brothers should be much alike. (See ver. 28.) Esau had cattle, beasts, and substance in abundance, and he went to dwell in Mount Seir of his own accord. When the Israelites desired leave to pass through the territories of Edom, the country abounded with fruitful fields and vineyards. (Nu. 20:17.)
40 thy sword. ch. 32:6. Mat. 10:34. serve. ch. 25:23. 2 Sa. 8:14. 1 Ki. 11:15-17. 2 Ki. 14:7. 10. 1 Ch. 18:11-13. 2 Ch. 25:11, 12. Ps. 60:8. Ob. 17-21. that thou. 2 Ki. 8:20-22. 2 Ch. 21:8, 10; 28:17.
41 hated. ch. 4:2-8; 37:4, 8. Eze. 25:12-15; 35:5. Am. 1:11, 12. Ob. 10-14. 1 Jno. 3:12-15. The days. ch. 35:29; 50:3, 4, 10, 11. De. 34:8. 2 Ch. 35:24. Ps. 35:14. then. ch. 32:6. 2 Sa. 13:28, 29. Ps. 37:12, 13, 16; 140:4, 5; 142:3. Pr. 1:12, 13, 16; 6:14. Ec. 7:9. Ob. 10. Ep. 4:26, 27. Tit. 1:15, 16; 3:3. 1 Jno. 3:12-15.
42 comfort himself. ch. 37:18-20; 42:21, 22. 1 Sa. 30:5. Job 20:12-14. Ps. 64:5. Pr. 2:14; 4:16, 17.
43 obey. ver. 8, 13; ch. 28:7. Pr. 30:17. Je. 35:14. Ac. 5:29. Haran. ch. 11:31; 12:4, 5; 28:10.
44 a few days. ch. 31:38.
45 then I. Pr. 19:21. La. 3:37. Ja. 4:13-15. why. ch. 4:8-16; 9:5, 6. 2 Sa. 14:6, 7. Ac. 28:4.
46 I am. Nu. 11:15. 1 Ki. 19:4. Job 3:20-22; 7:16; 14:13. Jon. 4:3, 9. because. ch. 26:34, 35; 28:8; 34:1, 2. If Jacob. ch. 24:3.

³⁷ Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” ³⁸ Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

³⁹ Then Isaac his father answered and said to him:

“Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be,
and away from the dew of heaven on high.

⁴⁰ By your sword you shall live,
and you shall serve your brother;
but when you grow restless
you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” ⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother’s fury turns away— ⁴⁵ until your brother’s anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

Isaac blesses Jacob, and sends him to Padan-aram, 1-5. Esau marries Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, 6-9. Jacob journeys, and has a vision of a ladder, 10-17. The stone of Beth-el, 18, 19. Jacob's vow, 20-22.

1 *blessed*. ver. 3, 4; ch. 27:4, 27-33; 48:15; 49:28. De. 33:1. Jos. 22:7. *Thou shalt*. ch. 6:2; 24:3, 37; 26:34, 35; 27:46; 34:9, 16. Ex. 34:15, 16. 2 Co. 6:14-16.

2 *Arise*. Ho. 12:12. *Padan-aram*. ver. 5; ch. 22:20-23; 24:10, 15-24; 25:20; 29:1; 31:18; 32:10; 35:9; 46:15. *Laban*. ch. 24:29, 50.

3 *God*. ch. 17:1-6; 22:17, 18; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3. Ex. 6:3. Ps. 127:1. 2 Co. 6:18. Re. 21:22. *and make*. ch. 1:28; 9:1; 13:16; 24:60; 41:52. Ps. 127:3-5; 128. *a multitude*. *Heb.* an assembly.

4 *the blessing*. 12:1-3, 7; 15:5-7; 17:6-8; 22:17, 18. Ps. 72:17. Ro. 4:7, 8. Ga. 3:8, 14. Ep. 1:3. *wherein thou art a stranger*. *Heb.* of thy sojournings. ch. 17:8. *which*. ch. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21. Ps. 39:12; 105:6-12. He. 11:9-13.

5 *sent away Jacob*. Whoever observes Jacob's life, after he had surreptitiously obtained his father's blessing, will perceive that he enjoyed very little worldly felicity. His brother purposed to murder him, to avoid which he was forced to flee from his father's house; his uncle Laban deceived him, as he had deceived his father, and treated him with great rigour; after a servitude of 21 years, he was obliged to leave him in a clandestine manner, not without danger of being brought back, or murdered by his enraged brother; no sooner were these fears over, than he experienced the baseness of his son Reuben, in defiling his bed; he had next to bewail the treachery and cruelty of Simeon and Levi towards the Shechemites; then he had to feel the loss of his beloved wife; he was next imposed upon by his own sons, and had to lament the supposed untimely end of Joseph; and to complete all, he was forced by famine to go into Egypt, and there died, in a strange land. So just; wonderful, and instructive are all the ways of Providence! *Padan-aram*. See ver. 2.

6 *Esau*. ch. 27:33. *Thou*. See ver. 1. 7 ch. 27:43. Ex. 20:12. Le. 19:3. Pr. 1:8; 30:17. Ep. 6:1, 3. Col. 3:20.

8 *the daughters*. ver. 1; ch. 24:3; 26:34, 35. *pleased not*. *Heb.* were evil in the eyes. 1 Sa. 8:6.

9 *unto Ishmael*. ch. 25:13-17; 36:3, 13, 18. *Mahalath*. called also, Bashemath. ch. 36:3. *the sister*.

10 ch. 11:31; 32:10. Ho. 12:12. Ac. 7:2. ch. 25:13. 11 *took*. ver. 18; ch. 31:46. Mat. 8:20. 2 Co. 1:5. *put them*. This should be 'put it;' for we find (ver. 18) it was only one stone.

12 *he dreamed*. ch. 15:1, 12; 20:3, 6, 7; 37:5-11; ch. 40; 41. Nu. 12:6. Job 4:12-21; 33:15, 16. Da. ch. 2; 4; 7:1. Mat. 1:20; 2:12, 13, 19. He. 1:1. *ladder*. ch. 32:1, 2. 2 Ch. 16:9. Is. 41:10. Jno. 1:51. 2 Ti. 4:16, 17. He. 1:14.

28 ויקרא יצחק אל-יעקב ויברך אתו ויצוהו ויאמר לו לא-תקח אשה מבנות כנען:

2 קום לה פדנה ארם ביתה בתואל אבי אמה וקח-לה משם אשה מבנות לבן אחי אמה:

3 ואל שדי יברך אתה ויפרך ויברך והיית לקהל עמים:

4 ויתן-לה את-ברכת אברהם לה וילוצעה אמה לרשתה את-ארץ מגריה אשר-נתן אלהים לאברהם:

5 וישלח יצחק את-יעקב וילך פדנה ארם אל-לבן בן-בתואל הארמי אחי רבקה אם יעקב ועשו:

6 ויבא עשו כיי-ברך יצחק את-יעקב ושלח אתו פדנה ארם לקחת-לו משם אשה בברכו אתו ויצו עליו לאמר לא-תקח אשה מבנות כנען:

7 וישמע יעקב אל-אביו ואל-אמו וילך פדנה ארם:

8 ויבא עשו כי רעות בנות כנען בעיני יצחק אביו:

9 וילך עשו אל-ישמעאל ויקח את-מחלת בת-ישמעאל בן-אברהם אחות נכיות על-נשיו לו לאשה:

10 ויצא יעקב מבאר שבע וילך חרנה:

11 ויפגע במקום וילן נשם כיי-בא השמש ויקח מאבני המקום וישם מראשתיו וישכב במקום ההוא:

12 ויחלם והנה סלם מצב ארצה וראשו מגיע השמימה והנה מלאכי אלהים עלים וירדים בו:

28 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ² Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother. ³ God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!” ⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother.

⁶ Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,” ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. ⁸ So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father, ⁹ Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth.

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

13 והנה יהוה נצב עליו ויאמר אני יהוה אלהי אברהם אביך ואלהי יצחק הארץ אשר אתה שכב עליה לה אתננה ולרעה: ונהיה זרעה כעפר הארץ ופרצת ימה וקדמה וצפנה ונגבה ונברכו בה כל משפחת האדמה וברעה: ונהיה אנכי עמך ושמרתיה בכל אשר-תלך והשבתיה אל-האדמה הזאת כי לא אעזבך עד אשר אם-עשיתי את אשר-דברתי לך: וייקץ יעקב משנתו ויאמר אכן יש יהוה במקום הנה ואנכי לא ידעתי: ויירא ויאמר מה-נורא המקום הנה אין זה כי אם-בית אלהים ונה שער השמים: וישכם יעקב בבקר ויקח את-האבן אשר-שם מראשטיו וישם אתה מצבה ויצק שמן על-ראשה: ויקרא את-שם-המקום ההוא בית-אל ואולם לוז שם-העיר לראשנה: וידר יעקב נדר לאמר אם-יהיה אלהים עמדי ושמרני בדרך הנה אשר אנכי הולך ונתן-לי לחם לאכל ובגד ללבש: ושבתתי בשלום אל-בית אבי והיה יהוה לי לאלהים: והאבן הזאת אשר-שמתי מצבה יהיה בית אלהים וכל אשר תתן-לי עשור אעשרנו לך:

29 וישא יעקב רגליו וילך ארצה בני-קדם:

2 ויירא והנה באר בשדה והנה שם שלשה עדר-יצאן רבצים עליה פי מן-הבאר ההוא ישקו העדרים והאבן גדלה על-פי הבאר: ונאספו-שמה כל-העדרים וגללו את-האבן מעל פי הבאר והשקו את-היצאן והשיבו את-האבן על-פי הבאר למקמה:

13 *the Lord stood.* ch. 35:1, 6, 7; 48:3. *I am.* ch. 15:1; 17:6, 7; 26:24; 31:42; 32:9; 46:3. Ex. 3:6, 15, 16. Mat. 22:32. He. 11:16. *the land.* ver. 4; ch. 12:7; 13:15; 35:12, 15, 17. Ps. 105:11. Eze. 37:24, 25. Ac. 7:5.
14 *thy seed.* ch. 13:16; 32:12; 35:11, 12. Nu. 23:10. Ac. 3:25. Re. 7:4, 9. *spread abroad.* Heb. break forth. *to the west.* ch. 13:14. De. 12:20. Mat. 8:11. *and in thee.* ch. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4. Ps. 72:17. Ac. 3:25. Ga. 3:8, 16. Ep. 1:3.
15 *I am.* ver. 20, 21; ch. 26:24; 31:3; 32:9; 39:2, 21; 46:4. Ex. 3:12. Ju. 6:16. Ps. 46:7, 11. Is. 7:14; 8:10; 41:10; 43:2. Je. 1:19. Mat. 18:20; 28:20. Ro. 8:31, 32. 1 Ti. 4:8. *keep.* ch. 48:16. Ps. 121:5–8. *bring.* ch. 35:6, 7. *for I.* De. 31:6. Jos. 1:5. 1 Ki. 8:57. Jno. 10:28, 29. He. 13:5, 6. Jude 1. *until.* Nu. 23:19. Jos. 23:14–16. Mat. 24:35.
16 *and I.* Ex. 3:5; 15:11. Jo. 5:15. 1 Sa. 3:4–7. Job 9:11; 33:14. Ps. 68:35. Is. 8:13.
17 *he was.* Ex. 3:6. Ju. 13:22. Mat. 17:6. Lu. 2:9; 8:35. Re. 1:17. *the house.* ver. 22; ch. 35:1–13. 2 Ch. 5:14. Ec. 5:1. 1 Ti. 3:15. He. 10:21. 1 Pe. 4:17.
18 *rose up.* ch. 22:3. Ps. 119:60. Ec. 9:10. *and took.* The practice of setting up stones as a memorial by travellers still exists in Persia, and other parts of the East. *set it.* ch. 31:13, 45; 35:14, 20. Jo. 24:26, 27. 1 Sa. 7:12. 2 Sa. 18:18. Is. 19:19. *poured.* Le. 8:10–12. Nu. 7:1.
19 *the name.* ch. 12:8; 35:1; 48:3. Ju. 1:22–26. 1 Ki. 12:29. Ho. 4:15; 12:4, 5. *Beth-el.* i.e. the house of God.
20 *vowed.* ch. 31:13. Le. ch. 27. Nu. 6:1–20; 21:2, 3. Ju. 11:30, 31. 1 Sa. 1:11, 28; 14:24. 2 Sa. 15:8. Ne. ch. 9; 10. Ps. 22:25; 56:12; 61:5, 8; 66:13; 76:11; 116:14, 18; 119:106; 132:2. Ec. 5:1–7. Is. 19:21. Jno. 1:16. Ac. 18:18; 23:12–15. *If God.* See on ver. 15. *will give.* 1 Ti. 6:8.
21 *I come.* Ju. 11:31. 2 Sa. 19:24, 30. *then.* Ex. 15:2. De. 26:17. 2 Sa. 15:8. 2 Ki. 5:17.
22 *God's.* ver. 17; ch. 12:8; 21:33; 33:20; 35:1, 15. *I will.* ch. 14:20. Le. 27:30–33. De. 14:22, 23.

CHAP. 29
Jacob comes to the well of Haran, 1–8. He becomes acquainted with Rachel, 9–12. Laban entertains him, 13–17. Jacob covenants for Rachel, 18–22. He is deceived by Laban with Leah, 23–27. He marries also Rachel, and serves for her seven years more, 28–31. Leah bears Reuben, 32; Simeon, 33; Levi, 34; and Judah, 35.
1 *Jacob.* Ps. 119:32. 60. Ec. 9:7. *went on his journey.* Heb. lifted up his feet. *came.* ch. 22:20–23; 24:10; 25:20; 28:5–7. Nu. 23:7. Ju. 6:3, 33; 7:12; 8:10. 1 Ki. 4:30. Ho. 12:12. *people.* Heb. children, east. The district of Mesopotamia, and the whole country beyond the Euphrates, are called *Kedem*, or the East, in the Sacred Writings.
2 *a well.* ch. 24:11, 13. Ex. 2:15, 16. Jno. 4:6, 14. *there.* Ps. 23:2. Ca. 1:6, 7. Is. 49, 10. Re. 7:17. *a great stone.* In Arabia, and other places in the East, they cover up their wells of water, lest the sand, which is put in motion by the winds, should fill and quite stop them up. So great was their care not to leave the well open any length of time, that they waited till the flocks were all gathered together before they began to draw water; and when they had finished, the well was immediately closed again.
3 *the flocks.* Instead of *haädarim*, 'the flocks,' the Samaritan reads *haroim*, 'the shepherds,' as does also the Arabic in WALTON'S Polyglott. This verse describes what was usually done by some mutual compact among the shepherds, and shows the purpose for which the flocks lay by the well; for the stone was not removed till all the flocks had been collected. SCOTT.

¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And 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."

¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made 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 clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

29 Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. ²As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, ³and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.

4 ויאמר להם יעקב אחי מאין אתם ויאמרו מחרן אנחנו:

5 ויאמר להם הידעתם את-לבן בן-נחור ויאמרו ידענו:

6 ויאמר להם השלום לו ויאמרו שלום והנה רחל בתו באה עם-הצאן:

7 ויאמר הן עוד היום גדול לא-עת האסף המקנה השקו הצאן ולכו רעו:

8 ויאמרו לא נוכל עד אשר יאספו כל-העדרים וגללו את-האבן מעל פי הבאר והשקינו הצאן:

9 עודנו מדבר עמם ורחל באה עם-הצאן אשר לאביה פי רעה הוא:

10 ויהי כאשר ראה יעקב את-רחל בת-לבן אחי אמו ואת-צאן לבן אחי אמו ויגש יעקב ויגל את-האבן מעל פי הבאר וישק את-צאן לבן אחי אמו:

11 וישק יעקב לרחל וישא את-קלו ויבך:

12 ויגד יעקב לרחל פי אחי אביה הוא וכי בן-רבקה הוא ותרוץ ותגד לאביה:

13 ויהי כשמע לבן את-שמע יעקב בן-אחיתו וירץ לקראתו ויספק-לו וינשק-לו ויביאהו אל-ביתו ויספר ללבן את כל-הדברים האלה:

14 ויאמר לו לבן אף עצמי ובשרי אתה וישב עמו חדש ימים:

15 ויאמר לבן ליעקב הכי-אחי אתה ועבדתני חנם הגידה לי מה-משפרתך:

16 וילבן שתי בנות שם הגדלה לאה ושם הקטנה רחל:

17 ועיני לאה רפות ורחל היתה יפת-תאר ויפת מראה:

18 ויאהב יעקב את-רחל ויאמר אעבדך שבע שנים ברחל בתך הקטנה:

19 ויאמר לבן טוב תמי אתה לך מתמי אתה לאיש אחר שבה עמדי:

20 ויעבד יעקב ברחל שבע שנים ויהיו בעיניו כמימים אחדים באהבתו אתה:

4 *Of Haran*. ch. 11:31; 24:10; 27:43; 28:10. Ac. 7:2, 4. Charran.
5 *son of*. ch. 24:24, 29; 31:53.
6 *Is he well?* Heb. there peace to him? ch. 37:14; 43:27. Ex. 18:7. 1 Sa. 17:22; 25:5. 2 Sa. 20:9.
7 *Lo*. Ga. 6:9; 10. Ep. 5:16. *it is yet high day*. Heb. yet the day is great.
8 *until*, ver. 3; ch. 34:14; 43:32. *roll*. Mar. 16:3. Lu. 24:2.
9 *Rachel*. ch. 24:15. Ex. 2:15, 16, 21. Ca. 1:7, 8. *for she kept them*. In those primitive times, a pastoral life was not only considered useful but honourable: nor was it beneath the dignity of the daughters of the most opulent chiefs to carry water from the well, or tend the sheep. Jacob, Moses, and David were shepherds.
10 *rolled*. Ex. 2:17.
11 *kissed*. ver. 13; ch. 27:26; 33:4; 43:30; 45:2, 14, 15. Ex. 4:27; 18:7. Ro. 16:16. *and wept*. ch. 33:4; 43:30; 45:2, 14, 15.
12 *brother*. ch. 13:8; 14:14–16. *and she*. ch. 24:28.
13 *tidings*. Heb. hearing, *he ran*. ch. 24:29. *kissed*. ch. 45:15. Ex. 4:27; 18:7. 2 Sa. 19:39. Lu. 7:45. Ac. 20:37. Ro. 16:16. *all these*. Col. 4:5.
14 *art my*. ver. 12, 15; ch. 2:23; 13:8. Ju. 9:2. 2 Sa. 5:1; 19:12, 13. Mi. 7:5. Ep. 5:30. *the space of a month*. Heb. a month of days.
15 *tell me*. ch. 30:28; 31:7.
16 *was Leah*. ver. 17, 25–32; ch. 30:19; 31:4; 33:2; 35:23; 46:15; 49:31. Ru. 4:11.
17 *Rachel*. ver. 6–12, 18; ch. 30:1, 2, 22; 35:19, 20, 24; 46:19–22; 48:7. 1 Sa. 10:2. Je. 31:15. Mat. 2:18. *beautiful*. ch. 12:11; 24:16; 39:6. Pr. 31:30.
18 *loved*. ver. 20, 30. *I will serve*. In ancient times, it was a custom among many nations to give dowries for their wives; but Jacob, being poor, offered for Rachel seven years' service. ch. 31:41; 34:12. Ex. 22:16, 17. 2 Sa. 3:14. Ho. 3:2; 12:12.
19 Ps. 12:2. Is. 6:5, 11.
20 A.M. 2251. B.C. 1753. *served*. ch. 30:26. Ho. 12:12. *for the love*. ch. 24:67. Ca. 8:6, 7. 1 Co. 13:7. 2 Co. 5:14. Ep. 5:2.

⁴ Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." ⁵ He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." ⁶ He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!" ⁷ He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them." ⁸ But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

⁹ While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰ Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. ¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

¹³ As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴ and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

21 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־לְבֹן הָבָה אֶת־אֲשֵׁתִי כִּי מָלְאוּ יָמֵי וְאָבוֹאָה אֵלַיָּהּ:

22 וַיֵּאֱסֹף לָבֹן אֶת־כָּל־אֲנָשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתָּהּ:

23 וַיְהִי בָעָרֶב וַיִּקַּח אֶת־לֵאָה בְּתוֹ וַיָּבֵא אֹתָהּ אֵלָיו וַיָּבֵא אֵלַיָּהּ:

24 וַיִּתֵּן לָבֹן לָהּ אֶת־זֹלְפָה שִׁפְחָתוֹ לְלֵאָה בְּתוֹ שִׁפְחָהּ:

25 וַיְהִי בַבֶּקֶר וַהֲנִיחָהּ לֵאָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־לָבֹן מַה־זֹּאת עָשִׂיתָ לִּי הֲלֹא בְרַחֵל עֲבַדְתִּי עֶמְדָה וְלָמָּה רַמִּיתָנִי:

26 וַיֹּאמֶר לָבֹן לֹא־יַעֲשֶׂה כֵּן בְּמִקְוֵמֵנוּ לְתַת הַצְעִירָה לְפָנֵי הַבְּכִירָה:

27 מָלְא שִׁבְעַת זֹאת וַנִּתְּנָהּ לָהּ גַּם־אֶת־זֹאת בַּעֲבֹדָה אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲבֹד עֶמְדָּי עוֹד שִׁבְע־שָׁנִים אַחֲרוֹת:

28 וַיַּעַשׂ יַעֲקֹב כֵּן וַיִּמְלֵא שִׁבְעַת זֹאת וַיִּתֵּן־לוֹ אֶת־רַחֵל בְּתוֹ לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה:

29 וַיִּתֵּן לָבֹן לְרַחֵל בְּתוֹ אֶת־בִּלְהָה שִׁפְחָתוֹ לָהּ לְשִׁפְחָהּ:

30 וַיָּבֵא גַם אֶל־רַחֵל וַיֵּאָהֵב גַּם־אֶת־רַחֵל מִלֵּאָה וַיַּעֲבֹד עִמּוֹ עוֹד שִׁבְע־שָׁנִים אַחֲרוֹת:

31 וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה כִּי־שָׁנְוָאָה לֵאָה וַיִּפְתַּח אֶת־רַחֲמָהּ וַרַחֵל עָקְרָה:

32 וַתִּהְיֶה לֵאָה וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ רְאוּבֵן כִּי אָמְרָה כִּי־רָאָה יְהוָה בְּעֵנָיִי כִּי עָמָה יֵאָהֵבֵנִי אִישִׁי:

33 וַתִּהְיֶה עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ שִׁמְעוֹן כִּי־שָׁמַע יְהוָה כִּי־שָׁנְוָאָה אֲנֹכִי וַיִּתֵּן־לִי גַם־אֶת־זֹה וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ שִׁמְעוֹן:

34 וַתִּהְיֶה עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ לֵוִי כִּי־לָוִי אִישִׁי אֵלַי כִּי־לָוִי לִי לֹא שָׁלְשָׁה בָנִים עַל־כֵּן קָרָאתִי שְׁמוֹ לְוִי:

35 וַתִּהְיֶה עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה כִּי־יְהוּדָה אֶת־יְהוָה עַל־כֵּן קָרָאתִי שְׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה וַתַּעֲמֵד מִלְּדָת:

21 Give me. Mat. 1:18. my days. ver. 18, 20; ch. 31:41. go in. ch. 4:1; 38:16. Ju. 15:1.

22 and made. Ju. 14:10-18. Ru. 4:10-13. Mat. 22:2-10; 25:1-10. Jno. 2:1-10. Re. 19:9.

23 brought her. ch. 24:65; 38:14, 15. Mi. 7:5.

24 Zilpah. ch. 16:1; 24:59; 30:9-12; 46:18.

25 in the morning. 1 Co. 3:13. wherefore. ch. 27:35, 36. Ju. 1:7. Pr. 11:31. Mat. 7:2, 12. Jno. 21:17. Re. 3:19.

26 country. Heb. place.

27 week. ch. 2:2, 3; 8:10-12. Le. 18:18. Ju. 14:10, 12. Mal. 2:15. Mat. 19:5. 1 Ti. 6:10. we will. ver. 20.

28 fulfilled her week. The public marriage feast made on this occasion, seems to have formed the regular method of recognising the marriage, and lasted seven days: it would therefore have been improper to have broken off the solemnities to which all the men of the place had been invited (ver. 22) and probably Laban wished to keep the fraud from the public eye. It is perfectly plain that Jacob did not serve seven years more before he got Rachel to wife.

29 Bilhah. See on ver. 24; ch. 30:3-8; 35:22, 25; 37:2.

30 he loved. ver. 20, 31; 44:20, 27. De. 21:15. Mat. 6:24; 10:37. Lu. 14:26. Jno. 12:25. served. ver. 18; ch. 30:25, 26; 31:15, 41. 1 Sa. 18:17-27. Ho. 12:12.

31 saw. Ex. 3:7. was hated. ver. 30; ch. 27:41. De. 21:15. Mal. 1:3. Mat. 6:24; 10:37. Lu. 14:26. Jno. 12:25. he opened. ch. 16:1; 20:18; 21:1, 2; 25:21; 30:1, 2, 22. Ju. 13:2, 3. 1 Sa. 1:5, 20, 27; 2:21. Ps. 127:3. Lu. 1:7.

32 A.M. 2252. B.C. 1752. his name. ch. 35:22; 37:21, 22, 29; 42:22, 27; 46:8, 9; 49:3, 4. 1 Ch. 5:1.

Reuben. that is. See a son. looked. Ex. 3:7; 4:31. De. 26:7. 1 Sa. 1:11, 20. 2 Sa. 16:12. Ps. 25:18; 106:44. Lu. 1:25.

33 A.M. 2253. B.C. 1751. Because. ch. 30:6, 8, 18, 20. called. ch. 34:25, 30; 35:23; 42:24; 49:5, 6. Simeon. that is. Hearing.

34 A.M. 2254. B.C. 1750. was. ch. 34:25; 35:23; 46:11; 49:5-7. Ex. 2:1; 32:26-29. De. 33:8-10. Levi. that is. joined. Nu. 18:2-4.

35 A.M. 2255. B.C. 1749. called. ch. 35:26; ch. 38; 43:8, 9; 44:18-34; 46:12; 49:8-12. De. 33:7. 1 Ch. 5:2. Mat. 1:2. Judah. that is. Praise. left bearing. Heb. stood from bearing. ch. 49:8. That is, for a time; for she had several children afterwards. (See ch. 30:17, etc.).

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵ And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹ (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

Rachel, in grief for her barrenness, gives Bilhah her maid unto Jacob, 1–4. Bilhah bears Dan and Naphtali, 5–8. Leah gives Zilpah her maid, who bears Gad and Asher, 9–13. Reuben finds mandrakes, with which Leah buys her husband's company of Rachel, 14–16. Leah bears Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah, 17–21. Rachel bears Joseph, 22–24. Jacob desires to depart, 25, 26. Laban detains him on a new agreement, 27–36. Jacob's policy, whereby he becomes rich, 37–43.
1 *When Rachel.* ch. 29:31. *Rachel envied.* Envy and jealousy are most tormenting passions to the breast which harbours them, vexatious to all around, and introductory to much impatience and ungodliness. 'Who is able to stand before envy?' ch. 37:11. 1 Sa. 1:4–8. Ps. 106:16. Pr. 14:30. Ec. 4:4. 1 Co. 3:3. Ga. 5:21. Tit. 3:3. Ja. 3:14; 4:5. *or else I die.* ch. 35:16–19; 37:11. Nu. 11:15, 29. 1 Ki. 19:4. Job 3:1–3, 11, 20–22; 5:2; 13:19. Je. 20:14–18. Jno. 4:3, 8. 2 Co. 7:10.
2 *anger.* ch. 31:36. Ex. 32:19. Mat. 5:22. Mar. 3:5. Ep. 4:26. *Am I.* ch. 16:2; 25:21; 50:19. 1 Sa. 1:5; 2:5, 6. 2 Ki. 5:7. *withheld.* De. 7:13, 14. Ps. 113:9; 127:3. Lu. 1:42.
3 *Behold.* ver. 9; ch. 16:2. 3. *she shall.* ch. 50:23. Job 3:12. *have children by her.* *Heb.* be built up by her. ch. 16:2, marg. Ru. 4:11.
4 *to wife.* ch. 16:3; 21:10; 22:24; 25:1, 6; 33:2; 35:22. 2 Sa. 12:11.
6 A.M. 2256. B.C. 1748. *God.* ch. 29:32–35. Ps. 35:24; 43:1. La. 3:59. *Dan, that is,* Judging. ch. 35:25; 46:23; 49:16, 17. De. 33:22. Ju. 13:2, 24; 15:14–20.
7 A.M. 2257. B.C. 1747.
8 *great wrestlings.* *Heb.* wrestlings of God. ch. 23:6; 32:24. Ex. 9:28. 1 Sa. 14:15, marg. *and she.* ch. 35:25; 46:24; 49:21. De. 33:23. *Naphthali, that is,* My wrestling. ch. 32:24, 25. Mat. 4:13. *Nephtalim.*
9 A.M. 2256. B.C. 1748. *left.* ver. 17; ch. 29:35. *gave her.* ver. 4; ch. 16:3.
11 *she.* ch. 35:26; 46:16; 49:19. De. 33:20, 21. *Gad, that is,* A troop, or company. Is. 65:11.
13 A.M. 2257. B.C. 1747. *Happy am I.* *Heb.* In my happiness. *will call.* Pr. 31:28. Ca. 6:9. Lu. 1:48. *and she.* ch. 35:26; 46:17; 49:20. De. 33:24, 25. *Asher, that is,* Happy.
14 A.M. 2256. B.C. 1748. *mandrakes.* The mandrake may be the Hebrew *duda'im*: it is so rendered by all the ancient versions, and is a species of melon, of an agreeable odour. HASSELQUIST, speaking of Nazareth in Galilee, says, 'What I found most remarkable at this village was the great number of mandrakes which grew in a vale below it. I had not the pleasure of seeing this plant in blossom, the fruit now (*May 5th, O. S.*) hanging ripe on the stem, which lay withered on the ground. From the season in which this mandrake blossoms and ripens fruit, one might form a conjecture that it was Rachel's *duda'im*. These were brought her in the wheat harvest, which in Galilee is in the month of May, about this time, and the mandrake was now in fruit.' The ABBE MARITI describes it as growing 'low like a lettuce, to which its leaves have a great resemblance, except that they have a dark green colour. The flowers are purple, and the root is for the most part forked. The fruit, when ripe in the beginning of May, is of the size and colour of a small apple, exceedingly ruddy, and of a most agreeable odour. Our guide thought us fools for suspecting it to be unwholesome.' Ca. 7:13. *Give me.* ch. 25:30.
15 Nu. 16:9, 10, 13. Is. 7:13. Eze. 16:47. 1 Co. 4:3.
17 A.M. 2257. B.C. 1747. ver. 6, 22. Ex. 3:7. 1 Sa. 1:20, 26, 27. Lu. 1:13.
18 *and she.* ch. 35:23; 46:13; 49:14, 15. De. 33:18. 1 Ch. 12:32. *Issachar, that is,* An hire.

- 30 ותרא רחל כי לא ילדה ליעקב ותקנא רחל באחיה ותאמר
אל־יעקב הבה־לי בנים ואם־אין מתה אנכי:
- 2 ויחר־אף יעקב ברחל ויאמר התחת אלהים אנכי אשר־מנע
מך פרי־בטן:
- 3 ותאמר הנה אמתִי בלהה בא אליה ותלד על־ברכי ואבנה
גם־אנכי ממנה:
- 4 ותתן־לו את־בלהה שפחתה לאשה ויבא אליה יעקב:
- 5 ותהר בלהה ותלד ליעקב בן:
- 6 ותאמר רחל דנני אלהים וגם שמע בקלי ויתן־לי בן על־כן
קרא שמו דן:
- 7 ותהר עוד ותלד בלהה שפחת רחל בן שני ליעקב:
- 8 ותאמר רחל נפתולי אלהים נפתלתי עם־אחתי גם־יכלתי
ותקרא שמו נפתלי:
- 9 ותרא לאה כי עמדה מלדת ותקח את־זלפה שפחתה ותתן אתה
ליעקב לאשה:
- 10 ותלד זלפה שפחת לאה ליעקב בן:
- 11 ותאמר לאה בגד^p ותקרא את־שמו גד:
- 12 ותלד זלפה שפחת לאה בן שני ליעקב:
- 13 ותאמר לאה באשרי כי אשרוני בנות ותקרא את־שמו אשר:
- 14 וילד ראובן בימי קציר־חטים וימצא דודאים בשדה ויבא אתם
אל־לאה אמו ותאמר רחל אל־לאה תני־נא לי מדודאי בנה:
- 15 ותאמר לה המעט קחתך את־אישִי ולקחת גם את־דודאי בני
ותאמר רחל לכן ישכב עמך הלילה תחת דודאי בנה:
- 16 ויבא יעקב מן־השדה בערב ומצא לאה לקראתו ותאמר אלי
תבוא כי שכר שכרתיה בדודאי בני וישכב עמך בלילה הוא:
- 17 וישמע אלהים אל־לאה ותהר ותלד ליעקב בן חמישי:
- 18 ותאמר לאה נתן אלהים שכרי אשר־נתתי שפחתי לאישִי
ותקרא שמו יששכר:

30 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I shall die!” **2** Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?” **3** Then she said, “Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her.” **4** So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. **5** And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. **6** Then Rachel said, “God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan. **7** Rachel’s servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. **8** Then Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed.” So she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. **10** Then Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. **11** And Leah said, “Good fortune has come!” so she called his name Gad. **12** Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. **13** And Leah said, “Happy am I! For women have called me happy.” So she called his name Asher.

14 In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.” **15** But she said to her, “Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son’s mandrakes also?” Rachel said, “Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son’s mandrakes.” **16** When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he lay with her that night. **17** And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. **18** Leah said, “God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband.” So she called his name Issachar.

19 ותהר עוד לאה ותלד בן־ששי ליעקב:

20 ותאמר לאה זבדני אלהים אתי זבד טוב הפעם וזבלני אישי כִּי־ילדתי לוֹ שֵׁשָׁה בָּנִים וּתְקַרְא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ זָבְלוֹן:

21 ואחר ילדה בת ותקרא את־שמה דינה:

22 ויזכר אלהים את־רחל וישמע אליה אלהים ויפתח את־רחמה:

23 ותהר ותלד בן ותאמר אסף אלהים את־חֲרָפְתִּי:

24 ותקרא את־שמו יוסף לאמר יסף יהוה לי בן אחר:

25 ויהי כאשר ילדה רחל את־יוסף ויאמר יעקב אל־לְבָן שְׁלַחֲנִי וְאֶלְכָה אֶל־מְקוֹמִי וְלֹא־רָצִי:

26 תנה את־נשי ואת־ילדי אשר עבדתי אתה בְּהֵן וְאֶלְכָה כִּי אֵתָה יַדְעָת אֶת־עַבְדְּתִי אֲשֶׁר עַבַדְתִּיךָ:

27 ויאמר אליו לָבָן אִם־נָא מִצְּאֵתִי חֵן בְּעֵינַיִךָ נחשתי ויברכני יהוה בְּגִלְגָּלָה:

28 ויאמר נקבה שְׁכָרְךָ עָלִי וְאֵתָנָה:

29 ויאמר אליו אתה ידעת את אשר עבדתיך ואת אשר־היזה מקנך אֲתִי:

30 כִּי מָעַט אֲשֶׁר־הִיזָה לָךְ לִפְנֵי וַיִּפְרֹץ לָרֶב וַיִּבְרָךְ יְהוָה אֵתָה לְרַגְלֵי וְעַתָּה מְתִי אֶעְשֶׂה גַם־אֲנֹכִי לְבֵיתִי:

31 ויאמר מה אֵתָנֶלְךָ ויאמר יעקב לא־תתן־לי מאומה אִם־תַּעֲשֶׂה־לִּי הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה אֲשׁוּבָה אֶרְעָה צֹאנֶךָ אֲשָׁמְרָ:

32 אַעֲבֹר בְּכָל־צֹאנֶךָ הַיּוֹם הַסֵּר מִשָּׁם כָּל־שֵׂה נֶקֶד וְטֹלֹא וְכָל־שֵׂה־חֹם בְּכַשְׁבִּים וְטֹלֹא וְנֶקֶד בְּעֵזִים וְהִיָּה שְׁכָרִי:

33 וְעַתָּה־בִּי צַדְקָתִי בְּיוֹם מָחָר כִּי־תָבוֹא עַל־שְׁכָרִי לִפְנֵיךָ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־אֵינְנוּ נֶקֶד וְטֹלֹא בְּעֵזִים וְחֹם בְּכַשְׁבִּים גָּנוּב הוּא אֲתִי:

34 ויאמר לָבָן הֵן לוֹ יְהִי כַדְבָּרְךָ:

35 ויסר ביום ההוא את־הַתְּיָשִׁים הַעֲקָדִים וְהַטְּלָאִים וְאֵת כָּל־הָעֵזִים הַנֶּקֶדוֹת וְהַטְּלָאִת כֹּל אֲשֶׁר־לָבָן בּוֹ וְכָל־חֹם בְּכַשְׁבִּים וַיִּתֵּן בְּיַד־בְּנָיו:

36 וישם דָּרְךָ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים בֵּינוּ וּבֵין יַעֲקֹב וַיַּעֲקֹב רָעָה אֶת־צֹאן לָבָן הַנּוֹתָרָת:

20 A.M. cir. 2258. B.C. cir. 1746. *now will.* ver. 15; ch. 29:34. *and she.* ch. 35:23; 46:14; 49:13. Ju. 4:10; 5:14. Ps. 68:27. *Zebulun. that is, Dwelling.* Mat. 4:13. *Zabulon.*
 21 A.M. cir. 2259. B.C. 1745. *and called.* ch. 34:1-3, 26; 46:15. *Dinah. that is, Judgment.*
 22 *remembered.* ch. 8:1; 21:1; 29:31. 1 Sa. 1:19, 20. Ps. 105:42. *opened.* ver. 2; ch. 21:1, 2; 25:21; 29:31. Ps. 113:9; 127:3.
 23 'Be fruitful and multiply,' was the blessing of God; barrenness therefore was reckoned a reproach. The intense desire of having children, observable among the Jewish women, arose not only from this reproach of barrenness, but from the hope of being the mother of the promised seed, and Him in whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed. ch. 29:31. 1 Sa. 1:5, 6. Is. 4:1. Lu. 1:21, 25, 27.
 24 *And she.* ch. 35:24; 37:2, 4; ch. 39; 42:6; 48:1, etc.; 49:22-26. De. 33:13-17. *Eze.* 37:16. Ac. 7:9-15. He. 11:21, 22. Re. 7:8. *Joseph. that is, Adding.* ch. 35:17, 18.
 25 *Send me away.* ch. 24:54, 56. *mine.* ch. 18:33; 31:55. *and to.* ch. 24:6, 7; 26:3; 27:44, 45; 28:13, 15; 31:13. Ac. 7:4, 5. He. 11:9, 15, 16.
 26 *my wives.* ch. 29:19, 20, 30; 31:26, 31, 41. Ho. 12:12. *for thou.* ver. 29, 30; ch. 31:6, 38-40.
 27 *favour.* ch. 18:3; 33:15; 34:11; 39:3-5, 21; 47:25. Ex. 3:21. Nu. 11:11, 15. Ru. 2:13. 1 Sa. 16:22. 1 Ki. 11:19. Ne. 1:11; 2:5. Da. 1:9. Ac. 7:10. *the Lord.* ver. 30; ch. 12:3; 26:24; 39:2-5, 21-23. Ps. 1:3. Is. 6:13; 61:9; 65:8.
 28 ch. 29:15, 19.
 29 See on ver. 5; ch. 31:6, 38-40. Mat. 24:45. Ep. 6:5-8. Col. 3:22-25. Tit. 2:9, 10. 1 Pe. 2:15, 18.
 30 *increased.* *Heb. broken forth.* ver. 43. *and the.* ver. 27. *since my coming.* *Heb. at my foot.* De. 11:10. *when.* 2 Co. 12:14. 1 Ti. 5:8.
 31 2 Sa. 21:4-6. Ps. 118:8. He. 13:5.
 32 *of such.* ver. 35; ch. 31:8, 10.
 33 *righteousness.* ch. 31:37. 1 Sa. 26:23. 2 Sa. 22:21. Ps. 37:6. *answer.* Is. 59:12. *in time to come.* *Heb. to-morrow.* Ex. 13:14. *that shall be.* Supply the ellipsis by inserting 'if found,' after 'stolen,' and the sense will be clear.
 34 Nu. 22:29. 1 Co. 7:7; 14:5. Ga. 5:12.
 35 *he removed.* From this it appears, that, as Jacob had agreed to take all the parti-coloured for his wages, and was now only beginning to act upon this agreement, and consequently had as yet no right to any of the cattle, therefore Laban separated from the flock all such cattle as Jacob might afterwards claim in consequence of his bargain, leaving only the black and white with Jacob. *the hand.* ch. 31:9.

¹⁹ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰ Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. ²¹ Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

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

²⁵ As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. ²⁶ Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." ²⁷ But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you. ²⁸ Name your wages, and I will give it." ²⁹ Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. ³⁰ For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" ³¹ He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: ³² let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. ³³ So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." ³⁴ Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." ³⁵ But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. ³⁶ And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

37 וַיִּקְחֵה־לוֹ יַעֲקֹב מִקֵּל לְבָנָה לַח וְלוֹז וְעָרְמוֹן וַיַּפְצֵל בָּהֶן פְּצָלוֹת
 לְבָנוֹת מִחֹשֶׁף הַלָּבָן אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַמִּקְלוֹת:
 38 וַיִּצַּג אֶת־הַמִּקְלוֹת אֲשֶׁר פָּצַל בְּרִהָטִים בְּשִׁקְתוֹת הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר
 תָּבֵאֲנָה הַצֹּאֵן לְשִׁתוֹת לְנֹכַח הַצֹּאֵן וַיִּחַמְנָה בְּבֹאֵן לְשִׁתוֹת:
 39 וַיִּחַמּוּ הַצֹּאֵן אֶל־הַמִּקְלוֹת וַתִּלְדְּנָה הַצֹּאֵן עֲקָדִים נְקָדִים וּטְלָאִים:
 40 וְהַכְּשָׁבִים הַפְּרִיד יַעֲקֹב וַיִּתֵּן פָּנָי הַצֹּאֵן אֶל־עֶקֶד וְכָל־חֹם בְּצֹאֵן
 לָבוֹן וַיִּשְׁתַּלּוּ עֲדָרִים לְבָדוֹ וְלֹא שָׁתַם עַל־צֹאֵן לָבוֹן:
 41 וְהָיָה בְּכָל־יָחַם הַצֹּאֵן הַמִּקְשָׁרוֹת וְשֵׁם יַעֲקֹב אֶת־הַמִּקְלוֹת לְעֵינָי
 הַצֹּאֵן בְּרִהָטִים לְיַחַמְנָה בַּמִּקְלוֹת:
 42 וּבַהֲעֵטִיף הַצֹּאֵן לֹא יֵשִׁים וְהָיָה הָעֵטֵטִים לְלָבוֹן וְהַקְּשָׁרִים
 לְיַעֲקֹב:
 43 וַיִּפְרֹץ הָאִישׁ מְאֹד מְאֹד וַיִּהְיֶה־לוֹ צֹאֵן רַבּוֹת וַשְׁפָחוֹת וְעֲבָדִים
 וּגְמָלִים וְחֹמְרִים:

37 *Jacob*. ch. 31:9–13. *green poplar*. *Livneh* is the *white poplar*, so called from the whiteness of its leaves, bark, and wood, from *lavan*, to be white. *hasel*. JEROME, HILLER, CELSIUS, Dr. SHAW, BO-CHART, and other learned men, say, that *luz* is not the 'hazel,' but the almond-tree, as the word denotes both in Arabic and Syriac. *chesnut tree*. The Heb. word *ârmon*, signifies 'the plane-tree,' so called from the bark naturally peeling off, and leaving the trunk *naked*, as its root *âram*, signifies. *Eze.* 31:8.
 39 *brought forth*. ch. 31:9–12, 38, 40, 42. *Ex.* 12:35, 36.
 41 *whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive*. As the means which Jacob used would not in general produce similar effects, nay, probably the experiment was never in any other instance tried with effect, it is more in harmony with Divine truth to suppose that he was directed by some Divine intimation; and rendered successful, if not by a direct miracle, yet at least by the Lord's giving a new and uncommon bias to the tendency of natural causes.
 43 *ver.* 30; ch. 13:2; 24:35; 26:13, 14; 28:15; 31:7, 8, 42; 32:10; 33:11; 36:7. *Ec.* 2:7. *Eze.* 39:10. The Lord will, in one way or other, honour those who simply trust his providence.

31 וַיִּשְׁמַע אֶת־דְּבָרֵי בְנֵי־לָבוֹן לֵאמֹר לָקַח יַעֲקֹב אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
 לְאֲבִינוֹ וּמֵאֲשֶׁר לְאֲבִינוֹ עָשָׂה אֶת־כָּל־הַכְּפָד הַזֶּה:
 2 וַיִּרְא יַעֲקֹב אֶת־פָּנָי לָבוֹן וְהָיָה אֵינָנו עִמּוֹ כְּתַמּוֹל שְׁלֹשׁוֹם:
 3 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־יַעֲקֹב שׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ אַבְוֹתֶיךָ וּלְמוֹלְדֹתֶיךָ וְאָהֲרָה
 עִמָּךְ:
 4 וַיִּשְׁלַח יַעֲקֹב וַיִּקְרָא לְרַחֵל וּלְלֵאָה הַשְׂדָּה אֶל־צֹאֲנֹו:
 5 וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶן רֵאֵה אָנֹכִי אֶת־פָּנָי אֲבִיכֶן כִּי־אֵינָנו אֵלַי כְּתַמּוֹל
 שְׁלֹשׁוֹם וְאֱלֹהֵי אָבִי הֵיךָ עִמָּדִי:
 6 וְאַתְּנָה יִדְעָתָן כִּי בְּכָל־פְּחוֹי עֲבַדְתִּי אֶת־אֲבִיכֶן:
 7 וְאַבִּיכֶן הִתֵּל בִּי וְהִחֲלַף אֶת־מִשְׁפַּרְתִּי עֲשֶׂרְת מַנִּים וְלֹא־נִתְּנוּ
 אֱלֹהִים לְהִרְעַע עִמָּדִי:
 8 אִם־פָּה יֹאמֶר נְקָדִים יִהְיֶה שְׁכָרְךָ וַיִּלְדוּ כָּל־הַצֹּאֵן נְקָדִים
 וְאִם־פָּה יֹאמֶר עֲקָדִים יִהְיֶה שְׁכָרְךָ וַיִּלְדוּ כָּל־הַצֹּאֵן עֲקָדִים:

CHAP. 31
Jacob, displeased with the envy of Laban and his sons, departs secretly, 1–21. Rachel steals her father's images, 19. Laban pursues after him, and complains of the wrong, 22–33. Rachel's stratagem to hide the images, 34, 35. Jacob's complaint of Laban, 36–42. The covenant of Laban and Jacob at Galeded, 43–55.
 1 *Jacob*. *ver.* 8, 9. *Job* 31:31. *Ps.* 57:4; 64:3, 4; 120:3–5. *Pr.* 14:30; 27:4. *Ec.* 4:4. *Eze.* 16:44. *Tit.* 3:3. *glory*. 'Glory' is here used for 'wealth,' riches, or property; since those who possess riches, generally make them the subject of glory. The original word *canod*, signifies both 'glory' and 'weight.' *ch.* 45:13. *Es.* 5:11. *Job* 31:24, 25. *Ps.* 17:14; 49:16, 17. *Ec.* 4:4. *Is.* 5:14. *Je.* 9:23. *Mat.* 4:8. 1 *Ti.* 6:4. 1 *Pe.* 1:24.
 2 *countenance*. *ch.* 4:5. *De.* 28:54. 1 *Sa.* 18:9–11. *Da.* 3:19. *it was*. *ch.* 30:27. *as before*. *Heb.* as yesterday and the day before. *Ex.* 4:10. *De.* 19:4. 1 *Sa.* 19:7. *marg.*
 3 *Return*. *ch.* 28:15, 20, 21, etc.; 32:9; 35:1; 46:2, 3; 50:24. *Ps.* 46:1; 50:15; 90:15. *land*. *ver.* 13, 18; *ch.* 13:15; 26:3–5; 28:4, 13, 15; 30:25. *with thee*. *ch.* 21:22; 26:24; 28:15; 32:9. *Is.* 41:10. *He.* 13:5.
 5 *I see*. *ver.* 2, 3, *the God*. *ver.* 3, 13, 42, 53. *ch.* 32:9; 48:15; 50:17.
 6 *ver.* 38–42; *ch.* 30:29. *Ep.* 6:5–8. *Col.* 3:22–25. *Tit.* 2:9, 10. 1 *Pe.* 2:18.
 7 *ten times*. The Hebrew, *âsereth monim*, is literally, as *AQUILA* renders, 'ten numbers;' and *SYMMACHUS*, 'ten times in number,' which probably implies an indefinite number; see *ver.* 41. *Le.* 26:26. *Nu.* 14:22. *Ne.* 4:12. *Job* 19:8. *Is.* 4:1. *Le.* 8:23. *God*. *ver.* 29; *ch.* 20:6. *Job* 1:10. *Ps.* 37:28; 105:14, 15. *Is.* 54:17.
 8 *ch.* 30:32.

³⁷ Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks.

³⁸ He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, ³⁹ the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. ⁴⁰ And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock.

⁴¹ Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, ⁴² but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. ⁴³ Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

31 Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, "Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has gained all this wealth." ² And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before. ³ Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

⁴ So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was ⁵ and said to them, "I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before. But the God of my father has been with me. ⁶ You know that I have served your father with all my strength, ⁷ yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not permit him to harm me. ⁸ If he said, 'The spotted shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore striped.

9 וַיִּצַל אֱלֹהִים אֶת־מִקְנֵה אַבְיָכֶם וַיִּתְּוֹלֵי:

10 וַיְהִי בַעֲת יַחַם הַצֹּאֵן וְאִשָּׁא עֵינָי וְאָרָא בַחֲלוּם וְהִנֵּה הָעֵתִידִים
הָעֲלִים עַל־הַצֹּאֵן עֲקָדִים נְקָדִים וּבְרָדִים:

11 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי מְלֹאֵף הָאֱלֹהִים בַּחֲלוּם יַעֲקֹב וַאֲמַר הֲנִנִי:

12 וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאֵנָא עֵינִיָּה וַרְאֵה כָּל־הָעֵתִידִים הָעֲלִים עַל־הַצֹּאֵן
עֲקָדִים נְקָדִים וּבְרָדִים כִּי רְאִיתִי אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לָכֵן עָשָׂה לָּךְ:

13 אֲנֹכִי הָאֵל בֵּית־אֵל אֲשֶׁר מְשַׁחֵת שָׁם מִצְבָּה אֲשֶׁר נִדְרַתְּ לִי שָׁם
נִדָּר עָתָה קוּם צֵא מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְשׁוּב אֶל־אָרֶץ מוֹלְדָתְךָ:

14 וַתַּעַן רְחֵל וּלְאָה וַתֹּאמְרֵנָה לוֹ הַעוֹד לָנוּ חֵלֶק וַנִּחְלָה בְּבֵית
אַבְיָנוּ:

15 הֲלוֹא נִכְרִיּוֹת נִחְשַׁבְנוּ לוֹ כִּי מִכְרָנוּ וַיֹּאכַל גַּם־אֶכּוֹל אֶת־כֶּסֶפְנוּ:

16 כִּי כָל־הָעֲשָׂר אֲשֶׁר הִצִּיל אֱלֹהִים מֵאַבְיָנוּ לָנוּ הוּא וּלְבָנֵינוּ וְעַתָּה
כָּל אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֱלֹהִים אֵלַיךָ עָשָׂה:

17 וַיִּקָּם יַעֲקֹב וַיִּשָּׂא אֶת־בָּנָיו וְאֶת־נָשָׁיו עַל־הַגְּמָלוֹם:

18 וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־כָּל־מִקְנֵהוּ וְאֶת־כָּל־רֶכְשׁוֹ אֲשֶׁר רָכַשׁ מִקְנֵה קַנְיָנוּ
אֲשֶׁר רָכַשׁ בְּפָדוֹן אַרְם לְבוֹא אֶל־יִצְחָק אָבִיו אַרְצָה כְּנָעַן:

19 וּלְכֵן הִלָּף לְגִזּוֹ אֶת־צֹאֲנוֹ וַתִּגְנֹב רְחֵל אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים אֲשֶׁר
לְאַבְיָהָ:

20 וַיִּגְנֹב יַעֲקֹב אֶת־לֵב לָכֵן הָאֲרָמִי עַל־בְּלֵי הַגִּיד לוֹ כִּי בָרַח הוּא:

21 וַיִּבְרַח הוּא וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיִּקָּם וַיַּעֲבֹר אֶת־הַנָּהָר וַיִּשָּׂם אֶת־פָּנָיו
הַר הַגְּלָעָד:

22 וַיִּגַּד לְלָכֵן בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי כִּי בָרַח יַעֲקֹב:

23 וַיִּקַּח אֶת־אֲחִיו עִמּוֹ וַיִּרְדֹּף אַחֲרָיו דָּרָף שְׁבַעַת יָמִים וַיִּדְבַּק אֹתוֹ
בְּהַר הַגְּלָעָד:

24 וַיָּבֹא אֱלֹהִים אֶל־לָכֵן הָאֲרָמִי בַחֲלֹם הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הַשְּׁמֵר לָךְ
פֶּן־תִּדְבַּר עִם־יַעֲקֹב מִטּוֹב עַד־רָע:

9 ver. 1, 16. Es. 8:1, 2. Ps. 50:10. Pr. 13:22. Mat. 20:15.
10 a dream. ver. 24; ch. 20:6; 28:12. Nu. 12:6. De. 13:1. 1 Ki. 3:5. rams. or, he-goats. ring-straked. ch. 30:39. gristed. The original word, beroodim, from barad, 'hail,' means marked with white spots like hail; to which our word gristed, from the old French gresle, now grêle, hail, perfectly agrees; hence greslé, spotted with white on a dark ground. 11 the angel. ver. 5, 13; ch. 16:7-13; 18:1, 17; 48:15, 16. Here am I. ch. 22:1. Ex. 3:4. 1 Sa. 3:4, 6, 8, 16. Is. 58:9.
12 Lift up. ch. 30:37-43. I have seen. ver. 42. Ex. 3:7, 9. Le. 19:13, De. 24:15. Ps. 12:5; 139:3. Ec. 5:8. Ac. 7:34. Ep. 6:9.
13 the God. ch. 28:12-22; 35:7. return. ver. 3; ch. 32:9.
14 Rachel. Ru. 4:11. yet any. ch. 2:24; 29:24, 29. 15 sold us. ver. 41; ch. 29:15-20, 27-30; 30:26. Ex. 21:7-11. Ne. 5:8.
16 which God. See on ver. 1, 9; ch. 30:35-43. whatsoever. Ps. 45:10.
17 upon camels. ch. 24:10, 61. 1 Sa. 30:17.
18 for to go. ch. 27:1, 2, 41; 28:21; 35:27-29.
19 images. Heb. teraphim. ver. 30, 32; ch. 35:2. Jos. 24:2. Ju. 17:4, 5; 18:14-24, 31. 1 Sa. 19:13. Eze. 21:21. Ho. 3:4. These might have been images devoted to superstitious or idolatrous purposes, as they are termed gods by Laban, in ver. 30. The Targums of ONKELOS and JONATHAN render it, tzalmanaya, 'images;' the LXX. and THEODORET, εἰδωλα, 'idols;' AQUILA, μορφοματα, 'figures;' and the Persian, asterlabha, 'astrolabes.'
20 unawares to Laban. Heb. the heart of Laban. See references on ver. 27.
21 passed. ch. 2:14; 15:18. Jos. 24:2, 3. set his. ch. 46:28. Nu. 24:1. 2 Ki. 12:17. Je. 50:5. Lu. 9:51-53. Gilead. ver. 23. Nu. 32:1. De. 3:12. Jos. 13:8, 9. Ju. 10:18. 1 Ki. 17:1.
22 ch. 30:36. Ex. 14:5, etc. Job 5:12, 13.
23 ch. 13:8; 24:27. Ex. 2:11, 13.
24 the Syrian. ch. 28:5. De. 26:5. Ho. 12:12. dream. ver. 10, 29; ch. 20:3; 40:5; 41:1. Nu. 12:6; 22:20, 26. 1 Ki. 3:5. Job 33:15-17, 25. Mat. 1:20; 2:12; 27:19. Take heed. ver. 42; ch. 24:50. Nu. 24:13, 2 Sa. 13:22. Ps. 105:14, 15. Is. 37:29. either good or bad. Heb. from good to bad.

⁹ Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. ¹⁰ In the breeding season of the flock I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream that the goats that mated with the flock were striped, spotted, and mottled. ¹¹ Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!' ¹² And he said, 'Lift up your eyes and see, all the goats that mate with the flock are striped, spotted, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. ¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.' " ¹⁴ Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? ¹⁵ Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has indeed devoured our money. ¹⁶ All the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

¹⁷ So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. ¹⁸ He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. ¹⁹ Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods. ²⁰ And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee. ²¹ He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

²² When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, ²³ he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead. ²⁴ But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

25 וישג לָבֶן אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וַיַּעֲקֹב תִּמְעַע אֶת־אֶהָלוּ בָּהֶר וְלָבֶן תִּמְקַע
אֶת־אֶחָיו בָּהֶר הַגִּלְעָד:
26 וַיֹּאמֶר לָבֶן לַיַּעֲקֹב מָה עָשִׂיתָ וַתִּגְנֹב אֶת־לִבִּי וַתִּנְהַג אֶת־בְּנֹתַי
כַּשְּׂבִיּוֹת חָרָב:
27 לָמָּה נִחַבְּאֶתָּ לְבָרַח וַתִּגְנֹב אֹתִי וְלֹא־הִגַּדְתָּ לִּי וְאַשְׁלַחְךָ בְּשִׂמְחָה
וּבְשָׂרִים בְּתֵף וּבְכַנּוּר:
28 וְלֹא נִטְשָׁתַנִּי לְנִשְׁק לְבָנִי וּלְבִנְתֵי עֵתָה הִסְפַּלְתָּ עִשׂוֹ:
29 יֵשׁ-לְאֵל יָדַי לַעֲשׂוֹת עִמָּכֶם רָע וְאֵלֵהִי אֲבִיכֶם אָמַשׁ אָמַר אֵלַי
לֵאמֹר הַשְּׁמֵר לְךָ מִדְּבַר עַם־יַעֲקֹב מִטּוֹב עַד־רָע:
30 וְעֵתָה הִלֹּךְ הַלְכָתָּ כִּי־נִכְסֶפָה נִכְסְפָתָה לְבֵית אָבִיךָ לָמָּה גִּנַּבְתָּ
אֶת־אֶלְהֵי:
31 וַיַּעַן יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר לְלָבֶן כִּי יִרְאֵתִי כִּי אֲמַרְתִּי פֶן־תִּגְזֹל
אֶת־בְּנוֹתַי מֵעַמִּי:
32 עַם אֲשֶׁר תִּמְצָא אֶת־אֶלְהֵיךָ לֹא יִחְיֶה נֶגֶד אֲחֵינוּ הַכָּרֵלֶךְ מָה
עֹמְדֵי וְקוֹחֵלֶךָ וְלֹא־יִדַּע יַעֲקֹב כִּי רָחַל גִּנַּבְתֶּם:
33 וַיָּבֵא לָבֶן בְּאֵהָל יַעֲקֹב וּבְאֵהָל לֵאָה וּבְאֵהָל שְׁתֵּי הָאֵמֹהֹת וְלֹא
מָצָא וַיֵּצֵא מֵאֵהָל לֵאָה וַיָּבֵא בְּאֵהָל רָחֵל:
34 וְרָחֵל לְקַחְהָ אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים וַתִּשְׂמֹם בְּכֹר הַגְּמֵל וַתִּשָּׁב עֲלֵיהֶם
וַיִּמְשָׁשׁ לָבֶן אֶת־פְּלֵהָאֵהָל וְלֹא מָצָא:
35 וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל־אָבִיךָ אֵל־יִחָר בְּעֵינַי אֲדֹנָי כִּי לֹא אוּכַל לְקוֹם
מִפְּנֵיךָ כִּי־דָרְךָ נָשִׂים לִי וַיִּחַפֵּשׂ וְלֹא מָצָא אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים:
36 וַיִּחָר לַיַּעֲקֹב וַיָּרֵב בְּלָבֶן וַיַּעַן יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר לְלָבֶן מַה־פִּשְׁעֵי מַה
חָטָאתִי כִּי דָלַקְתָּ אֶחָרִי:
37 כִּי־מִשְׁשָׁתָּ אֶת־פְּלֵ־כִלֵּי מַה־מָּצָאתָ מִכָּל כְּלֵי־בֵיתְךָ שִׂים פֹּה נֶגֶד
אֲחִי וְאֶחָיְךָ וַיִּוֹכִיחוּ בֵּין שְׁנֵינוּ:
38 זֶה עֲשָׂרִים שָׁנָה אָנֹכִי עִמָּךָ רָחֵלִיךָ וְעַזְיִיךָ לֹא שָׁכְלוּ וְאֵלַי צִאֲנָה
לֹא אֶכְלָתִי:
39 טָרְפָה לֹא־הִבֵּאתִי אֵלֶיךָ אָנֹכִי אֲסַטְּנָה מִיָּדִי תִּבְקֹשְׁנָה גִּנַּבְתִּי יוֹם
וּגִנַּבְתִּי לְיָלֶה:

25 ch. 12:8; 33:18. He. 11:9.
26 *What*. ver. 36; ch. 3:13; 4:10; 12:18; 20:9, 10; 26:10. Jos. 7:19. 1 Sa. 14:43; 17:29. Jno. 18:35. *carried*. ver. 16; ch. 2:24; 34:29. 1 Sa. 30:2.
27 *Wherefore*. ver. 3-5, 20, 21, 31. Ju. 6:27. *steal away from me*. Heb. *hast stolen me*. ver. 20, marg. *that I*. Pr. 26:23-26. *with mirth*. ch. 24:59, 60. Job 21:11-14. *tabret*. Ex. 15:20.
28 *kiss*. ver. 55; ch. 29:13. Ex. 4:27. Ru. 1:9, 14. 1 Ki. 19:20. Ac. 20:37. *foolishly*. ver. 3, 13, 24. 1 Sa. 13:13. 2 Ch. 16:9. 1 Co. 2:14.
29 *the power*. Ps. 52:1. Jno. 19:10, 11. *the God*. ver. 42, 53; ch. 28:13. Jos. 24:2, 3. 2 Ki. 19:10. Da. 2:47; 3:28; 6:20, 26. *yesternight*. ver. 24. *Take*. Ac. 5:38, 39; 9:5.
30 *my gods*. ver. 19. Ex. 12:12. Nu. 33:4. Ju. 6:31; 18:24. 1 Sa. 5:2-6. 2 Sa. 5:21. Is. 37:19; 46:1, 2. Je. 10:11; 43:12.
31 *Because*. ver. 26, 27; ch. 20:11. Pr. 29:25.
32 *whomsoever*. This was rash, and might have produced fatal effects; but Jacob was partial to Rachel, and did not suspect her; and he was indignant at being accused of a crime which he deeply abhorred. SCOTT. ver. 19, 30; ch. 44:9-12. *before*. ver. 23; ch. 13:8; 19:7; 30:33. 1 Sa. 12:3-5. 2 Co. 8:20, 21; 12:17-19. *For Jacob*. 1 Sa. 14:24-29.
33 *Leah's*. ch. 24:28, 67.
34 *had taken*. ver. 17, 19. *furniture*. The word *car*, rendered 'furniture,' properly denotes 'a large round pannier,' placed one on each side of a camel, for a person, especially women, to ride in. It is a hamper, like a cradle, having a back, head, and sides, like a great chair. MORYSON describes them as 'two long chairs like cradles, covered with red cloth, to hang on the two sides of the camel.' HANWAY calls them *kedgavays*, which 'are a kind of covered chairs, which the Persians hang over their camels in the manner of panniers, and are big enough for one person to sit in.' THEVENOT, who calls them *coumes*, says that they lay over them a cover, which keeps them both from the rain and sun; and MAILLET describes them as covered cages, hanging on each side of a camel. The late Editor of CALMET has furnished a correct delineation of these *cars*, as seen on one side of a camel, copied from DALTON'S Prints of Egyptian Figures. *searched*. Heb. *felt*.
35 *my lord*. ch. 18:12. Ex. 20:12. Le. 19:3. Ep. 6:1. 1 Pe. 2:18; 3:6. *rise up*. Le. 19:32. 1 Ki. 2:19. *custom*. ch. 18:11. Le. 15:19.
36 *was wrath*. ch. 30:2; 34:7; 49:7. Nu. 16:15. 2 Ki. 5:11; 13:19. Pr. 28:1. Mar. 3:5. Ep. 4:26. Ja. 1:19, 20.
37 *set it here*. ver. 32. Jos. 7:23. 1 Sa. 12:3, 4. Mat. 18:16. 1 Co. 6:4, 5. 1 Th. 2:10. He. 13:18. 1 Pe. 2:12; 3:16.
38 *twenty*. ver. 41. *ewes*. ch. 30:27, 30. Ex. 23:26. De. 28:4. *the rams*. Eze. 34:2-4.
39 *torn of*. Ex. 22:10, 31. Le. 22:8. 1 Sa. 17:34, 35. Jno. 10:12, 13. *I bare*. Ex. 22:10-13. *or stolen*. Lu. 2:8.

²⁵ And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. ²⁶ And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have tricked me and driven away my daughters like captives of the sword? ²⁷ Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? ²⁸ And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. ²⁹ It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' ³⁰ And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" ³¹ Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. ³² Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

³³ So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's. ³⁴ Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. ³⁵ And she said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me." So he searched but did not find the household gods.

³⁶ Then Jacob became angry and berated Laban. Jacob said to Laban, "What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? ³⁷ For you have felt through all my goods; what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two. ³⁸ These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. ³⁹ What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. From my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 הַיִּיתִי בַיּוֹם אֲכַלְנִי חָרֵב וְקָרַח בְּלִילָהּ וַתִּדַּד שְׁנָתִי מֵעֵינָי:

41 זֶה־לִּי עֲשָׂרִים שָׁנָה בְּבֵיתֶךָ עֲבַדְתִּיךָ אַרְבַּע־עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה בְּשֵׂמִיתִי
בְּנִתְיָךָ וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁנִים בְּצֹאנֶךָ וַתַּחֲלֶף אֶת־מִשְׁפָּרְתִּי עֲשָׂרַת מְנִים:

42 לוּלִי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וּפְחַד יִצְחָק הִזָּה לִּי כִּי עָתָה רִיקָם
שִׁלְחָתָנִי אֶת־עֲנָנִי וְאֶת־יְגִיעַ כַּפֵּי רָאָה אֱלֹהִים וַיִּזְכַּח אִמְשׁ:

43 וַיַּעַן לְבֹן וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יַעֲקֹב הַבְּנוֹת בְּנֹתַי וְהַבָּנִים בָּנֵי וְהַצֹּאֵן צֹאנֵי
וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה רָאָה לִי־הוּא וְלִבְנֹתַי מִה־אֲעֻשָׂה לְאֵלֶּהָ הַיּוֹם אוֹ
לְבָנֶיהֶן אֲשֶׁר יִלְדוּ:

44 וְעָתָה לָכֵה נִכְרַתָּה בְּרִית אֲנִי וְאַתָּה וְהָיָה לְעַד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ:

45 וַיִּקַּח יַעֲקֹב אֶבֶן וַיְרִמֶהָ מִצִּבְּיָהּ:

46 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב לְאַחֲיוֹ לְקַטּוּ אֶבְנִים וַיִּקְחוּ אֶבְנִים וַיַּעֲשׂוּ־גֹל
וַיֹּאכְלוּ שָׁם עַל־הַגֹּל:

47 וַיִּקְרָא־לוֹ לְבֹן יִגְר שְׂהֵדוּתָא וַיַּעֲקֹב קָרָא לוֹ גֹלְעָד:

48 וַיֹּאמֶר לְבֹן הַגֹּל הִזָּה עַד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ הַיּוֹם עַל־כֵּן קָרָא־שְׂמוֹ
גֹלְעָד:

49 וְהַמִּצְפָּה אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יִצְחָק יְהוּה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ כִּי נִסְתַּר אִישׁ מֵרְעֵהוּ:
אִם־תִּתְעַנֶּה אֶת־בְּנֹתַי וְאִם־תִּקַּח נָשִׁים עַל־בְּנֹתַי אִין אִישׁ עֲמָנוּ
רָאָה אֱלֹהִים עַד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ:

51 וַיֹּאמֶר לְבֹן לִיַּעֲקֹב הִנֵּה הַגֹּל הִזָּה וְהִנֵּה הַמִּצְבָּה אֲשֶׁר יָרִיתִי בֵּינִי
וּבֵינֶךָ:

52 עַד הַגֹּל הִזָּה וְעַדָּה הַמִּצְבָּה אִם־אֲנִי לֹא־אֲעֹבֵר אֵלֶיךָ אֶת־הַגֹּל
הִזָּה וְאִם־אַתָּה לֹא־תֵעָבֵר אֵלַי אֶת־הַגֹּל הִזָּה וְאֶת־הַמִּצְבָּה הַזֹּאת
לְרַעָה:

53 אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וְאֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וְאֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם וְאֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם
יַעֲקֹב בְּפִסְחָא אֲבִיו יִצְחָק:

54 וַיִּזְבַּח יַעֲקֹב זֶבַח בְּהָר וַיִּקְרָא לְאֶחָיו לְאֶכְל־לֶחֶם וַיֹּאכְלוּ לֶחֶם
וַיִּלְיֵנוּ בְּהָר:

40 Ex. 2:19–22; 3:1. Ps. 78:70, 71. Ho. 12:12. Lu. 2:8. Jno. 21:15–17. He. 13:7. 1 Pe. 5:2–4.

41 *fourteen*. ver. 38; ch. 29:18–30; 30:33–40. 1 Co. 15:10. 2 Co. 11:26. *ten times*. See on ver. 7.

42 *Except*. ver. 24, 29. Ps. 124:1–3. *fear*. ver. 53; ch. 27:33. Ps. 76:11, 12; 124:1. Is. 8:13. *hath seen*. ver. 12; ch. 11:5; 16:11, 13; 29, 32. Ex. 3:7. 1 Ch. 12:17. Ps. 31:7. Jude 9.

44 *let us*. ch. 15:18; 21:22–32; 26:28–31. 1 Sa. 20:14–17. *a witness*. ver. 48, 52; ch. 21:30. De. 31:19, 21, 26. Jos. 22:27; 24:25–27. God can put a bridle into the mouth of wicked men to restrain their malice; and then, though they have no love for his people, they will pretend to it, and try to make a merit of necessity. SCOTT.

45 ch. 28:18–22.

46 *brethren*. ver. 23, 32, 37, 54. *Gather*. Jos. 4:5–9, 20–24; 7:26. 2 Sa. 18:17. Ec. 3:5. *an heap*. The word *gal*, rendered 'heap,' properly signifies a *round heap* or *circle*; probably like the Druidical remains in this country, which have been traced in India, Persia, Western Asia, Greece, and Northern Europe. These usually consist of irregular circles of large stones, with a principal one in the midst; the former probably being used for seats, and the latter for an altar; corresponding to the stone set up as a pillar by Jacob, and the heap of stones collected by his brethren. They appear to have been used, as *Gilgal* undoubtedly was, (Jos. 4:5. Ju. 2:1; 3:19; ch. 20. 1 Sa. 7:16; 10:8, 17; 11:15; 13:7; 15:33. 2 Sa. 19:15, 40. 2 Ki. 2:1.) as temples, and as places for holding councils, and assembling the people. For a satisfactory elucidation of this subject, consult the *Fragments to Calmet*, Nos. 156, 735, 736.

47 *Jegar-sahadutha*. i.e. the heap of witness. Chald. *Galeed*. i.e. the heap of witness. Heb. He. 12:1.

48 *This heap*. Jos. 24:27. *Galeed*. or, Gilead. ver. 23. De. 2:36; 3:16. Jos. 13:8, 9.

49 *Mizpah*. i.e. a beacon, or watch-tower. Ju. 10:17; 11:11, 29. *Mizpeh*. 1 Sa. 7:5. 1 Ki. 15:22. Ho. 5:1.

50 *afflict*. Le. 18:18. Mat. 19:5, 6. *God*. Ju. 11:10. 1 Sa. 12:5. Je. 29:23; 42:5. Mi. 1:2. Mal. 2:14; 3:5. 1 Th. 2:5.

51 *I have cast*. For *yarithi*, 'I have set up,' we may read, *yaritha*, 'THOU hast set up,' with one Heb. and one Sam. MS.: see ver. 45.

52 See on ver. 44, 45, 48.

53 *God of Abraham*. ch. 11:24–29, 31; 17:7; 22:20–24; 24:3, 4. Ex. 3:6. Jos. 24:2. *their father*. For *avihem*, 'THEIR father,' several MSS. read *avichem*, 'YOUR father,' for Terah was an idolater: see Jos. 24:2. *judge*. ch. 16:5. *sware*. ch. 14:22; 21:23, 24; 24:3; 26:28–31. *fear*. ver. 42. De. 6:13.

54 *offered sacrifice*. or, killed beasts. *did eat*. ch. 21:8; 26:30; 37:25. Ex. 18:12. 2 Sa. 3:20, 21.

55 *and kissed*. ver. 28; ch. 33:4. Ru. 1:14. *blessed*. ch. 24:60; 28:1. Nu. 23:5, 8, 11. De. 23:5. Pr. 16:7. *returned*. ch. 18:33; 30:25. Nu. 24:25. De. 32:36. Ps. 76:10. Ac. 28:4, 5.

⁴⁰There I was: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

⁴²If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.”

⁴³Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day for these my daughters or for their children whom they have borne? ⁴⁴Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be a witness between you and me.” ⁴⁵So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. ⁴⁶And Jacob said to his kinsmen, “Gather stones.” And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap. ⁴⁷Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. ⁴⁸Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” Therefore he named it Galeed, ⁴⁹and Mizpah, for he said, “The LORD watch between you and me, when we are out of one another’s sight. ⁵⁰If you oppress my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no one is with us, see, God is witness between you and me.”

⁵¹Then Laban said to Jacob, “See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me. ⁵²This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm. ⁵³The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, ⁵⁴and Jacob offered a sacrifice in the hill country and called his kinsmen to eat bread. They ate bread and spent the night in the hill country.

⁵⁵Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home.

Jacob's vision at Mahanaim, 1, 2. His message to Esau, 3-5. He is afraid of Esau's coming, 6-8. He prays for deliverance, 9-12. He sends a present to Esau, and passes the brook Jabbok, 13-23. He wrestles with an angel at Peniel, where he is called Israel, 24-30. He halts, 31, 32.
1 angels. Ps. 91:11. He. 1:4. 1 Co. 3:22. Ep. 3:10.
2 God's. Jos. 5:14. 2 Ki. 6:17. Ps. 34:7; 103:21; 148:2. Da. 10:20. Lu. 2:13. the name. Jos. 21:38. 2 Sa. 2:8, 12; 17:24, 26, 27. 1 Ki. 2:8; 4:14. Mahanaim. i.e. two hosts, or camps. Ca. 6:13. Mahanaim was situated between Gilead and the river Jabbok, near the present Djezan.
3 sent. Mal. 3:1. Lu. 9:52; 14:31, 32. land. The land, or mountains, of Seir was situated south and east of the Dead Sea; forming a continuation of the eastern Syrian chain of mountains, beginning with Antilibanus, and extending from thence to the eastern gulf of the Red Sea. Seir. ch. 14:6; 33:14, 16; 36:6-8. De. 2:5, 22. Jos. 24:4. country. Heb. field. Edom. See on ch. 25:30.
4 my lord. ver. 5, 18; ch. 4:7; 23:6; 27:29, 37; 33:8. Ex. 32:22. 1 Sa. 26:17. Pr. 6:3; 15:1. Lu. 14:11. 1 Pe. 3:6. servant. 1 Ki. 20:32. Ec. 10:4.
5 have oxen. ch. 30:43; 31:1, 16; 33:11. Job 6:22. may find. ch. 33:8, 15; 47:25. Ru. 2:2. 1 Sa. 1:18. 2 Sa. 16:4.
6 and four. ver. 8, 11; ch. 27:40, 41; 33:1. Am. 5:19.
7 greatly. Ex. 14:10. Ps. 18:4, 5; 31:13; 55:4, 5; 61:2; 142:4. Mat. 8:26. Jno. 16:33. Ac. 14:22. 2 Co. 1:4, 8-10. 2 Ti. 3:12. distressed. ch. 35:3. Ps. 107:6. and he. Ps. 112:5. Pr. 2:11. Is. 28:26. Mat. 10:16.
8 ch. 33:1-3. Mat. 10:16.
9 Jacob. 1 Sa. 30:6. 2 Ch. 20:6, 12; 32:20. Ps. 34:4-6; 50:15; 91:15. Phi. 4:6, 7. O God. ch. 17:7; 28:13; 31:29, 42, 53. Ex. 3:6. the Lord. ch. 31:3, 13.
10 not worthy of the least of all. Heb. less than all. ch. 18:27. 2 Sa. 7:18. Job 42:5, 6. Ps. 16:2. Is. 6:5; 63:7. Da. 9:8, 9. Lu. 5:8; 17:10. 2 Co. 12:11. 1 Ti. 1:12-15. 1 Pe. 5:5. 1 Jno. 1:8-10. mercies. ch. 24:27. Ps. 8:5. truth. ch. 24:27; 28:15. Ps. 61:7; 85:10. Mi. 7:20. my staff. ch. 28:10, 11. Job 8:7. Ps. 18:35. two bands. ver. 5, 7; ch. 30:43. De. 8:18. Ps. 18:35; 84:7. Job 17:9. Pr. 4:18.
11 Deliver. 1 Sa. 12:10; 24:15. Ps. 16:1; 25:20; 31:2; 43:1; 59:1, 2; 119:134; 142:6. Pr. 18:19. Da. 3:17. Mat. 6:13. the mother. De. 22:6. Ho. 10:14. with. Heb. upon.
12 thou. ch. 32:6. Ex. 32:13. Nu. 23:19. 1 Sa. 15:29. Mat. 24:35. 2 Ti. 2:13. Tit. 1:2. He. 6:17. I will. ch. 28:13-15; 46:3, 4.
13 which. 1 Sa. 25:8. to his hand. Or, 'under his hand' or power; i.e. what Providence had put in his power or possession, a present. ver. 20, 21; ch. 18:2; 33:10; 42:6; 43:11, 26. 1 Sa. 25:27. Pr. 17:8; 18:16; 19:6; 21:14.
14 This was a princely present. The 'thirty milch camels' were particularly valuable; for among the Arabs they constitute a principal part of their riches; being every way so serviceable, that the providence of God appears peculiarly kind and wise in providing such animals for those countries, where no other animal could be of equal service. The she-camel gives milk continually, not ceasing even when with young; the milk of which, when mixed with three parts of water, affords the most pleasant and wholesome beverage. ch. 30:43; 31:9, 16. De. 8:18. 1 Sa. 25:2. Job 1:3; 42:12.
16 space. ver. 20; ch. 33:8, 9. Ps. 112:5. Pr. 2:11. Is. 28:26. Mat. 10:16.

- 32 וַיִּשְׁכַּם לָבוֹן בַּבֶּקֶר וַיִּנְשָׁק לְבָנָיו וּלְבָנוֹתָיו וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָהֶם וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיָּשָׁב לָבוֹן לְמִקְמוֹ:
- 2 וַיַּעֲקֹב הֵלֶךְ לְדִרְכּוֹ וַיִּפְגְּעוּ-בּוֹ מַלְאָכֵי אֱלֹהִים:
- 3 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב כִּאֲשֶׁר רָאָם מַחְנֵה אֱלֹהִים זֶה וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמֵי-הַמְּקוֹם הַהוּא מַחְנֵיִם:
- 4 וַיִּשְׁלַח יַעֲקֹב מַלְאָכִים לְפָנָיו אֶל-עֵשָׂו אָחִיו אֲרֻצָּה שְׂעִיר שָׂדֵה אֲדוֹם:
- 5 וַיֵּצֵא אֹתָם לֵאמֹר כֹּה תֹאמְרוּן לְעֵשָׂו כֹּה אָמַר עַבְדְּךָ יַעֲקֹב עִם-לָבוֹן גִּרְתִּי וְאָחִיר עַד-עֲפָתָה:
- 6 וַיְהִי-לִי שׁוֹר וַחֲמֹר צֹאן וְעֶבֶד וְשִׁפְחָה וְאֶשְׁלָחָה לְהַגִּיד לְאֹדְנִי לְמִצְאָתֶן בְּעֵינַיִךְ:
- 7 וַיִּשְׁבּוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים אֶל-יַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר כָּאֲנּוּ אֶל-אָחִיךָ אֶל-עֵשָׂו וְגַם הֵלֶךְ לְקִרְיָתָךְ וְאָרְבַּע-מֵאוֹת אִישׁ עִמּוֹ:
- 8 וַיִּירָא יַעֲקֹב מְאֹד וַיֵּצֵר לוֹ וַיִּסַּח אֶת-הָעַם אֲשֶׁר-אִתּוֹ וְאֶת-הַצֹּאן וְאֶת-הַבָּקָר וְהַגְּמֵלִים לְשְׁנֵי מַחְנוֹת:
- 9 וַיֹּאמֶר אִם-יָבֹא עֵשָׂו אֶל-הַמַּחְנֵה הָאֵסֶת וְהִכָּהוּ וְהָיָה הַמַּחְנֵה הַזֶּה שְׂאֵר לְפָלִיטָה:
- 10 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי אַבְרָהָם וְאֱלֹהֵי אָבִי יַצְחָק יְהוָה הָאֵל אֲמַר אֵלֵי שׁוֹב לְאֲרֻצָּךְ וּלְמוֹלְדֹתָךְ וְאִיטִיבָה עִמָּךְ:
- 11 קִטְנֹתַי מְכֹל הַחֲסֻדִים וּמְכֹל-הָאֲמֹת אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ אֶת-עַבְדְּךָ כִּי בְמִקְלֵי עֲבָרְתִי אֶת-הַיָּרֹד הִזָּה וְעַתָּה הֵייתִי לְשְׁנֵי מַחְנוֹת:
- 12 הַצִּילְנִי נָא מִיַּד אָחִי מִיַּד עֵשָׂו כִּי-יִירָא אָנֹכִי אִתּוֹ פֶּן-יָבֹא וְהִכָּנִי אִם-עַל-בָּנָיִם:
- 13 וְאִתָּה אֲמַרְתָּ הֵיטֵב אִיטִיב עִמָּךְ וְשִׁמְתִי אֶת-זֶרְעֶךָ כְּחוֹל הַיָּם אֲשֶׁר לְאִיֶּסְפָּר מְרֹב:
- 14 וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם בְּלֵילָה הַהוּא וַיִּקַּח מִן-הַבָּא בָּיָדוֹ מִנְחָה לְעֵשָׂו אָחִיו:
- 15 עֲזִים מְאֹתִים וּתְיָשִׁים עֶשְׂרִים רְחֵלִים מְאֹתִים וְאִילִים עֶשְׂרִים:
- 16 גְּמֵלִים מִיַּנְיָקוֹת וּבְנֵיהֶם שְׁלִשִׁים פָּרוֹת אֲרַבְעִים וּפְרִים עֶשְׂרֵה אֶתְנֹת עֶשְׂרִים וְעִזִּים עֶשְׂרֵה:

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

³And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, ⁴instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’ ”

⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

⁹And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹²But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’ ”

¹³So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, “Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove.”

17 וַיִּתֵּן בְּיַד-עֲבָדָיו עֵדֶר עֵדֶר לְבָדוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-עֲבָדָיו עֲבְרוּ לִפְנֵי
 וַיִּתֵּן תְּשִׁימוּ בֵּין עֵדֶר וּבֵין עֵדֶר:

18 וַיֵּצֵאוּ אֶת-הָרֵאשׁוֹן לֵאמֹר כִּי יִפְגְּשֶׁךָ עֲשׂוֹ אַחִי וְשָׂאֲלֶךָ לֵאמֹר
 לְמִי-אַתָּה וְאַנְהָ תִלְךָ וְלִמִּי אֵלֶּה לִּפְנֵיךָ:

19 וְאָמַרְתָּ לְעַבְדְּךָ לִיַעֲקֹב מִנְחָה הוּא שְׁלוּחָה לֵאדֹנָי לַעֲשׂוֹ וְהִנֵּה
 גַּם-הוּא אַחֲרֵינוּ:

20 וַיֵּצֵאוּ גַם אֶת-הַשְּׂנִי גַם אֶת-הַשְּׁלִישִׁי גַם אֶת-כָּל-הַלְכִים אַחֲרֵי
 הָעֲדָרִים לֵאמֹר כַּדְּבַר הַזֶּה תִּדְבְּרוּן אֶל-עֲשׂוֹ בְּמִצְאָכֶם אֹתוֹ:

21 וְאָמַרְתֶּם גַּם הִנֵּה עַבְדְּךָ יַעֲקֹב אַחֲרֵינוּ כִּי-אָמַר אַכְפְּרָה פָּנָיו
 בַּמִּנְחָה הַהִלְכֹת לִפְנֵי וְאַחֲרֵי-כֵן אֶרְאֶה פָּנָיו אוֹלֵי יִשָּׂא פָּנָיו:

22 וַתַּעֲבֹר הַמִּנְחָה עַל-פָּנָיו וְהוּא לָן בְּלִילָה-הַהוּא בַּמִּנְחָה:

23 וַיִּקָּם בְּלִילָה הוּא וַיִּקַּח אֶת-שְׂתֵי נַשְׂוֹ וְאֶת-שְׂתֵי שְׂפָחָתָיו
 וְאֶת-אֶחָד עֲשָׂר יְלָדָיו וַיַּעֲבֹר אֶת מַעְבַּר יַבֵּק:

24 וַיִּקְחֶם וַיַּעֲבֵרֵם אֶת-הַנְּחַל וַיַּעֲבֹר אֶת-אֶשְׁרֵל-לוֹ:

25 וַיִּנְתֵּר יַעֲקֹב לְבָדוֹ וַיֹּאבֵק אִישׁ עִמּוֹ עַד עֲלוֹת הַשָּׁחַר:

26 וַיֵּרָא כִּי לֹא יָכַל לוֹ וַיִּגַע בְּכַף-יָרְכוֹ וַתִּקַּע כַּף-יָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב
 בְּהַאֲבָקוֹ עִמּוֹ:

27 וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלַחְנִי כִּי עָלָה הַשָּׁחַר וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲשַׁלְחֶךָ כִּי
 אִם-בְּרַקְתָּנִי:

28 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו מַה-נִּשְׁמָךְ וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב:

29 וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יַעֲקֹב יֹאמֶר עוֹד נִשְׁמָךְ כִּי אִם-יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי-שָׂרִית
 עִם-אֱלֹהִים וְעִם-אֲנָשִׁים וַתּוֹכַל:

30 וַיִּשְׂאֵל יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הַגִּידָה-נָא שְׁמֶךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לָמָּה זֶה תִּשְׂאֵל
 לִשְׁמִי וַיַּבְרַךְ אֹתוֹ שָׁם:

31 וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם פְּנִיאֵל כִּי-רָאִיתִי אֱלֹהִים פָּנִים
 אֶל-פָּנִים וַתִּנְצַל נַפְשִׁי:

32 וַיִּזְרַח-לוֹ הַשָּׁמֶשׁ כְּאֲשֶׁר עָבַר אֶת-פְּנוּאֵל וְהוּא צָלַע עַל-יָרְכוֹ:

33 עַל-כֵּן לֹא-יֵאָכְלוּ בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-גִּיד הַנֶּשֶׂה אֲשֶׁר עַל-כַּף הַיָּרֶךְ
 עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה כִּי נָגַע בְּכַף-יָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב בְּגִיד הַנֶּשֶׂה:

17 *Whose art.* ch. 33:3.
 18 See on ver. 4, 5.
 20 *I will appease.* ch. 43:11. 1 Sa. 25:17-35. Job 42:8, 9. Pr. 15:18; 16:14; 21:14. *peradventure.* 1 Sa. 6:5. 1 Ki. 20:31. Jon. 3:9. 2 Ti. 2:25. *of me.* Heb. my face. Job 42:8, 9. Pr. 6:35.
 22 *his two wives.* ch. 29:21-35; 30:1-24; 35:18, 22-26. 1 Ti. 5:8. *the ford Jabbok.* Or, 'the ford of Jabbok,' a stream which takes its rise in the mountains of Gilead, and falls into the Jordan to the south of the lake of Gennesareth. It is now called the *Zerka.* De. 2:37; 3:16. Jos. 12:2.
 23 *sent them.* Heb. caused to pass.
 24 *wrestled.* ch. 30:8. Lu. 13:24; 22:44. Ro. 8:26, 27; 15:30. Ep. 6:12, 18. Col. 2:1; 4:12. He. 5:7. *man.* ver. 28, 30; ch. 48:16. Is. 32:2. Ho. 12:3-5. 1 Co. 15:47. *breaking of the day.* Heb. ascending of the morning. Ex. 14:27. Ca. 2:17.
 25 *that he.* ch. 19:22. Nu. 14:13, 14. Is. 41:14; 45:11. Ho. 12:3, 4. Mat. 15:22-28. Lu. 11:5-8. *touched.* ver. 32. Ps. 30:6, 7. Mat. 26:41, 44. 2 Co. 12:7-9.
 26 *Let me go.* Ex. 32:10. De. 9:14. Ca. 7:5. Is. 45:11; 64:7. Lu. 24:28, 29. *I will not.* Ca. 3:4. Ho. 12:4. Lu. 18:1-7. Ro. 8:37. 1 Co. 15:58. 2 Co. 12:8, 9. He. 5:7. *thou bless.* 1 Ch. 4:10. Ps. 67:1, 6, 7; 115:12, 13.
 28 *Thy name.* ch. 17:5, 15; 33:20; 35:10. Nu. 13:16. 2 Sa. 12:25. 2 Ki. 17:34. Is. 62:2-4; 65:15. Jno. 1:42. Re. 2:17. *Israel. i.e. a prince of God. as a prince.* Or, according to the LXX., Vulgate, HOUBIGANT, DATHE, and ROSENMULLER, 'because thou hast had power with God, thou shalt also prevail with men.' There is a beautiful antithesis between the two terms, with אֱלֹהִים, God, the Almighty, with אנשים, weak, feeble men, as the word imports; seeing thou hast had power with the Almighty, surely thou shalt prevail over perishing mortals. *power.* ver. 24. Ho. 12:3-5. with men. ch. 25:31; 27:33-36; 31:24, 36-55; 33:4. 1 Sa. 26:25. Pr. 16:7.
 29 *Wherefore.* ver. 27. De. 29:29. Ju. 13:16-18. Job 11:7. Pr. 30:4. Is. 9:6. Lu. 1:19. *blessed.* ver. 26; ch. 27:28, 29; 28:3, 4, 13, 14. Ho. 6:1.
 30 *Jacob.* ver. 31. Penuel. ch. 28:19. Ju. 8:8, 17. 1 Ki. 12:25. *Penuel. i.e. the face of God.* Penuel, or Penuel, was evidently situated near the ford of Jabbok, on the north of that stream, about forty miles from Jerusalem. *I have.* ch. 16:13. Ex. 24:10, 11; 33:14, 19-23. Nu. 12:8. De. 5:24; 34:10. Ju. 6:22, 23; 13:21, 22. Is. 6:5. Jno. 1:18. 2 Co. 3:18; 4:6. Ga. 1:6. Ep. 1:17. Col. 1:15. 2 Ti. 1:10. He. 11:27.
 31 *rose upon.* ch. 19:15, 23. Mal. 4:2. *he halted.* ver. 25. Ps. 38:17. 2 Co. 12:7, 9.
 32 *eat not.* 1 Sa. 5:5.

¹⁷ He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' ¹⁸ then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.' " ¹⁹ He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, ²⁰ and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." ²¹ So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Jacob and Esau's meeting; and Esau's departure, 1-16. Jacob comes to Succoth, 17. At Shalem he buys a field, and builds an altar, called El-elohe-Israel, 18-20.
1 Esau came. ch. 27:41, 42; 32:6. *And he*. ch. 32:7, 16.
2 Rachel. ch. 29:30; 30:22-24; 37:3. Mal. 3:17.
3 passed. Jno. 10:4, 11, 12, 15. *bowed*. ch. 18:2; 42:6; 43:26. Pr. 6:3. Ec. 10:4. Lu. 14:11. *seven times*. 1 Sa. 2:5.
4 embraced. ch. 32:28; 43:30, 34; 45:2, 15. Job 2:12. Ne. 1:11. Ps. 34:4. Pr. 16:7; 21:1. *fell on*. ch. 45:14, 15; 46:29. Lu. 15:20. Ac. 20:37.
5 with. *Heb.* to. *children*. ch. 30:2; 48:9. Ru. 4:13. 1 Sa. 1:27. 1 Ch. 28:5. Ps. 127:3. Is. 8:18. He. 2:13.
8 *What meanest thou by all this drove?* *Heb.* What is all this band to thee? ch. 32:13-20. *to find*. ch. 32:5; 39:5. Es. 2:17.
9 have enough. ch. 27:39. Pr. 30:15. Ec. 4:8. *my brother*. ch. 4:9; 27:41. Ju. 20:23. Pr. 16:7. Ac. 9:17; 21:20. Phile. 7, 16. *keep that thou hast unto thyself*. *Heb.* be that to thee that is thine.
10 if now. ch. 19:19; 47:29; 50:4. Ex. 33:12, 13. Ru. 2:10. 1 Sa. 20:3. Je. 31:2. *receive*. To accept a present from an inferior was a customary pledge of friendship; but returning it implied disaffection. It was on this ground that Jacob was so urgent with Esau to receive his present. *I have seen*. ch. 32:30; 43:3. 2 Sa. 3:13; 14:24, 28, 32. Job 33:26. Ps. 41:11. Mat. 18:10. Re. 22:4.
11 *my blessing*. ch. 32:13-20. Jos. 15:19. Ju. 1:15. 1 Sa. 25:27; 30:26. 2 Ki. 5:15. 2 Co. 9:5, 6. *and because*. ver. 9. Phi. 4:11, 12, 18. *enough*. *Heb.* all things. Ro. 8:31, 32. 1 Co. 3:21. 2 Co. 6:10. Phi. 4:12, 18. 1 Ti. 4:8. *urged him*. 2 Ki. 2:17; 5:16, 23. Lu. 14:23.
13 *the children*. 1 Ch. 22:5. Pr. 12:10. Is. 40:11. Eze. 34:15, 16, 23-25. Jno. 21:15-17.
14 *according as*, etc. *Heb.* according to the foot of the work, etc.; and according to the foot of the children. *be able*. Is. 40:11. Mar. 4:33. Ro. 15:1. 1 Co. 3:2; 9:19-22. *unto Seir*. See on ch. 32:3. De. 2:1. Ju. 5:4. 2 Ch. 20:10. Eze. 25:8; 35:2, 3.

- 33 וישא יעקב עיניו וירא והנה עשו בא ועמו ארבע מאות איש
 ויחץ את־הילדים על־לאה ועל־רחל ועל שתי השפחות:
 2 וישם את־השפחות ואת־ילדיהן ראשנה ואת־לאה וילדיה
 אחרנים ואת־רחל ואת־יוסף אחרנים:
 3 והוא עבר לפניהם וישתחוו ארצה שבע פעמים עד־גשתו
 עד־אחיו:
 4 וירץ עשו לקראתו ויסבקהו ויפל על־צווארו ^פ וישקהו ויבכו:
 5 וישא את־עיניו וירא את־הנשים ואת־הילדים ויאמר מי־אלה
 לך ויאמר הילדים אשר־חנן אליהם את־עבדך:
 6 ותגשן השפחות הנה וילדיהן ותשתחוו:
 7 ותגש גם־לאה וילדיה וישתחוו ואחר גש יוסף ורחל
 וישתחוו:
 8 ויאמר מי לך כל־המחנה הנה אשר פגשתי ויאמר למצאתו
 בעיני אדני:
 9 ויאמר עשו ישלי רב אחי יהי לך אשר־לך:
 10 ויאמר יעקב אל־נא אם־נא מצאתי חן בעיניך ולקחת מנחת
 מידי כי על־כן ראיתי פניך כראת פני אליהם ותרצני:
 11 קח־נא את־ברכתי אשר הבאת לך פי־חנני אליהם וכי
 ישלי־כל ויפצרו־בו ויקח:
 12 ויאמר נסעה ונלכה ואלכה לנגדך:
 13 ויאמר אליו אדני ידע פי־הילדים רפים והצאן והבקר עלות
 עלי ודפקום יום אחד ומתו כל־הצאן:
 14 יעבר־נא אדני לפני עבדו ואני אתנהלה לאטי לרגל המלאכה
 אשר־לפני ולרגל הילדים עד אשר־אבא אל־אדני שעירה:

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. ² And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. ³ He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. ⁵ And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ⁶ Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. ⁷ Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. ⁸ Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord." ⁹ But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." ¹⁰ Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. ¹¹ Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

¹² Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you." ¹³ But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. ¹⁴ Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

15 וַיֹּאמֶר עֲשׂוּ אֲצִיגָהָנָא עֲמָהּ מִן־הַעַם אֲשֶׁר אִתִּי וַיֹּאמֶר לָמָּה זֶה
אֲמָצָא־חֵן בְּעֵינַי אֲדֹנָי:

15 *leave. Heb. set, or place. What needeth it? Heb. Wherefore is this? find grace. ch. 34:11; 47:25. Ru. 2:13. 1 Sa. 25:8. 2 Sa. 16:4.*

17 *Succoth. Jos. 13:27. Ju. 8:5, 8, 16. 1 Ki. 7:46. Ps. 60:6. not Ex. 12:37; 13:20. Succoth. i.e. Booths. Succoth was on the east of Jordan, between the brook Jabbok and that river, about 40 miles from Jerusalem, and consequently near Penuel; where a city was afterwards built, which Joshua assigned to the tribe of Gad. JEROME says, that Succoth was in the district of Scythopolis; and the Jews inform us, that the name of Darala was sometime after applied to it.*

16 וַיָּשָׁב בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא עֲשׂוּ לְדַרְכּוֹ שְׁעִירָה:

18 *Shalem. The word Shalem, in the Samaritan Shalom, should probably be rendered 'in peace,' or 'in safety;'* as it is translated by the Chaldee,

17 וַיַּעֲקֹב נָסַע סִכְתָּה וַיְכַן לוֹ בַּיִת וּלְמִקְנֵהוּ עָשָׂה סִכַּת עַל־כֵּן קָרָא
שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם סִכּוֹת:

Arabic, COVERDALE, and MATTHEWES. Jno. 3:23; 4:5. Ac. 7:16. *a city of Shechem.* Or, rather, 'the city Shechem,' which was situated in a narrow valley, abounding with springs, between Mounts Ebal and Gerizim, having the former on the north, and the latter on the south; 10 miles from Shiloh, and 34 from Jerusalem. It became the capital of Samaria, after the ruin of the city of that name. Jos. 24:1. Ju. 9:1. Jno. 4:5. Sychar. Ac. 7:16. Sychem. *Padan-aram. ch. 25:20; 28:6, 7; 35:9; 46:15.*

18 וַיָּבֵא יַעֲקֹב שְׁלָם עִיר וְשָׂכָם אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן כְּבֹאוֹ מִפְּדַן אֲרָם
וַיַּחַן אֶת־פְּנֵי הָעִיר:

19 *bought. ch. 23:17-20; 49:30-32. Jos. 24:32. Jno. 4:5. Ac. 7:16. Hamor. ch. 34:2, etc. Ac. 7:16. Emmor. pieces of money. or, lambs.*

19 וַיִּקַּח אֶת־חֵלְקַת הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר נָטָה־שָׂם אֶהְלוֹ מִיַּד בְּנֵי־חַמּוֹר אָבִי
וְשָׂכָם בְּמֵאָה קִשְׁיָטָה:

20 *altar. ch. 8:20; 12:7, 8; 13:18; 21:33. Etlelohe-Israel. i.e. God, the God of Israel, ch. 32:28; 35:7.*

20 וַיַּצְבֵּחַ־שָׂם מִזְבֵּחַ וַיִּקְרָא־לוֹ אֵל אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

34 וַתֵּצֵא דִינָה בַת־לֵאָה אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה לְיַעֲקֹב לְרֵאוֹת כְּבָנוֹת הָאֶרֶץ:

CHAP. 34

Dinah is ravished by Shechem, 1-3. He sues to marry her, 4-12. The sons of Jacob offer the condition of circumcision to the Shechemites, 13-19. Hamor and Shechem persuade them to accept it, 20-24. The sons of Jacob upon that advantage slay them, and spoil their city, 25-29. Jacob reproves Simeon and Levi, 30, 31.

2 וַיֵּרָא אֹתָהּ וְשָׂכָם בְּן־חַמּוֹר הַחִוִּי נָשִׂיא הָאֶרֶץ וַיִּקַּח אֹתָהּ וַיָּשָׁכֶב
אִתָּהּ וַיַּעֲבֹדָה:

1 *a.m. 2272. b.c. 1732. Dinah. ch. 30:21; 46:15. the daughters. ch. 26:34; 27:46; 28:6; 30:13. Je. 2:36. 1 Ti. 5:13. Tit. 2:5.*

3 וַתִּדְבַק נַפְשׁוֹ בְּדִינָה בַת־יַעֲקֹב וַיֵּאָהֵב אֶת־הַנַּעַר וַיְדַבֵּר עַל־לֵב
הַנַּעַר:

2 *Shechem. ch. 10:17; 33:19. saw her. ch. 6:2; 39:6, 7. Ju. 14:1. 2 Sa. 11:2. Job 31:1, 9. Pr. 13:20. Mat. 5:28. took her. ch. 20:2. defiled her. Heb. humbled her. De. 21:14; 22:24, 29. Ju. 19:24, 25. Eze. 22:10, 11.*

4 וַיֹּאמֶר וְשָׂכָם אֶל־חַמּוֹר אָבִיו לֵאמֹר קַח־לִי אֶת־הַיְלָדָה הַזֹּאת
לְאִשָּׁה:

3 *soul. Ru. 1:14. 1 Sa. 18:1. kindly unto the damsel. Heb. to the heart of the damsel. 2 Sa. 19:7. 2 Ch. 30:22. Is. 40:2. Ho. 2:14, marg.*

5 וַיַּעֲקֹב שָׁמַע כִּי טָמְאָ אֶת־דִּינָה בְּתוֹ וּבָנָיו הָיוּ אֶת־מִקְנֵהוּ בַשָּׂדֶה
וְהִחָרַשׁ יַעֲקֹב עַד־בָּאָם:

4 *ch. 21:21. Ju. 14:2. 2 Sa. 13:13.*

5 *now his. ch. 30:35; 37:13, 14. 1 Sa. 10:27; 16:11; 17:15. 2 Sa. 13:22. Lu. 15:25, 29. held. Le. 10:3. Ps. 39:9.*

6 וַיֵּצֵא חַמּוֹר אָבִי־וְשָׂכָם אֶל־יַעֲקֹב לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ:

7 *were. ch. 46:7. 2 Sa. 13:21. wrought. Ex. 19:5, 6. De. 22:21. Jos. 7:15. Ju. 19:22-25; 20:6. 2 Sa. 13:12, 13. Ps. 93:5. Pr. 7:7. 1 Pe. 2:9. thing. ch. 20:9. Le. 4:2, 13, 27. De. 23:17. 1 Co. 6:18; 10:8. Ep. 5:3. Col. 3:5. 1 Ti. 5:13. He. 13:4. Ja. 3:10.*

7 וּבְנֵי יַעֲקֹב בָּאוּ מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה כְּשִׁמְעָם וַיִּתְעַצְּבוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּחֲרֻק לָהֶם
מֵאֵד כִּי־נִבְלָה עָשָׂה בִישְׂרָאֵל לְשָׁכֶב אֶת־בַּת־יַעֲקֹב וְכֵן לֹא יַעֲשֶׂה:

8 *The soul. ver. 3. 1 Ki. 11:2. Ps. 63:1; 84:2; 119:20.*

8 וַיְדַבֵּר חַמּוֹר אִתָּם לֵאמֹר וְשָׂכָם בְּנֵי חַשְׁקָה נַפְשׁוֹ כְּבַתְּכֶם תָּנוּ נָא
אִתָּהּ לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה:

9 *ch. 6:2; 19:14; 24:3; 26:34, 35; 27:46. De. 7:3.*

9 וְהִתְחַתְּנוּ אִתָּנוּ בְּנֹתֵיכֶם תִּתְּנוּ־לָנוּ וְאֶת־בְּנֹתֵינוּ תִקַּחוּ לָכֶם:

10 *and the land. ver. 21-23; ch. 13:9; 20:15; 42:34; 47:27.*

10 וְאִתְּנוּ תִשְׁבוּ וְהָאֶרֶץ תִּהְיֶה לְפָנֵיכֶם שָׁבוּ וְסִחְרוּהָ וְהִאֲחִזּוּ בָּהּ:

¹⁵ So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." ¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

¹⁷ But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

¹⁸ And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city. ¹⁹ And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. ²⁰ There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

34 Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. ² And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. ³ And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. ⁴ So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this girl for my wife."

⁵ Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. ⁶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷ The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing must not be done.

⁸ But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. ⁹ Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ¹⁰ You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it."

- 11 וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂכֵם אֶל־אֲבִיהָ וְאֶל־אֲחֵיהָ אֲמַצְא־חַן בְּעֵינֵיכֶם וְאֲשֶׁר תֹּאמְרוּ אֵלַי אֲתָן:
- 12 הָרְבוּ עָלַי מְאֹד מְהֵרָה וּמִתָּן וְאֲתַנְּהוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר תֹּאמְרוּ אֵלַי וְתִנּוּ־לִי אֶת־הַנְּעֹר לְאִשָּׁה:
- 13 וַיַּעֲנוּ בְנֵי־יַעֲקֹב אֶת־שְׂכֵם וְאֶת־חֲמוֹר אָבִיו בְּמִרְמָה וַיִּדְבְּרוּ אֲשֶׁר טָמְא אֶת דִּינָה אֲחֹתָם:
- 14 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵיהֶם לֹא נוֹכַל לַעֲשׂוֹת הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה לְתַת אֶת־אֲחֹתֵנוּ לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ עֶרְלָה כִּי־חֲרָפָה הוּא לָנוּ:
- 15 אַדְּבָזָאת נָאוֹת לָכֶם אִם תִּהְיוּ כְּמִנּוּ לְהַמְלֵל לָכֶם כָּל־זָכָר:
- 16 וְנִמְנוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי־נוּ וְלָכֶם וְאֶת־בְּנֵי־כֶם נִקַּח־לָנוּ וַיֵּשְׁבוּ אֹתָכֶם וְהִיָּינוּ לְעַם אֶחָד:
- 17 וְאִם־לֹא תִשְׁמְעוּ אֲלֵינוּ לְהַמּוֹל וְלִקְחָנוּ אֶת־בְּתוּלוֹתֵינוּ וְהִלְכָנוּ:
- 18 וַיִּטְּבוּ דְבָרֵיהֶם בְּעֵינֵי חֲמוֹר וּבְעֵינֵי שְׂכֵם בְּן־חֲמוֹר:
- 19 וְלֹא־אָחַר הַנְּעֹר לַעֲשׂוֹת הַדְּבָר כִּי חָפֵץ בְּבַת־יַעֲקֹב וְהוּא נִכְבָּד מִכָּל בֵּית אָבִיו:
- 20 וַיָּבֵא חֲמוֹר וּשְׂכֵם בָּנוּ אֶל־שַׁעַר עִירָם וַיִּדְבְּרוּ אֶל־אֲנָשֵׁי עִירָם לֵאמֹר:
- 21 הֲאֲנָשִׁים הֵאלֹהִים שְׁלָמִים הֵם אֲתָנוּ וַיֵּשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ וַיִּסְחָרוּ אֹתָהּ וְהֵאֲרִץ הִנֵּה רַחֲבַת־יָדַיִם לִפְנֵיהֶם אֶת־בְּנֹתָם נִקַּח־לָנוּ לְנָשִׁים וְאֶת־בְּנֵי־נוּ נָתַן לָהֶם:
- 22 אַדְּבָזָאת יֵאָתוּ לָנוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים לְשִׁבְתָּ אֲתָנוּ לְהִיּוֹת לְעַם אֶחָד בְּהַמּוֹל לָנוּ כָּל־זָכָר כַּאֲשֶׁר הֵם נְמָלִים:
- 23 מִקְנֵיהֶם וְקִנְיָנָם וְכָל־בְּהֵמָתָם הֲלוֹא לָנוּ הֵם אֵד נְאוֹתָהּ לָהֶם וַיֵּשְׁבוּ אֲתָנוּ:
- 24 וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶל־חֲמוֹר וְאֶל־שְׂכֵם בָּנוּ כָּל־יִצְאֵי שַׁעַר עִירוֹ וַיִּמְלוּ כָּל־זָכָר כָּל־יִצְאֵי שַׁעַר עִירוֹ:

11 ch. 18:3; 33:15.
 12 Ask me. On the practice of purchasing wives, De LA ROQUE says, "Properly speaking, a young man who would marry must purchase his wife; and fathers among the Arabs are never so happy as when they have many daughters. They form part of the riches of a house. Accordingly, when a young man would treat with a person whose daughter he is inclined to marry, he says to him, 'Will you give me your daughter for fifty sheep, for six camels, or for a dozen cows?' according to the rank of her family, and the circumstances of him who desires to marry her." dowry. ch. 24:53; 29:18; 31:41. Ex. 22:16, 17. De. 22:28, 29. 1 Sa. 18:25-27. 2 Sa. 3:14. Ho. 3:2. Mat. 14:17.
 13 deceitfully. ch. 25:27-34. Ju. 15:3. 2 Sa. 13:23-29. Job 13:4, 7. Ps. 12:2. Pr. 12:13, 18-20; 24:28, 29; 26:24-26. Is. 59:13. Mi. 7:2. Ro. 12:19. 1 Th. 5:15. Mat. 28:13.
 14 uncircumcised. ch. 17:11. Jos. 5:2-9. 1 Sa. 14:6; 17:26, 36. 2 Sa. 1:20; 15:7. 1 Ki. 21:9. Mat. 2:8, 13; ch. 23. Ro. 4:11.
 15 Gal. 4:12.
 19 because. ch. 29:20. Ca. 8:6. Is. 62:4. honourable. ch. 41:20. Nu. 22:15. 1 Sa. 22:14. 2 Ki. 5:1. 1 Ch. 4:9. Is. 3:3-5; 5:13; 23:8, 9. Ac. 13:50; 17:12.
 20 the gate. ch. 22:17; 23:10. De. 17:5. Ru. 4:1. Job 29:7. Pr. 31:23. Am. 5:10, 12, 15. Ec. 8:16.
 22 ver. 15-17.
 23 Pr. 1:12, 13; 23:4, 5; 28:20. Jno. 2:16; 6:26, 27. Ac. 19:24-26. 1 Ti. 6:6-10.
 24 hearkened. In thus falling into this measure, the Shechemites must either have had great affection for their chief and his son, or have been under the influence of the most passive obedience. The petty princes of Asia have always been absolute and despotic; their subjects paying them the most prompt and blind obedience. The following instance will sufficiently illustrate and confirm this statement: Abu Thaher, chief of the Carmathians, about the year 930, with only 500 horse, went to lay siege to Bagdad: the khalif's general marched out to seize him; but before the attack, sent an officer to summon him to surrender. 'How many men has the khalif's general?' said Abu Thaher; '30,000,' replied the officer. 'Among them all,' says the Carmathian chief, 'has he got three like mine?' Then ordering his followers to approach, he commanded one to stab himself, another to throw himself from a precipice, and a third to plunge into the Tigris: all three instantly obeyed, and perished! Then turning to the officer, he said, 'He who has such troops need not value the number of his enemies!' went out. ch. 23:10, 18. every male. ch. 17:23. Is. 1:10-16. Mat. 7:6. Ro. 2:28, 29. 1 Co. 7:19.

¹¹ Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. ¹² Ask me for as great a bride-price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

¹³ The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. ¹⁴ They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. ¹⁵ Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. ¹⁶ Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. ¹⁷ But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.”

¹⁸ Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor’s son Shechem. ¹⁹ And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob’s daughter. Now he was the most honored of all his father’s house. ²⁰ So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹ “These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²² Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³ Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.” ²⁴ And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי בְהִיוֹתָם פְּאֻבִים וַיִּקְחוּ שְׁנַיִם בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב
שְׁמֵעוֹן וְלוֹי אֲחֵי דִנָּה אִישׁ חֲרָבוֹ וַיָּבֵאוּ עַל־הָעִיר בָּטָח וַיַּהַרְגוּ
כָּל־זָכָר:
26 וְאֶת־חֲמוֹר וְאֶת־שָׁכֶם בְּנוֹ הָרְגוּ לְפִי־חָרָב וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־דִּנָּה מִבֵּית
שָׁכֶם וַיֵּצְאוּ:
27 בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב בָּאוּ עַל־הַהַרְלָלִים וַיִּבְזוּ הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר טָמְאוּ אַחֲתָם:
28 אֶת־צֹאֲנָם וְאֶת־בְּקָרָם וְאֶת־מְלִרְיָהֶם וְאֶת אֲשֶׁר־בָּעִיר
וְאֶת־אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה לָקְחוּ:
29 וְאֶת־כָּל־חַיִּלָם וְאֶת־כָּל־טַפָּם וְאֶת־נְשֵׂיהֶם שָׁבוּ וַיִּבְזוּ וְאֶת
כָּל־אֲשֶׁר בַּבַּיִת:
30 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־שְׁמֵעוֹן וְאֶל־לוֹי עֲכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי לְהַבְאִישׁנִי בְיַשׁ
הָאָרֶץ בְּכַנְעָנִי וּבְפָרְזִי וְאֲנִי מָתִי מִסֶּפֶר וְנֶאֱסַפּוּ עָלַי וְהַכּוֹנִי וְנִשְׁמַדְתִּי
אֲנִי וּבֵיתִי:
31 וַיֹּאמְרוּ הַכְּזוֹנָה יַעֲשֶׂה אֶת־אֲחֻזְתָּנוּ:

35 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־יַעֲקֹב קוּם עֲלֵה בֵית־אֵל וְשֹׁב־שָׁם וַעֲשֵׂה־שָׁם
מִזְבֵּחַ לְאֵל הַנִּרְאָה אֵלֶיךָ בְּבָרְחָה מִפְּנֵי עֲשׂוֹ אַחִידָה:
2 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ וְאֵל כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עִמּוֹ הִסְרוּ אֶת־אֱלֹהֵי הַנֶּכֶר
אֲשֶׁר בְּתֻכְכֶם וְהִטְהֵרוּ וְהִחְלִיפוּ שְׁמֹלְתֵיכֶם:
3 וְנִקְוָה וְנַעֲלָה בֵית־אֵל וְאֶעֱשֶׂה־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לְאֵל הַעֲנָה אֹתִי בְיוֹם
צָרְתִי וַיְהִי עֲמָדִי בַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר הֵלַכְתִּי:
4 וַיִּתְּנוּ אֶל־יַעֲקֹב אֶת כָּל־אֱלֹהֵי הַנֶּכֶר אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדָם וְאֶת־הַנְּזָמִים
אֲשֶׁר בְּאֲזָנֵיהֶם וַיִּטְּמוּ אֹתָם יַעֲקֹב תַּחַת הָאֵלָה אֲשֶׁר עִם־שָׁכֶם:
5 וַיִּסְעוּ וַיְהִי חַמַּת אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר סָבִיב־תֵּיהֶם וְלֹא רָדְפוּ
אֲחֵרֵי בְנֵי יַעֲקֹב:
6 וַיָּבֹא יַעֲקֹב לוֹזָה אֲשֶׁר בְּאָרֶץ כְּנַעַן הוּא בֵית־אֵל הוּא וְכָל־הָעָם
אֲשֶׁר־עִמּוֹ:
7 וַיְבִין שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ וַיִּקְרָא לְמָקוֹם אֵל בֵּית־אֵל כִּי שָׁם נִגְלוּ אֵלָיו
הָאֱלֹהִים בְּבָרְחוֹ מִפְּנֵי אַחִיו:

25 *sore*. Jos. 5:6, 8. Simeon. ch. 29:33, 34; 49:5-7. Nu. 31:7, 17. Pr. 4:16; 6:34, 35. *slew*. ch. 49:6. 2 Ch. 32:25.
26 *edge*. Heb. mouth. De. 32:42. 2 Sa. 2:26. Is. 31:8.
27 *spoiled*. Es. 9:10, 16. 1 Ti. 6:10. *they*. ver. 2, 31. Ex. 2:14. Jos. 7:1, 21. See on ver. 13.
28 Nu. 31:17. De. 8:17, 18. Job 1:15, 16; 20:5.
30 *Ye have*. ch. 49:5-7. Jos. 7:25. 1 Ki. 18:18. 1 Ch. 2:7. Pr. 11:17, 29; 15:27. *to sink*. Ex. 5:21. 1 Sa. 13:4; 27:12. 1 Ch. 19:6. *and I being*. De. 4:27; 7:7. 1 Ch. 16:12. Ps. 105:12. *and I shall*. ch. 12:2, 12; 28:13, 14. 1 Sa. 16:2; 27:1. Ro. 4:18-20.
31 See on ver. 13; ch. 49:7. Pr. 6:34.

CHAP. 35
God commands Jacob to go to Bethel, 1. He purges his house of idols, 2-5. He builds an altar at Bethel, 6, 7. Deborah dies at Allon-bachuth, 8. God blesses Jacob at Bethel, 9-15. Rachel travails of Benjamin, and dies in the way to Edar, 16-21. Reuben lies with Bilhah, 22. The sons of Jacob, 23-26. Jacob comes to Isaac at Hebron, 27. The age, death, and burial of Isaac, 28, 29.
1 *God said*. ch. 22:14. De. 32:36. Ps. 46:1; 91:15. *Beth-el*. ver. 7; ch. 12:8; 13:3, 4; 28:10-22; 31:3, 13. Ps. 47:4. Ec. 5:4-6. Ho. 12:4. Na. 1:15. *when thou*. ch. 16:8; 27:41-45. Ex. 2:15.
2 *unto his*. ch. 18:19. Jos. 24:15. Ps. 101:2-7. *strange*. ch. 31:19, 34. Ex. 20:3, 4; 23:13. De. 5:7; 6:14; 7:25; 11:28; 32:16. Jos. 23:7; 24:2, 20, 23. Ju. 10:16. Ru. 1:15. 1 Sa. 7:3. 2 Sa. 7:23. 2 Ki. 17:29. 1 Ch. 16:26. Je. 5:7; 16:20. Da. 5:4. Ac. 19:26. 1 Co. 10:7. 2 Co. 6:15-17. Gal. 4:8. *clean*. ver. 22; ch. 34:2, 24, 25. Ex. 19:10, 14. Le. 15:5; 17:16. Nu. 31:24. 2 Ki. 5:10, 12, 13. Job 1:5. Ps. 51:2, 7. Ec. 5:1. Is. 1:16; 52:11. Je. 13:27. Eze. 18:31; 20:7; 36:25. Jno. 13:10, 11. 2 Co. 7:1. He. 10:22. Ja. 4:8. 1 Pe. 2:1, 2. Jude 23.
3 *who answered*. ch. 28:12, 13; 32:7, 24. Ps. 46:1; 50:15; 66:13, 14; 91:15; 103:1-5; 107:6, 8; 116:1, 2, 16-18; 118:19-22. Is. 30:19. *was with*. ch. 28:20; 31:3, 42. Pr. 3:6. Is. 43:2.
4 *ear-rings*. These rings were not worn as mere ornaments, but for superstitious purposes; perhaps as amulets or charms, first consecrated to some false god, or formed under some constellation, and stamped with magical characters. MAIMONIDES mentions rings and jewels of this kind, with the image of the sun, moon, etc., impressed upon them; and St. AUGUSTINE describes them (Epist. 73.) as used for this execrable purpose. Ex. 32:2-4. Ju. 8:24-27. Ho. 2:13. *hid them*. Ex. 32:20. De. 7:5, 25. Is. 2:20; 30:22. *the oak*. Jos. 24:25, 26. Ju. 9:6, 5 ch. 34:30. Ex. 15:15, 16; 23:27; 34:24. De. 11:25. Jo. 2:9-11; 5:1. 1 Sa. 11:7; 14:15. 2 Ch. 14:14; 17:10. Ps. 14:5.
6 *Luz*. ch. 12:8; 28:19, 22. Ju. 1:22-26.
7 *built*. ver. 1, 3. Ec. 5:4, 5. *El-beth-el*. i. e. the God of Beth-el. ch. 28:13, 19, 22. Ex. 17:15. Ju. 6:24. Eze. 48:35.

²⁵ On the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city while it felt secure and killed all the males. ²⁶ They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. ²⁷ The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸ They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field. ²⁹ All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and plundered.

³⁰ Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and the Perizzites. My numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household." ³¹ But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

35 God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." ² So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. ³ Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." ⁴ So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

⁵ And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

⁶ And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, ⁷ and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother.

8 וּתְמַת דְּבָרָה מִיַּנְקַת רַבָּקָה וּתְקַבֵּר מִתַּחַת לְבֵית־אֵל תַּחַת הָאֵלוֹן
וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ אֵלוֹן בְּכוֹת:

9 וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶל־יַעֲקֹב עוֹד בְּבֹאוֹ מִפְּדוֹן אָרֶם וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתוֹ:

10 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אֱלֹהִים שָׁמָּה יַעֲקֹב לֹא־יִקְרָא שָׁמָּה עוֹד יַעֲקֹב כִּי
אִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל יִהְיֶה שָׁמָּה וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל:

11 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֱלֹהִים אֲנִי אֵל שְׁדֵי פְרָה וְרִבְהָ גוֹי וְקָהַל גּוֹיִם יִהְיֶה
מִמֶּךָ וּמְלָכִים מִחֲלָצֶיךָ יֵצְאוּ:

12 וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם וּלְיִצְחָק לָךְ אֶתְנַנֶּה וּלְזַרְעֶךָ
אֶחָדֶיךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ:

13 וַיַּעַל מַעֲלִיו אֱלֹהִים בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אֹתוֹ:

14 וַיַּצֵּב יַעֲקֹב מַצֵּבָה בְּמָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר אֹתוֹ מִצֵּבֶת אָבֶן וַיִּסֹּף
עָלֶיהָ נֶסֶף וַיִּצַק עָלֶיהָ שָׁמֶן:

15 וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶת־שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֹתוֹ שֵׁם אֱלֹהִים
בֵּית־אֵל:

16 וַיִּסְעוּ מִבֵּית אֵל וַיְהִי־עוֹד כְּבֵרֶת־הָאָרֶץ לְבוֹא אֶפְרַתָּה וַתֵּלֶד
רָחֵל וַתִּקְשֶׁ בְּלֶדְתָּהּ:

17 וַיְהִי בַּהֲקִשְׁתָּהּ בְּלֶדְתָּהּ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ הַמְּיַלְדֹת אֶל־תִּירְאִי
כִּי־גַם־זֶה לָךְ בֶּן:

18 וַיְהִי בַּצֵּאת נִפְשָׁהּ כִּי מָתָה וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בֶן־אוֹנִי וְאָבִיו קָרָא־לוֹ
בְּנֵי־מִין:

19 וּתְמַת רָחֵל וַתִּקְבֵּר בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶפְרַתָּה הוּא בֵּית לְחָם:

20 וַיַּצֵּב יַעֲקֹב מַצֵּבָה עַל־קְבֻרָתָהּ הוּא מִצֵּבֶת קְבֻרַת־רָחֵל
עַד־הַיּוֹם:

21 וַיִּסַּע יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּט אֶהְלֵה ^P מִהַלְאָה לְמַגְדֹל־עֶדֶר:

22 וַיְהִי בְּשָׁפֶן יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּאָרֶץ הַהוּא וַיֵּלֶךְ רְאוּבֵן וַיִּשְׁכַּב אֶת־בִּלְהָה
פִּילְגָשׁ אָבִיו וַיִּשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְהִיו בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר:

23 בְּנֵי לֵאָה בְּכוֹר יַעֲקֹב רְאוּבֵן וְשִׁמְעוֹן וְלוֹוִי וַיְהִי וַיִּשְׁשָׁכֶר
וַזְּבוּלָן:

24 בְּנֵי רָחֵל יוֹסֵף וּבְנֵי־מִן:

25 וּבְנֵי בִלְהָה שְׁפָחַת רָחֵל דָּן וְנַפְתָּלִי:

26 וּבְנֵי זִלְפָּה שְׁפָחַת לֵאָה גָד וְאֲשֶׁר אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב אֲשֶׁר יָלְדוּ־לוֹ
בְּפָדוֹן אָרֶם:

8 Rebekah's. ch. 24:59. *under an oak*. 1 Sa. 31:13. *Allon-bachuth*. i.e. the oak of weeping. Ju. 2:1, 5. 9 ch. 12:7; 17:1; 18:1; 26:2; 28:13; 31:3, 11-13; 32:1, 24-30; 35:1; 46:2, 3; 48:3, 4. Je. 31:3. Ho. 12:4. Ac. 7:2. 10 ch. 17:5, 15; 32:27, 28. 1 Ki. 18:31. 2 Ki. 17:34. 11 *God Almighty*. ch. 17:1; 18:14; 43:14; 48:3, 4. Ex. 6:3. 2 Co. 6:18. *a nation*. ch. 12:2; 13:16; 15:5; 17:5-7, 16; 18:18; 22:17; 28:3, 4, 14; 32:12; 46:3; 48:4. Ex. 1:7. Nu. ch. 1-26. 1 Sa. to 2 Ch. 12 *the land*. ch. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18; 26:3, 4; 28:3, 4, 13; 48:4. Ex. 3:8. Jos. ch. 6-21 to Ne. ch. 13. 13 ch. 11:5; 17:22; 18:33. Ju. 6:21; 13:20. Lu. 24:31. 14 ver. 20; ch. 28:18, 19. Ex. 17:15. 1 Sa. 7:12. 15 *Bethel*. ch. 28:19. 16 *a little way to come*. *Heb.* a little piece of ground. 2 Ki. 5:19. *Ephrath*. ch. 48:7. Ru. 1:2. 1 Ch. 2:19. Ps. 132:6. Mi. 5:2. Mat. 2:1, 16, 18. *hard labour*. ch. 3:16. 1 Ti. 2:15. 17 *Fear not*. ch. 30:24. 1 Sa. 4:19-21. 18 A.M. cir. 2275. b.c. cir. 1729. *her soul*. ch. 30:1. 1 Sa. 4:20, 21. Ps. 16:10. Ec. 12:7. La. 2:12. Lu. 12:20; 23:46. Ac. 7:59. *Ben-oni*. i.e. the son of my sorrow. 1 Ch. 4:9. *Benjamin*. i.e. the son of the right hand. ch. 42:4, 38; 43:14; 44:27-31. Ps. 80:17. The Samaritan has *ben yamin*, 'the son of days,' i.e. of his old age, (ch. 44:20,) which JEROME renders BENJAMIN, *id est, filius dextrae*, Benjamin, that is, 'the son of the right hand.' 19 *Rachel died*. ch. 48:7. *Ephrath*. Jos. 19:15. Ru. 1:2; 4:11. Mi. 5:2, 6. Mat. 2:1, 6, 18. 20 *the pillar*. ver. 9, 14. 1 Sa. 10:2. 2 Sa. 18:17, 18. 21 *tower*. Mi. 4:8. Lu. 2:8. 22 *lay with*. ch. 49:4. Le. 18:8. 2 Sa. 16:21, 22; 20:3. 1 Ch. 5:1. 1 Co. 5:1. *Now the sons*. In the Hebrew text, a break is here left in the verse, opposite to which there is a Masoretic note, which states that 'there is a hiatus in the verse.' This hiatus the LXX. thus supplies: καὶ ποῦνον εὐρανή εναντιον αυτου, 'and it appeared evil in his sight.' ver. 18; ch. 29:31-35; 30:5-24; 46:8-27; 49:1-28. Ex. 1:1-5; 6:14-16. Nu. 1:5-15, 20, etc.; 2:3-33; 7:12, etc.; 26:5-51, 57-62; 34:14-28. De. ch. 33. Jos. ch. 13-21. 1 Ch. 2:1, 2; 12:23-40; 27:16-22. Eze. ch. 48. Ac. 7:8. Re. 7:4-8; 21:14. 23 ch. 29:32-35; 30:18-20; 33:2; 46:8-15. 24 ver. 16-18; ch. 30:22-24; 46:19-22. 25 ch. 30:4-8; 37:2; 46:23-25. 26 *And the sons*. ch. 30:9-13; 46:16-18. in *Padan-aram*. Except Benjamin, ver. 18; ch. 25:20; 28:2; 31:18.

⁸ And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

⁹ God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰ And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. ¹¹ And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹² The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." ¹³ Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴ And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. ¹⁵ So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

¹⁶ Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son." ¹⁸ And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), ²⁰ and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. ²¹ Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

²² While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. ²³ The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. ²⁴ The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁵ The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant: Dan and Naphtali. ²⁶ The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27 וַיָּבֵא יַעֲקֹב אֶל־יִצְחָק אָבִיו מִמְּרָא קְרִית הָאֲרָבָע הוּא חֶבְרוֹן
 אֲשֶׁר־גָּר־שָׁם אַבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק:
 28 וַיְהִי יָמֵי יִצְחָק מֵאֵת שָׁנָה וּשְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה:
 29 וַיָּגַע יִצְחָק וַיָּמָת וַיֹּאסֶף אֶל־עַמּוּי זָקֵן וּשְׁבַע יָמִים וַיִּקְבְּרוּ אֹתוֹ
 עֵשָׂו וַיַּעֲקֹב בְּנָיו:

27 *Jacob*. ch. 27:43–45; 28:5. *Mamre*. ch. 13:18; 14:13; 18:1; 23:2, 19. *Jo*. 14:12–15; 15:13; 21:11. 2 Sa. 2:1, 3, 11; 5:1, 3, 5.
 28 ch. 25:7; 47:28; 50:26.
 29 A.M. 2288. B.C. 1716. *Isaac*. ch. 3:19; 15:15; 25:7, 8, 17; 27:1, 2; 49:33. *Job* 5:26. Ec. 12:5–7. *his sons*. ch. 23:19, 20; 25:9; 27:41; 49:31.

36 וְאֵלֶּה תְּלֻדֹת עֵשָׂו הוּא אָדוֹם:

2 עֵשָׂו לָקַח אֶת־נָשָׁיו מִבְּנוֹת כְּנָעַן אֶת־עֵדָה בַּת־אֵילֹן הַחֲמִי
 וְאֶת־אֶהֱלִיבָמָה בַּת־עֵנָה בַּת־צַבְעוֹן הַחֲוִי:
 3 וְאֶת־בְּשֵׁמֶת בַּת־יִשְׁמַעְעָל אַחֹת נָבִיּוֹת:
 4 וַתֵּלֶד עֵדָה לְעֵשָׂו אֶת־אֵלִיפֹז וּבְשֵׁמֶת יֵלְדָה אֶת־רְעוּאֵל:
 5 וְאֶהֱלִיבָמָה יֵלְדָה אֶת־יַעִישׁ^P וְאֶת־יַעֲלָם וְאֶת־קֶרַח אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי
 עֵשָׂו אֲשֶׁר יֵלְדוּלוֹ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:
 6 וַיִּקַּח עֵשָׂו אֶת־נָשָׁיו וְאֶת־בְּנָיו וְאֶת־בְּנֹתָיו וְאֶת־כָּל־נַפְשׁוֹת בֵּיתוֹ
 וְאֶת־מִקְנֵהוּ וְאֶת־כָּל־בְּהֵמָתוֹ וְאֶת כָּל־קִנְיָנוֹ אֲשֶׁר רָכַשׁ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
 וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־אֶרֶץ מִפְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב אַחִיו:
 7 כִּי־הָיָה רְכוּשָׁם רַב מִשְׁבַּת יַחֲדוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלָה אֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵיהֶם
 לְשֵׂאת אֹתָם מִפְּנֵי מְקִינֵיהֶם:
 8 וַיָּשָׁב עֵשָׂו בְּהָר שְׁעִיר עֵשָׂו הוּא אָדוֹם:
 9 וְאֵלֶּה תְּלֻדֹת עֵשָׂו אָבִי אָדוֹם בְּהָר שְׁעִיר:
 10 אֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי־עֵשָׂו אֵלִיפֹז בֶּן־עֵדָה אִשְׁתּוֹ עֵשָׂו רְעוּאֵל
 בֶּן־בְּשֵׁמֶת אִשְׁתּוֹ עֵשָׂו:
 11 וַיְהִי בְּנֵי אֵלִיפֹז תִּימָן אוֹמֶר צָפוֹ וְגַעְתָּם וְקִנְזִי:
 12 וַתִּמְנַע הַיְתָה פִּלְגָשׁ לְאֵלִיפֹז בֶּן־עֵשָׂו וַתֵּלֶד לְאֵלִיפֹז אֶת־עַמְלָק
 אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי עֵדָה אִשְׁתּוֹ עֵשָׂו:
 13 וְאֵלֶּה בְּנֵי רְעוּאֵל נַסַּת וְזָרַח שְׁמָה וּמְזָה אֵלֶּה הֵיוּ בְּנֵי בְּשֵׁמֶת
 אִשְׁתּוֹ עֵשָׂו:
 14 וְאֵלֶּה הֵיוּ בְּנֵי אֶהֱלִיבָמָה בַּת־עֵנָה בַּת־צַבְעוֹן אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתֵּלֶד
 לְעֵשָׂו אֶת־יַעִישׁ^P וְאֶת־יַעֲלָם וְאֶת־קֶרַח:

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Esau's three wives, 1–5 *His removal to mount Seir*, 6–8. *His sons*, 9–14. *The dukes which descended of his sons*, 15–19. *The sons and dukes of Seir the Horite*, 20–30. *Anah finds mules*, 24. *The kings of Edom*, 31–39. *The dukes that descended of Esau*, 40–43.
 1 A.M. 2208. B.C. 1796. ch. 22:17; 25:24–34; 27:35–41; 32:3–7. Nu. 20:14–21. De. 23:7. 1 Ch. 1:35. Is. 63:1. Eze. 25:12.
 2 *Esau*. ch. 9:25; 26:34, 35; 27:46. *Adah*. or. *Bashemath*. ch. 26:34. *Aholibamah*. ver. 25; ch. 26:34. *Judith*. *the daughter*. We ought, most probably, to read here and in ver. 14, as in ver. 20, 'the son of Zibeon;' which is the reading of the Samaritan, Septuagint, (and Syriac, in ver. 2.) and which HOUBIGANT and KENNICOTT contend to be genuine.
 3 ch. 25:13; 28:9. *Mahalath*.
 4 *Adah*. 1 Ch. 1:35. *Eliphaz*. Job 2:11. *Revel*. not Ex. 2:18. Nu. 10:29.
 5 *in the land*. ver. 6; ch. 35:29.
 6 A.M. cir. 2264. B.C. cir. 1740. *persons*. *Heb*. souls. Eze. 27:13. Re. 18:13. *went*. ch. 13:6, 11; 17:8; 25:23; 28:4; 32:3.
 7 *their riches*. ch. 13:6, 11. *the land*. ch. 17:8; 28:4.
 8 *mount Seir*. ver. 20; ch. 14:6; 32:3. De. 2:5. Jos. 24:4. 1 Ch. 4:42. 2 Ch. 20:10, 23. Eze. 35:2–7. Mal. 1:3. *Esau*. ver. 1.
 9 *the Edomites*. *Heb*. Edom. ch. 19:37.
 10 A.M. cir. 2230. B.C. cir. 1774. ver. 3, 4. 1 Ch. 1:35, etc.
 11 A.M. cir. 2270. B.C. cir. 1734. *Zepho*. ver. 15, 16. 1 Ch. 1:35, 36. *Zephi*.
 12 *Timna*. ver. 22. 1 Ch. 1:36. *Amalek*. ver. 16; ch. 14:7. Ex. 17:8–16. Nu. 24:18–20. De. 23:7; 25:17–19. 1 Sa. 15:2, 3, etc.
 13 ver. 17. 1 Ch. 1:37.
 14 A.M. cir. 2292. B.C. cir. 1712. ver. 2, 5, 18. 1 Ch. 1:35.

²⁷ And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. ²⁸ Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. ²⁹ And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

36 These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). ² Esau took his wives from the Canaanites: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, ³ and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth. ⁴ And Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz; Basemath bore Reuel; ⁵ and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

⁶ Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his livestock, all his beasts, and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan. He went into a land away from his brother Jacob. ⁷ For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together. The land of their sojournings could not support them because of their livestock. ⁸ So Esau settled in the hill country of Seir. (Esau is Edom.)

⁹ These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir. ¹⁰ These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. ¹¹ The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹² (Timna was a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son; she bore Amalek to Eliphaz.) These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. ¹³ These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. ¹⁴ These are the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

15 אלה אלופי בני־עשו בני אלפיז בכור עשו אלופ תימן אלופ
אומר אלופ צפו אלופ קנז:

16 אלופ־קרח אלופ געמם אלופ עמלק אלה אלופי אלפיז בארץ
אדום אלה בני עדה:

17 ואלה בני רעואל בן־עשו אלופ נחת אלופ זרח אלופ שמה
אלופ מזה אלה אלופי רעואל בארץ אדום בני בשמת אשת
עשו:

18 ואלה בני אהליבמה אשת עשו אלופ יעוש אלופ יעלם אלופ
קרח אלה אלופי אהליבמה בת־ענה אשת עשו:

19 אלה בני־עשו ואלה אלופיהם הוא אדום:

20 אלה בני־שעיר החרי ישיבי הארץ לוטן ושוכל וצבעון וענה:
ודשון ואצר ודישן אלה אלופי החרי בני שעיר בארץ אדום:

21 ויהיו בני־לוטן חרי והימם ואחות לוטן תמנע:

22 ואלה בני שוכל עלון ומנחת ועיבל שפו ואונם:

24 ואלה בני־צבעון ואיה וענה הוא ענה אשר מצא את־הימם
במדבר ברעתו את־החמרים לצבעון אביו:

25 ואלה בני־ענה דשן ואהליבמה בת־ענה:

26 ואלה בני דישן חמדן ואשבו ויתרו וכרו:

27 אלה בני־אצר בלהן וזענו ועקו:

28 אלה בני־דישן עויז וארו:

29 אלה אלופי החרי אלופ לוטן אלופ שוכל אלופ צבעון אלופ
ענה:

30 אלופ דשן אלופ אצר אלופ דישן אלה אלופי החרי לאלפיהם
בארץ שעיר:

31 ואלה המלכים אשר מלכו בארץ אדום לפני מלך־מלך לבני
ישׂראל:

32 וימלך באדום בלע בן־בעור ושם עירו דנהבה:

33 וימת בלע וימלך תחתיו יוכב בן־זרח מבצרה:

34 וימת יוכב וימלך תחתיו השם מארץ התימני:

35 וימת השם וימלך תחתיו הדד בן־בדד המכה את־מדון בשדה
מואב ושם עירו ענית:

36 וימת הדד וימלך תחתיו שמלה ממשרקה:

15 First aristocracy of dukes, from A.M. cir. 2429, to A.M. cir. 2471; from B.C. cir. 1575, to B.C. cir. 1533. *dukes*. The word *duke* is from the Latin *dux*, a captain or leader, from *duco*, to lead, guide; which is the exact import of the Hebrew אֱלִיפִי, alluph, from אָלַף to lead, guide; and is here applied to heads of families, chieftains, or princes, who were military leaders. ver. 18. 1 Ch. 1:35. Eliphaz. Job 21:8. Ps. 37:35. duke Teman. ver. 4, 11, 12. 1 Ch. 1:36, 45, 51–54. Job 2:11; 4:1. Je. 49:7, 20. Eze. 25:13. Am. 1:12. Ob. 9. Hab. 3:3.

16 *Duke Korah*. As it is certain from ver. 4, that Eliphaz was Esau's son by Adah, and from ver. 11, 12, that Eliphaz had but six sons, 'Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, and Amalek;' as it is also certain, from ver. 5, 14, that *Korah* was the son of *Esau* (not Eliphaz) by *Aholibamah*; and as the words *duke Korah* are omitted by both the Samaritan Text and Version, Dr. KENNICOTT pronounces them to be an interpolation. *dukes*. Ex. 15:15.

17 *Reuel*. ver. 4, 13. 1 Ch. 1:37.

18 ver. 5, 14. 1 Ch. 1:35.

19 *who is Edom*. See on ver. 1.

20 A.M. cir. 2198. B.C. cir. 1806. ver. 2, 22–30; ch. 14:6. De. 2:12, 22. 1 Ch. 1:38–42.

21 A.M. cir. 2204. B.C. cir. 1800.

22 A.M. cir. 2248. B.C. cir. 1756. *Hemam*. 1 Ch. 1:39. *Homan*. *Timna*. ver. 12.

23 *Alvan*. 1 Ch. 1:40. *Alian*. *Shepho*. or, *Shephi*. 1 Ch. 1:40.

24 *found*. Le. 19:19. De. 2:10. 2 Sa. 13:29; 18:9. 1 Ki. 1:38, 44; 4:28. Zec. 14:15.

25 *Dishon*. ver. 21. *Anah*. ver. 2, 5, 14, 18. 1 Ch. 1:41.

26 *Hemdan*. 1 Ch. 1:41. *Amram*.

27 *Ezer*. ver. 21. 1 Ch. 1:38. *Akan*. 1 Ch. 1:42. *Jakan*.

28 *Uz*. Job 1:1. Je. 25:20. La. 4:21.

29 *Horites*. ver. 20, 28. 1 Ch. 1:41, 42. *duke Lotan*. ver. 20. 1 Ch. 1:38.

30 From A.M. cir. 2093, to A.M. cir. 2429; from B.C. cir. 1911, to B.C. cir. 1575. *dukes in the*. 2 Ki. 11:19. Is. 23:15. Da. 7:17, 23.

31 *the kings*. ch. 17:6, 16; 25:23. Nu. 20:14; 24:17, 18. De. 17:14–20; 33:5, 29. 1 Ch. 1:43–50. *before there*. Moses may here allude to the promise which God made to Jacob, (ch. 35:11.) that kings should proceed from him; and here states that these kings reigned before that prophecy began to be fulfilled.

33 A.M. cir. 2135. B.C. cir. 1869. *Bozrah*. *Bozrah*, *Bezer*, or *Bostra*, was situated in Arabia Deserta, and the eastern part of Edom; and, according to EUSEBIUS, was 24 miles from Edrei. It afterwards belonged to Moab, and was given by Moses to Reuben, but again reverted to Edom. It is now called *Bozra*; and is described by BURCKHARDT as the largest town in the Haouran, including its ruins, though only inhabited by about twelve or fifteen families. It is situated in the open plain, two hours distant from Aare, and is at present the last inhabited place in the south-east extremity of the Haouran. It is of an oval shape, its greatest length being from east to west; and its circumference three quarters of an hour. Is. 34:6; 63:1. Je. 49:13, 22. Am. 1:12. Mi. 2:12.

34 A.M. cir. 2177. B.C. cir. 1827. *Temani*. EUSEBIUS places *Teman*, or *Theman*, which probably gave name to 'the land of Temani,' in Arabia Petraea, five miles from Petra, and says there was a Roman garrison there. See on ver. 11, 15. Job 2:11. Je. 49:7.

35 A.M. cir. 2219. B.C. cir. 1785.

36 A.M. cir. 2261. B.C. cir. 1743.

¹⁵ These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: the chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz, ¹⁶ Korah, Gatam, and Amalek; these are the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. ¹⁷ These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: the chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these are the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. ¹⁸ These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: the chiefs Jeush, Jalam, and Korah; these are the chiefs born of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. ¹⁹ These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

²⁰ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, ²¹ Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom. ²² The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. ²³ These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ²⁴ These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of Zibeon his father. ²⁵ These are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. ²⁶ These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. ²⁷ These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. ²⁸ These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. ²⁹ These are the chiefs of the Horites: the chiefs Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, ³⁰ Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the chiefs of the Horites, chief by chief in the land of Seir.

³¹ These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the Israelites. ³² Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, the name of his city being Dinhabah. ³³ Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. ³⁴ Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. ³⁵ Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, reigned in his place, the name of his city being Avith. ³⁶ Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

37 וַיִּמַּת שְׂמֵלָהּ וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו שָׂאוֹל מִרְחוֹבוֹת הַנֶּגֶר:

38 וַיִּמַּת שָׂאוֹל וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו בַּעַל חֲנָן בֶּן־עֶכְבֹּר:

39 וַיִּמַּת בַּעַל חֲנָן בֶּן־עֶכְבֹּר וַיִּמְלֹךְ תַּחְתָּיו הָדָר וְשֵׁם עִירוֹ פְּעוֹ
וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ מֵהִיטְבָּאֵל בַּת־מִטְרַד בַּת מִי זָהָב:

40 וְאַלֶּהָ שְׂמוֹת אֲלוֹפֵי עֲשׂוֹ לְמִשְׁפַּחְתָּם לְמִקְמַתָּם בְּשִׁמְתָם אֲלוֹף
תִּמְנַע אֲלוֹף עֲלֵנָה אֲלוֹף יִתַּת:

41 אֲלוֹף אֶהְלִיבְמָה אֲלוֹף אֶלֶּה אֲלוֹף פִּינֹן:

42 אֲלוֹף קִנְז אֲלוֹף תִּימָן אֲלוֹף מִבְּצָר:

43 אֲלוֹף מִגְדִּיאֵל אֲלוֹף עִרְם אֶלֶּה אֲלוֹפֵי אָדוֹם לְמִשְׁבַּתָּם בְּאַרְצַן
אֶחָדָתָם הוּא עֲשׂוֹ אָבִי אָדוֹם:

37 A.M. cir. 2303. B.C. cir. 1701. *Rehoboth*. ch. 10:11. 1 Ch. 1:48.
38 A.M. cir. 2315. B.C. cir. 1659.
39 A.M. cir. 2387. B.C. cir. 1617. *Hadar*. 1 Ch. 1:50. *Hadad* Pai. After his death was an aristocracy. Ex. 15:15.
40 Second aristocracy of dukes, from A.M. cir. 2471. B.C. cir. 1533; to A.M. cir. 2513. B.C. cir. 1491. *And these*. ver. 31. 1 Ch. 1:51–54. *dukes*. See on ver. 15, 16. Ex. 15:15. 1 Ch. 1:51–54. *Avah*. or, *Aliah*. 1 Ch. 1:51.
43 *the dukes*. ver. 15, 18, 19, 30, 31. Ex. 15:15. Nu. 20:14. *their*. ver. 7, 8. Ge. 25:12. De. 2:5. *father*. ch. 25:30; 36:43; 45:8. 1 Ch. 4:14. *the Edomites*. *Heb.* Edom.

37 וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאַרְצַן מְגוּרֵי אָבִיו בְּאַרְצַן כְּנָעַן:

2 אֶלֶּה תִּלְדוֹת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף בֶּן־שִׁבְעָה עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה הָיָה רָעָה
אֶת־אָחָיו בְּצֹאֵן וְהוּא נָעַר אֶת־בְּנֵי בְלֵהָה וְאֶת־בְּנֵי זְלִפְהָ נְשֵׂי אָבִיו
וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־דְּבָרָתָם רָעָה אֶל־אֲבִיהֶם:

3 וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל אֶהָב אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִכָּל־בְּנָיו כִּי־בָן־זִקְנִים הוּא לוֹ וַעֲשֵׂה
לוֹ כְּתוּבַת פְּסִים:

4 וַיִּרְאוּ אָחָיו כִּי־אֵתוֹ אֶהָב אֲבִיהֶם מִכָּל־אָחָיו וַיִּשְׁנְאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא
יָכְלוּ דַּבְּרוֹ לְשָׁלֵם:

5 וַיַּחְלֹם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיַּגֵּד לְאָחָיו וַיּוֹסְפוּ עוֹד שָׁנֹא אֹתוֹ:

6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם שְׁמַעוּנָא הַחֲלוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר חָלַמְתִּי:

7 וְהִנֵּה אֲנִי חֹנֵן מְאֹלָמִים אֲלֵמִים בְּתוֹךְ הַשָּׂדֶה וְהִנֵּה קָמָה אֲלַמְתִּי
וְגַם־נִצְבָה וְהִנֵּה תִסְבִּינָה אֲלַמְתִּיכֶם וַתִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶינּוּ לְאֲלַמְתִּי:

8 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו הֲמִלֹךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אִם־מְשׁוֹל תִּמְשָׁל בָּנוּ
וַיּוֹסְפוּ עוֹד שָׁנֹא אֹתוֹ עַל־חֲלֹמְתוֹ וְעַל־דַּבְּרָיו:

CHAP. 37
Joseph is loved by Jacob, but hated by his brethren, 1–4. His two dreams, 5–11. Jacob sends him to visit his brethren, 12–17. His brethren conspire his death, 18–20. Reuben saves him, 21–24. They sell him to the Ishmeelites, 25–30. His father, deceived by the coat covered with blood, mourns for him, 31–35. He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt, 36.
1 A.M. 2276. B.C. 1728. *wherein his father was a stranger*. *Heb.* of his father's sojournings. ch. 17:8; 23:4; 28:4; 36:7. He. 11:9–16.
2 *the generations. Toledoth*, the history, narrative, or account of the lives and actions of Jacob and his sons; for in this general sense the original must be taken, as in the whole ensuing history there is no genealogy of Jacob's family. ch. 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1. *wives*. ch. 30:4, 9; 35:22, 25, 26. *evil report*. 1 Sa. 2:22–24. Jno. 7:7. 1 Co. 1:11; 5:1; 11:18.
3 *loved*. Jno. 3:35; 13:22, 23. *son*. ch. 44:20–30. *a coat*. ver. 23, 32. Ju. 5:30. 2 Sa. 13:18. Ps. 45:13, 14. Eze. 16:16. *colours. Kethoneth passim*, a coat made of stripes of different coloured cloth.
4 *hated him*. ver. 5, 11, 18–24; ch. 4:5; 27:41; 49:23. 1 Sa. 16:12, 13; 17:28. Ps. 38:19; 69:4. Jno. 7:3–5; 15:18, 19. Tit. 3:3. 1 Jno. 2:11; 3:10, 12; 4:20. *and could not speak peaceably unto him*. Or, rather, 'and they could not speak peace to him.' *i.e.* they would not accost him in a *friendly* manner: they would not even wish him well, in the eastern mode of salutation of, Peace be to thee! It is not an unusual thing for an Arab or Turk to hesitate to return the *salām*, if given by a Christian, or by one of whom he has not a favourable opinion; and this may always be considered as an act of *hostility*.
5 *dreamed*. ver. 9; ch. 28:12; 40:5; 41:1; 42:9. Nu. 12:6. Ju. 7:13, 14. 1 Ki. 3:5. Ps. 25:14. Da. 2:1; 4:5. Joel 2:28. Am. 3:7. *and they*. ver. 4, 8; ch. 49:23. Jno. 17:14.
6 ch. 44:18. Ju. 9:7.
7 *your sheaves*. ch. 42:6, 9; 43:26; 44:14, 19.
8 *reign over us*. ver. 4. Ex. 2:14. 1 Sa. 10:27; 17:28. Ps. 2:3–6; 118:22. Lu. 19:14; 20:17. Ac. 4:27, 28; 7:35. He. 10:29.

³⁷ Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates reigned in his place. ³⁸ Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. ³⁹ Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place, the name of his city being Pau; his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.

⁴⁰ These are the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their clans and their dwelling places, by their names: the chiefs Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, ⁴¹ Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, ⁴² Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, ⁴³ Magdiel, and Iram; these are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of Edom), according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.

37 Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

² These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.

⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 ויחלם עוד חלום אחר ויספר אתו לאחיו ויאמר הנה חלמתי
חלום עוד והנה השמש והירח ואחד עשר כוכבים משתחווים לי:
10 ויספר אל-אביו ואל-אחיו ויגער-בו אביו ויאמר לו מה החלום
הנה אשר חלמת הבוא נבוא אני ואמה ואחיה להשתחות לך ארצה:
11 ויקנאו-בו אחיו ואביו שמר את-הדבר:
12 וילכו אחיו לרעות את-צאן אביהם בשכם:
13 ויאמר ישראל אל-יוסף הלא אחיה רעים בשכם לכה ואשלתה
אליהם ויאמר לו הנני:
14 ויאמר לו לך-נא ראה את-שלוש אחיה ואת-שלוש הצאן
והשבני דבר וישלטהו מעמק חברון ויבא שכם:
15 וימצאהו איש והנה תעה בשדה וישאלהו האיש לאמר
מה-תבקש:
16 ויאמר את-אחי אנכי מבקש הגידה-נא לי איפה הם רעים:
17 ויאמר האיש נסעו מזה כי שמעתי אמרים גלכה דתינה וילך
יוסף אחר אחיו וימצאם בדתן:
18 ויראו אתו מרחק ובטרם יקרב אליהם ויתנפלו אתו להמיתו:
19 ויאמרו איש אל-אחיו הנה בעל החלמות הלזה בא:
20 ועתה לכו ונהרגהו ונשליכהו באחד הברות ואמרנו חיה רעה
אכלתהו ונראה מה-יהיו חלמתינו:
21 וישמע ראובן ויצלהו מידם ויאמר לא נכנו נפש:
22 ויאמר אליהם ראובן אל-תשפכו-דם השליכו אתו אל-הבור
הנה אשר במדבר ויד אל-תשליכו-בו למען הציל אתו מידם להשיבו
אל-אביו:
23 ויהי כאשר-בא יוסף אל-אחיו ויפשיטו את-יוסף את-כתנתו
את-כתנת הפסים אשר עליו:
24 ויסקהו וישלכו אתו הברה והבור רק אין בו מים:

9 another dream. ver. 7; ch. 41:25, 32. the sun. ver. 10; ch. 43:28; 44:14, 19; 45:9; 46:29; 47:12; 50:15-21. Ac. 7:9-14. stars. Da. 8:10. Phi. 2:15.
10 Shall I. ch. 27:29. Is. 60:14. Phi. 2:10, 11.
11 envied. ch. 26:14-16. Ps. 106:16. Ec. 4:4. Is. 11:13; 26:11. Mat. 27:18. Mar. 15:10. Ac. 7:9; 13:45. Ga. 5:21. Tit. 3:3. Ja. 3:14-16; 4:5. observed. ch. 24:31. Da. 7:28. Lu. 2:19, 51.
12 in Shechem. ver. 1; ch. 33:18; 34:25-31.
13 come. 1 Sa. 17:17-20. Mat. 10:16. Lu. 20:13. Here am I. ch. 22:1; 27:1, 18. 1 Sa. 3:4-6, 8, 16. Ep. 6:1-3.
14 see whether it be well with. Heb. see the peace of thy brethren, etc. ch. 29:6; 41:16. 1 Sa. 17:17, 18. 2 Sa. 18:32. 1 Ki. 2:33. Ps. 125:5. Je. 29:7. Lu. 19:42. Hebron. ch. 23:2; 35:27. Nu. 13:22. Jos. 14:13, 15.
15 he was. ch. 21:14. What. Ju. 4:22. 2 Ki. 6:19. Jno. 1:38; 4:27; 18:4, 7; 20:15.
16 seek. Lu. 19:10. tell me. Ca. 1:7.
17 Dothan. 2 Ki. 6:13.
18 conspired. 1 Sa. 19:1. Ps. 31:13; 37:12, 32; 94:21; 105:25; 109:4. Mat. 21:38; 27:1. Mar. 12:7; 14:1. Lu. 20:14, 15. Jno. 11:53. Ac. 23:12.
19 dreamer. Heb. master of dreams.
20 and let. Ps. 64:5. Pr. 1:11, 12, 16; 6:17; 27:4. Tit. 3:3. Jno. 3:12. Some. 1 Ki. 13:24. 2 Ki. 2:24. Pr. 10:18; 28:13. and we. 1 Sa. 24:20; 26:2. Mat. 2:2-16; 27:40-42. Mar. 15:29-32. Jno. 12:10, 11. Ac. 4:16-18.
21 ch. 35:22; 42:22.
22 ch. 42:22.
23 stript. ver. 3, 31-33; ch. 42:21. Ps. 22:18. Mat. 27:28. colours. or. pieces. ver. 3.
24 add cast. Ps. 35:7. La. 4:20. the pit. Ps. 40:2; 88:6, 8; 130:1, 2. Je. 38:6. La. 3:52-55. Zec. 9:11.

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?” ¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Here I am.” ¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” ¹⁶ “I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” ¹⁷ And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’ ” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²² And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לְאַכְל־לֶחֶם וַיִּשְׂאוּ עֵינֵיהֶם וַיִּרְאוּ וְהִנֵּה אֲרָחַת
 לִישְׁמַעְאֵלִים בָּאָה מִגְּלָעָד וּגְמֵלֵיהֶם נִשְׂאִים נִכְאֹת וּצְרִי וְלֹט הוֹלְכִים
 לְהוֹרִיד מִצְרָיִמָּה:

26 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַחֲזִיז מִה־בְּצַע פִּי נִהְרַג אֶת־אַחֲזִינוּ וְכַסִּינוּ
 אֶת־דָּמוֹ:

27 לָכוּ וּנְמַכְרֵנוּ לְיִשְׁמַעְאֵלִים וְנִדְּנוּ אֶל־תַּהֲיִיבוּ פִי־אַחֲזִינוּ בְּשָׂרֵנוּ
 הוּא וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֲחִיו:

28 וַיַּעֲבְרוּ אֲנָשִׁים מִדְּיָנִים סַחְרִים וַיִּמְשְׁכוּ וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶת־יוֹסֵף
 מִן־הַבּוֹר וַיִּמְכְּרוּ אֶת־יוֹסֵף לְיִשְׁמַעְאֵלִים בְּעֶשְׂרִים כֶּסֶף וַיָּבִיאוּ
 אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִצְרָיִמָּה:

29 וַיֵּשֶׁב רְאוּבֵן אֶל־הַבּוֹר וְהִנֵּה אֵין־יוֹסֵף בְּבוֹר וַיִּקְרַע אֶת־בְּגָדָיו:
 וַיֵּשֶׁב אֶל־אַחֲזִיז וַיֹּאמֶר הֲיִלֵּד אֵינָנו וְאָנִי אָנָּה אֲנִי־בָא:

30 וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־כַּתְנֵת יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁחֲטוּ שְׁעִיר עִזִּים וַיִּטְבְּלוּ אֶת־הַכַּתְנֵת
 בְּדָם:

31 וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ אֶת־כַּתְנֵת הַפָּסִים וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶל־אַבְיָהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ זֹאת
 מַצָּאנוּ הַכָּרֶנָּא הַכַּתְנֵת בְּנֶהָ הוּא אִם־לֹא:

32 וַיִּכְרְהָ וַיֹּאמֶר כַּתְנֵת בְּנֵי חַיָּה רָעָה אֶכְלָתָהּוּ טָרַף טָרַף יוֹסֵף:
 וַיִּקְרַע יַעֲקֹב שְׂמֹלְתּוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם שָׂק בְּמַתְּנָיו וַיִּתְאַבֵּל עַל־בָּנוּ יָמִים
 רַבִּים:

33 וַיִּקְמוּ כָל־בָּנָיו וְכָל־בְּנֹתָיו לְנַחֲמוֹ וַיִּמָּאֵן לְהִתְנַחֵם וַיֹּאמֶר
 כִּי־אֲרַד אֶל־בְּנֵי אָבִל שְׂאֵלָה וַיִּבֶךְ אֹתוֹ אָבִיו:

34 וְהַמְדַּנִּים מְכָרוּ אֹתוֹ אֶל־מִצְרַיִם לְפוֹטִיפָר סָרִיס פְּרֹעֶה שֹׂר
 הַטַּבָּחִים:

35 וַיְהִי בַּעַת הַהוּא וַיִּבְרַד יְהוָה מֵאֵת אֲחִיו וַיִּט עַד־אִישׁ עַד־לְמִי
 וַשְׁמוֹ חִיָּרָה:

36 וַיִּבְרָא־שָׂם יְהוָה בְּתֵאֵשׁ וַשְׁמוֹ שׁוּעַ וַיִּקְחָהּ וַיָּבֵא אֶלְיָהָ:
 וַתֵּהָר וַתֵּלֵד בֵּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ עֵר:
 וַתֵּהָר עוֹד וַתֵּלֵד בֵּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ אוֹנָן:
 וַתִּסָּף עוֹד וַתֵּלֵד בֵּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ שְׁלֵה וְהָיָה בְּכֹזִיב בְּלִדְתָהּ
 אֹתוֹ:

25 *they sat.* Es. 3:15. Ps. 14:4. Pr. 30:20. Am. 6:6. *Ishmeelites.* ver. 28, 36; ch. 16:11, 12; 25:1-4, 16-18; 31:23. Ps. 83:6. *Gilead.* ch. 31:21; 43:11. Je. 8:22. *spicery.* *Nechoth,* is rendered by the LXX. 'incense;' *Syriac,* 'resin;' *Samaritan,* 'balsam;' *Aquila,* 'storax;' which is followed by BOCHART. This drug is abundant in Syria, and here MOSES joins with it resin, honey, and myrrh; which agrees with the nature of the storax, which is the resin of a tree of the same name, of a reddish colour, and peculiarly pleasant fragrance, *balm.* *Tzeri,* which in Arabic, as a verb, is *to flow,* seems to be a common name, as *balm* or *balsam* with us, for many of those oily, resinous substances, which flow spontaneously, or by incision, from various trees or plants; accordingly the ancients have generally interpreted it *resin.* *myrrh.* *Lot,* is probably, as JUNIUS, DE DIEU, CELSIUS, and URSINUS contend, the same as the Arabic *ladan,* Greek *λαδανον,* and Latin *ladanum.*

26 *What profit.* ch. 25:32. Ps. 30:9. Je. 41:8. Mat. 16:26. Ro. 6:21. *conceal.* ver. 20; ch. 4:10. De. 17:8. 2 Sa. 1:16. Job 16:18. Eze. 24:7.

27 *sell him.* ver. 22. Ex. 21:16, 21. Ne. 5:8. Mat. 16:26; 26:15. 1 Ti. 1:10. Re. 18:13. *let not.* 1 Sa. 18:17. 2 Sa. 11:14-17; 12:9. *he is our.* ch. 29:14; 42:21. *were content.* *Heb.* hearkened.

28 *Midianites.* ver. 25; ch. 25:2. Ex. 2:16. Nu. 25:15, 17; 31:2, 3, 8, 9. Ju. 6:1-3. Ps. 83:9. Is. 60:6. *sold.* ch. 45:4. 5. Ps. 105:17. Zec. 11:12, 13. Mat. 26:15; 27:9. Ac. 7:9.

29 *he rent.* ver. 34; ch. 34:13. Nu. 14:6. Ju. 11:35. 2 Ki. 19:1. Job 1:20. Joel 2:13. Ac. 14:14.

30 ver. 20; ch. 42:13, 32, 35. Je. 31:15.

31 ver. 3, 23. Pr. 28:13.

32 *thy son's.* ver. 3; ch. 44:20-23. Lu. 15:30.

33 *evil beast.* ver. 20; ch. 44:28. 1 Ki. 13:24. 2 Ki. 2:24. Pr. 14:15. Jno. 13:7.

34 ver. 29. Jos. 7:6. 2 Sa. 1:11; 3:31. 1 Ki. 20:31; 21:27. 2 Ki. 19:1. 1 Ch. 21:16. Eze. 9:3-5. Ne. 9:1. Es. 4:1-3. Job 1:20; 2:12. Ps. 69:11. Is. 22:12, 13; 32:11; 36:22; 37:1, 2. Je. 36:24. Joel 2:13. Jon. 3:5-8. Mat. 11:21; 26:65. Ac. 14:14. Re. 11:3.

35 *his daughters.* ch. 31:43; 35:22-26. *rose up.* 2 Sa. 12:17. Job 2:11. Ps. 77:2. Je. 31:15. *For I.* ch. 42:31; 44:29-31; 45:28.

36 *the Midianites.* ver. 28; ch. 25:1, 2; 39:1. *officer.* *Heb.* eunuch. *But the word signifies not only eunuchs, but also chamberlains, courtiers, and officers.* Es. 1:10. Is. 56:3. *captain.* *Or,* chief marshal. *Heb.* chief of the slaughtermen, or executioners. ch. 39; 40:4. 2 Ki. 25:8. marg.

CHAP. 38

Judah begets Er, Onan, and Shelah, 1-5. Er's marriage with Tamar, and death, 6, 7. The trespass of Onan, 8-10. Tamar is reserved for Shelah, 11. Judah's wife dies, 12. Tamar deceives Judah, 13-26. She bears twins, Pharez and Zarah, 27-30. 1 A.M. 2265. B.C. 1739. it came. As there cannot be above 23 years from the selling of Joseph, unto Israel's going down into Egypt; and as it is impossible that Judah should take a wife, and by her have three sons successively, and Shelah, the youngest, marriageable when Judah begat Pharez of Tamar, and Pharez be grown up, married, and have two sons, all within so short a period; Mr. AINSWORTH conceives that the *time* here spoken of is soon after Jacob's coming to Shechem, (ch. 33.) We have accordingly adapted the chronology to correspond with that time, *turned.* ch. 19:2. 3. Ju. 4:18. 2 Ki. 4:8. Pr. 9:6; 13:20. *Adullamite.* An inhabitant of *Adullam,* a city of Canaan, afterwards given to Judah, situated in the southern part of that tribe, west of Hebron. Jos. 12:15; 15:35. 1 Sa. 22:1. 2 Sa. 23:13. Mi. 1:15.

2 *saw.* ch. 3:6; 6:2; 24:3; 34:2. Ju. 14:2; 16:1. 2 Sa. 11:2. 2 Co. 6:14. *Shuah.* ch. 46:12. 1 Ch. 2:3. *Shua.* *took.* ch. 6:4; 24:3.

3 A.M. 2266. B.C. 1738. *Er.* ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:19.

4 A.M. 2267. B.C. 1737. *Onan.* ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:19.

5 A.M. 2268. B.C. 1736. *Shelah.* ver. 11, 26; ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:20. 1 Ch. 4:21. *Chezib.* *Chezib* is said, by EUSEBIUS and JEROME, to have been situated near *Adullam,* and to be then uninhabited.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰ and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" ³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³ And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

38 It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

² There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her, ³ and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er. ⁴ She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan. ⁵ Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

6 וַיִּקַּח יְהוּדָה אִשָּׁה לְעַר בְּכוֹרוֹ וְשָׁמָּה תָמַר:

7 וַיְהִי עַר בְּכוֹר יְהוּדָה רַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה וַיִּמְתְּהוּ יְהוָה:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְאוֹנָן בֹּא אֶל־אִשְׁתִּי אַחִיָּה וַיְבִיֵם אֹתָהּ וְהָקִים זָרַע לְאַחִיָּה:

9 וַיִּדַע אוֹנָן כִּי לֹא לוֹ יִהְיֶה הַזָּרַע וְהָיָה אִם־בָּא אֶל־אִשְׁתִּי אַחִיו וַיִּשְׁחַת אֶרְצָהּ לְבִלְתִּי נָתוּן־זָרַע לְאַחִיו:

10 וַיִּרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּמַּת גַּם־אֹתוֹ:

11 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְתָמַר פְּלֹתוֹ שְׁבִי אֶלְמְנָה בֵּית־אָבִיךָ עַד־יִגְדַּל שְׁלָה בְנִי כִּי אָמַר פְּו־יָמוֹת גַּם־הוּא כְּאַחִיו וַתִּלְךְ תָּמַר וַתֵּשֶׁב בֵּית אָבִיךָ:

12 וַיִּרְבוּ הַיָּמִים וַתִּמָּת בַּת־שׁוּעַ אִשְׁת־יְהוּדָה וַיִּנָּחֶם יְהוּדָה וַיַּעַל עַל־גִּזְיוֹ צֹאנוֹ הוּא וַחֲיִירָה רַעְהוּ הַעֲדִלְמִי תִמְנָתָה:

13 וַיִּגַּד לְתָמַר לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה חֲמִידָה עָלֶיךָ תִּמְנָתָה לְגַז צֹאנוֹ:

14 וַתִּסַּר בְּגָדֵי אֶלְמְנוּתָהּ מֵעַלֶיךָ וַתַּכֶּס בַּצַּעֲרִיף וַתִּתְעַלֶּף וַתֵּשֶׁב בְּפֶתַח עֵינַיִם אֲשֶׁר עַל־דַּרְךָ תִּמְנָתָה כִּי רָאָתָה כִּי־גָדַל שְׁלָה וְהוּא לֹא־נִתְנָה לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה:

15 וַיִּרְאֶה יְהוּדָה וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לְזוֹנָה כִּי כִסְתָה פָּנֶיהָ:

16 וַיֵּט אֶלֶיהָ אֶל־הַדָּרֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר הֲבֵה־נָא אָבוא אֵלֶיךָ כִּי לֹא יָדַע כִּי כָלְתוֹ הוּא וַתֹּאמֶר מַה־תִּתֶּן־לִי כִּי תָבֹא אֵלַי:

17 וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי אֲשַׁלַּח גְּדֵי־עֵזִים מִן־הַצֹּאן וַתֹּאמֶר אִם־תִּתֶּן עֲרָבוֹן עַד שְׁלֹחֶךָ:

18 וַיֹּאמֶר מַה הָעֲרָבוֹן אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶּן־לְךָ וַתֹּאמֶר חֲתָמְךָ וּפְתִילְךָ וּמָטָף אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדְךָ וַיִּתֶּן־לָהּ וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ וַתִּהְיֶה לוֹ:

19 וַתִּקַּם וַתִּלְךְ וַתִּסַּר צַעֲרִיפָה מֵעַלֶיךָ וַתִּלְבַּשׁ בְּגָדֵי אֶלְמְנוּתָהּ:

6 took. ch. 21:21; 24:3. *Tamar*. Mat. 1:3.
7 *Er*. ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:19. *wicked*. ch. 6:8; 13:13; 19:13. 2 Ch. 33:6. *and the*. 1 Ch. 2:3. Ps. 55:23.
8 A.M. 2282. B.C. 1722. Le. 18:16. Nu. 36:8; 9. De. 25:5-10. Ru. 1:11; 4:5-11. Mat. 22:23-27.
9 *he is*. De. 25:6. Ru. 1:11; 4:10. *lest that*. Job 5:2. Pr. 27:4. Ti. 3:3. Ja. 3:14, 16; 4:5.
10 *displeased*. Heb. *was evil in the eyes of*. Nu. 11:1; 22:34. 2 Sa. 11:27. 1 Ch. 21:7. Pr. 14:32; 24:18. Je. 44:4. Ha. 1:13. *him also*. ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:19.
11 *till Shelah*. Ru. 1:11, 13. *in her*. Le. 22:13.
12 *in process of time*. Heb. *the days were multiplied. comforted*. ch. 24:67. 2 Sa. 13:39. *sheep shearers*. ch. 31:19. 1 Sa. 25:4-8, 36. 2 Sa. 13:23-29. *Timnath*. Timnath is, in all probability, that in the border of Judah, between Jerusalem and Disopolis, given to Dan, and mentioned in the history of Samson as belonging to the Philistines. ver. 1. Jos. 15:10, 35, 57. Timnah; 19:43. Thimnathah. Ju. 14:1.
14 *and sat*. Pr. 7:12. Je. 3:2. Eze. 16:25. *an open place*. Heb. *the door of eyes, or of Enajim*. Some think *ainayim* means 'the two fountains,' or 'double fountain;' while others regard it as a proper name, and the same as *Enaim*, a city of Judah. (Jos. 15:34.) So the LXX. render it *Enan*. *Timnath*. See ver. 12, 13. *that Shelah*. ver. 11, 26.
16 *Go to*. 2 Sa. 13:11. *What wilt*. De. 23:18. Eze. 16:33. Mat. 26:15. 1 Ti. 6:10.
17 *I will*. Eze. 16:33. *a kid*. Heb. *a kid of the goats*. *Wilt thou*. ver. 20, 24, 25. Pr. 20:16. Lu. 16:8.
18 *Thy signet*. *Chothem*, or *chothemeth*, as in ver. 25, is properly a *ring-seal*, with which impressions were made to ascertain property, etc. From Je. 22:24, we find that it was worn on the hand; though it might also have been suspended from the neck by a ribband, as the Arabs still wear it. ver. 25, 26. Je. 22:24. Lu. 15:22. *bracelets*. *Pathil*, from *pathal*, to twist, wreath, may denote either a *wreath* for the arm or neck, a *twisted collar*, or *bracelet*. In the former sense the LXX. render it by *οπισθοκος*, and *AQUILA* and *SYMMACHUS* by *σπετρον*; and in the latter sense, the Vulgate renders it by *armillam*. It may have been a collar by which the signet was suspended; though its being used in the plural seems to favour the opinion of its being a bracelet. *gave it her*. ver. 25, 26. Ho. 4:11.
19 *laid by her veil*. ver. 14. 2 Sa. 14:2, 5.

⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.
⁷But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death. ⁸Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." ⁹But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother. ¹⁰And what he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also. ¹¹Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

¹²In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" ¹⁷He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" ¹⁸He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 ויִשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֶת־גְּדֵי הָעֵזִים בְּיַד רַעְהוּ הַעֲזֹלָמִי לְקַחַת הָעֶרְבוֹן מִיַּד הָאִשָּׁה וְלֹא מִצָּאָה:

21 ויִשְׁאֵל אֶת־אֲנָשֵׁי מְקוֹמָהּ לֵאמֹר אֵיךְ הִקְדַּשְׁתָּהּ הוּא כְּעֵינַיִם עַל־הַדָּרָךְ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא־הִיָּתָה בְּזָה קְדוּשָׁה:

22 ויָשָׁב אֶל־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא מִצָּאָתֶיךָ וְגַם אֲנָשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם אָמְרוּ לֹא־הִיָּתָה בְּזָה קְדוּשָׁה:

23 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה תִּקְחֵה־לָּהּ פֶּן נִהְיֶה לְבוֹז הַגּוֹי הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה וְאִתָּה לֹא מִצָּאָתָה:

24 וַיְהִי כַּמִּשְׁלַל חֲדָשִׁים וַיִּגְדַּל לִיהוָה לֵאמֹר זָנְתָה תָמַר כְּלָתְךָ וְגַם הִגִּיהָ הָרָה לְזַנוּנִים וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה הוֹצִיאֶיהָ וְתִשָּׁרֶף:

25 הוּא מוֹצֵאת וְהִיא שְׁלֵחָה אֶל־חַמִּיָּה לֵאמֹר לֹאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אַלְהָה לוֹ אֲנֹכִי הָרָה וַתֹּאמֶר הַכֹּרֶן־נָא לְמִי הַחֲתָמָת וְהַפְתִּילִים וְהַמָּטָה הָאֵלֶּה:

26 וַיִּכַּר יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר צְדָקָה מִמֶּנִּי כִּי־עַל־כֵּן לֹא־נִתְּתִיָּה לְשֵׁלָה בְּנִי וְלֹא־יִסָּף עוֹד לְדַעְתָּה:

27 וַיְהִי בָעֵת לְדַתָּהּ וְהִגִּיהָ תְּאוֹמִים בְּכַבְטָנָה:

28 וַיְהִי בְלִדְתָהּ וַיִּמְנָד וַתִּקַּח הַמִּיֻלָּדָת וַתִּקְשֹׁר עַל־יָדוֹ שְׁנֵי לֵאמֹר זֶה יִצְאָ רֵאשֹׁנָה:

29 וַיְהִי כַּמִּשְׁיֵב יָדוֹ וְהִגִּיהָ יִצְאָ אַחִיו וַתֹּאמֶר מִה־פְּרֻצַּת עֲלִיךָ פָּרִץ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ פָּרִץ:

30 וְאַחֵר יִצְאָ אַחִיו אֲשֶׁר עַל־יָדוֹ הַשְּׁנִי וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ זָרַח:

39 וַיֹּסֶף הַיּוֹדֵד מִצְרַיִמָּה וַיִּקְנֶהוּ פּוֹטִיפָר סָרִיס פְּרַעֲזָה שֶׁר הַטַּבָּחִים אִישׁ מִצְרַיִם מִיַּד הַיִּשְׁמַעְעָלִים אֲשֶׁר הוֹרְדוּהוּ שָׂמָה:

2 וַיְהִי יְהוָה אֶת־יֹסֵף וַיְהִי אִישׁ מְצַלִּיחַ וַיְהִי בְּבֵית אֲדֹנָיו הַמִּצְרַיִם:

3 וַיִּרְא אֲדֹנָיו כִּי יְהוָה אִתּוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־הוּא עֹשֶׂה יְהוָה מְצַלִּיחַ בְּיָדוֹ:

4 וַיִּמְצָא יֹסֵף חֵן בְּעֵינָיו וַיִּשְׁרַת אֹתוֹ וַיִּפְקְדֵהוּ עַל־בֵּיתוֹ וְכָל־יִשְׁלֹלוֹ נָתַן בְּיָדוֹ:

20 his friend. ch. 20:9. Le. 19:17. Ju. 14:20. 2 Sa. 13:3. Lu. 23:12.
21 openly by the way side. or, in Enajim. ver. 14.
23 lest we. 2 Sa. 12:9. Pr. 6:33. Ro. 6:21. 2 Co. 4:2. Ep. 5:12. Ro. 16:15. be shamed. Heb. become a contempt.
24 played the harlot. ch. 34:31. Ju. 19:2. Ec. 7:26. Je. 2:20; 3:1, 6, 8. Eze. 16:15, 28, 41; 23:5, 19, 44. Ho. 2:5; 3:3; 4:15. let her. ch. 20:3, 7, 9. Le. 20:10; 21:9. De. 22:21-27; 24:16. 2 Sa. 12:5, 7. Je. 29:22, 23. Mat. 7:1-5. Ro. 2:1, 2; 14:22.
25 Discern. ver. 18; ch. 37:32. Ps. 50:21. Je. 2:26. Ro. 2:16. 1 Co. 4:5. Re. 20:12.
26 acknowledged. ch. 37:33. She hath. 1 Sa. 24:17. 2 Sa. 24:17. Eze. 16:52. Ha. 1:13. Jno. 8:9. Ro. 3:19. more righteous. Not less to blame, but more righteous. because. ver. 14. And he knew. ch. 4:1. 2 Sa. 16:22; 20:3. Job 4:5; 34:31, 32; 40:5. Mat. 3:8. Ro. 13:12. Tit. 2:11, 12. 1 Pe. 4:2, 3.
29 A.M. 2283. B.C. 1721. How hast, etc. or, Wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee? his name. ch. 46:12. Nu. 26:20. 1 Ch. 2:4; 9:4. Ne. 11:4, 6. Perez. Mat. 1:3. Lu. 3:33. Phares. Pharez. i.e. a breach.
30 Zarah. 1 Ch. 9:6. Zerah. Mat. 1:3. Zara.

CHAP. 39
Joseph is bought by Potiphar, and preferred in the family, 1-6. He resists his mistress's temptation, 7-12. He is falsely accused by her, 13-19. He is cast into prison, 20. God is with him there, and he is advanced by the keeper of the prison, 21-23.
1 A.M. 2276. B.C. 1728. Joseph. ch. 37:36; 45:4. Ps. 105:17. Ac. 7:9. the Ishmeelites. ch. 37:25, 28.
2 the Lord. ver. 21, 22; ch. 21:22; 26:24, 28; 28:15. 1 Sa. 3:19; 16:18; 18:14, 28. Ps. 1:3; 46:7, 11; 91:15. Is. 8:9, 10; 41:10; 43:2. Je. 15:20. Mat. 1:23. Ac. 7:9, 10. Ro. 8:31. house. 1 Co. 7:20-24. 1 Ti. 6:1. Tit. 2:9, 10.
3 saw that. ch. 21:22; 26:24, 28; 30:27, 30. 1 Sa. 18:14, 28. Zec. 8:23. Mat. 5:16. Phi. 2:15, 16. Re. 3:9. prosper. ver. 23; ch. 30:27. Jos. 1:7, 8. 1 Ch. 22:13. 2 Ch. 26:5. Ne. 2:20. Ps. 1:3. 1 Co. 16:2.
4 Joseph. ver. 21; ch. 18:3; 19:19; 32:5; 33:8, 10. 1 Sa. 16:22. Ne. 2:4, 5. Pr. 16:7. overseer. ver. 22; ch. 15:2; 24:2; 41:40, 41. Pr. 14:35; 17:2; 22:29; 27:18. Ac. 20:28.

²⁰ When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

²¹ And he asked the men of the place, "Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?" And they said, "No cult prostitute has been here." ²² So he returned to Judah and said, "I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, 'No cult prostitute has been here.'" ²³ And Judah replied, "Let her keep the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her."

²⁴ About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." ²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." ²⁶ Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again.

²⁷ When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. ²⁸ And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." ²⁹ But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. ³⁰ Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

39 Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.

5 וַיְהִי מֵאֵז הַפְּקִיד אֹתוֹ בְּבֵיתוֹ וְעַל כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁלוֹ וַיִּבְרָךְ יְהוָה
אֶת־בֵּית הַמְצָרִי בְּגִלְל יוֹסֵף וַיְהִי בְרַכְתּוֹ יְהוָה בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁלוֹ בְּבֵית
וּבְשָׂדֵה:

6 וַיַּעֲזֹב כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף וְלֹא־יָדַע אֹתוֹ מֵאוּמָה כִּי
אִם־הִלְקֵחַם אֲשֶׁר־הוּא אוֹכֵל וַיְהִי יוֹסֵף יְפֵה־תָאֵר וַיְפֵה מְרָאֶה:

7 וַיְהִי אַחֵר הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַתִּשָּׂא אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ
אֶל־יוֹסֵף וַתֹּאמֶר שְׂכָבָה עִמִּי:

8 וַיִּמָּאֵן וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו הֵן אֲדֹנִי לֹא־יָדַע אֹתִי מֵהַבַּיִת
וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־יִשְׁלוֹ נִמְן בְּיָדִי:

9 אֵינְנוּ גְדוֹל בְּבֵית הַזֶּה מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא־חָשַׁף מִמֶּנִּי מֵאוּמָה כִּי
אִם־אוֹתָךְ בְּאֲשֶׁר אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאִיךָ אֶעֱשֶׂה הַרְעָה הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֹּאת וְחָטַאתִי
לְאֵלֹהִים:

10 וַיְהִי כַּדְּבָרָה אֶל־יוֹסֵף יוֹם יוֹם וְלֹא־שָׁמַע אֶלֶיהָ לְשֹׁכֵב אֶצְלָהּ
לְהִיּוֹת עִמָּה:

11 וַיְהִי כִּהְיוֹם הַזֶּה וַיָּבֵא הַבַּיִתָּה לַעֲשׂוֹת מְלֹאכְתּוֹ וְאִין אִישׁ מֵאֲנָשֵׁי
הַבַּיִת שָׁם בְּבֵית:

12 וַתִּתְפָּשֶׂהוּ בְּכַגְדּוֹ לֵאמֹר שְׂכָבָה עִמִּי וַיַּעֲזֹב בְּגָדוֹ בְּיָדָהּ וַיָּנֹס וַיֵּצֵא
הַחוּצָה:

13 וַיְהִי כִּרְאוּתָהּ כִּי־עָזַב בְּגָדוֹ בְּיָדָהּ וַיָּנֹס הַחוּצָה:

14 וַתִּקְרָא לְאֲנָשֵׁי בֵיתָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר לָהֶם לֵאמֹר רְאוּ הֵבִיא לָנוּ אִישׁ
עֲבָרִי לְצַחֵק בָּנוּ בָּא אֵלַי לְשֹׁכֵב עִמִּי וְאֶקְרָא בְּקוֹל גְּדוֹל:

15 וַיְהִי כִשְׁמִעוֹ כִּי־הִרִימָתִי קוֹלִי וְאֶקְרָא וַיַּעֲזֹב בְּגָדוֹ אֶצְלֵי וַיָּנֹס
וַיֵּצֵא הַחוּצָה:

16 וַתִּנְחַח בְּגָדוֹ אֶצְלָהּ עַד־בּוֹא אֲדֹנָיו אֶל־בֵּיתוֹ:

17 וַתִּדְבַר אֵלָיו כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לֵאמֹר בָּא־אֵלַי הָעֶבֶד הָעֲבָרִי
אֲשֶׁר־הִבֵּאתָ לָנוּ לְצַחֵק בִּי:

18 וַיְהִי כִּהִרְיָמִי קוֹלִי וְאֶקְרָא וַיַּעֲזֹב בְּגָדוֹ אֶצְלֵי וַיָּנֹס הַחוּצָה:

5 for Joseph's. ch. 12:2; 19:29; 30:27. De. 28:3-6. 2 Sa. 6:11, 12. Ps. 21:6; 72:17. Ac. 27:24. Ep. 1:3. 6 he left. ver. 4, 8, 23. Lu. 16:10; 19:17. save. ch. 43:32. Pr. 31:11. a goodly person. Yephaih toar, weephaih maraih, 'beautiful in person and beautiful in countenance.' Joseph's beauty is so celebrated in the East, that a handsome man is frequently compared to him; and the Persian poets vie with each other in descriptions of his comeliness. ch. 12:14, 15; 29:17. 1 Sa. 16:12; 17:42. Ac. 7:20. 7 A.M. 2285. B.C. 1719. cast. ch. 6:2. Job 31:1. Ps. 119:37. Eze. 23:5, 6, 12-16. Mat. 5:28. 2 Pe. 2:14. 1 Jno. 2:16. Lie. 2 Sa. 13:11. Pr. 2:16; 5:9; 7:13. Je. 3:3. Eze. 16:25, 32, 34. 8 refused. Pr. 1:10; 2:10, 16-19; 5:3-8; 6:20-25, 29, 32, 33; 7:5, 25-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:26-28. my master. Pr. 18:24. 9 none. ch. 24:2. Ne. 6:11. Lu. 12:48. 1 Co. 4:2. Ti. 2:10. how then. ch. 20:3, 6. Le. 20:10. 2 Sa. 11:27. Job 31:9-12, 23. Pr. 6:29, 32. Je. 5:8, 9. 1 Co. 6:9, 10. Ga. 5:19-21. He. 13:4. Re. 21:8; 22:15. sin. ch. 42:18. Le. 6:2. Nu. 32:23. 2 Sa. 12:13. Ne. 5:15. Ps. 51:4. Je. 28:16; 50:7. 1 Jno. 3:9. 10 as she spake. ver. 8. Pr. 2:16; 5:3; 6:25, 26; 7:5, 13; 9:14, 16; 22:14; 23:27. or to be. Pr. 1:15; 5:8. 1 Co. 6:18; 15:33. 1 Th. 5:22. 1 Ti. 5:14. 2 Ti. 2:22. 1 Pe. 2:11. 11 none of the men. Job 24:15. Pr. 9:17. Je. 23:24. Mal. 3:5. Ep. 5:3, 12. 12 caught. ver. 8, 10. Pr. 7:13, etc. Ec. 7:26. Eze. 16:30, 31. and he left. 1 Sa. 15:27. Pr. 1:15; 5:8; 6:5. Ec. 7:26. Mar. 14:51, 52. 1 Co. 15:33. 2 Ti. 2:22. 1 Pe. 2:11. 14 he hath. The base affection of this woman being disappointed, was changed into rancorous hatred, and she exults in the opportunity of being revenged on Joseph. She begins her accusation in the affected language of offended modesty, rage, and disdain, by charging her husband, whom we may reasonably suppose she did not greatly love, with being an accessory to the indignity she pretended to have received: 'HE hath brought in a Hebrew,' a very abomination to an Egyptian, 'to mock us,' insult and treat me in a base, unworthy manner, an Hebrew. ver. 17; ch. 10:21; 14:13; 40:15. Ps. 120:3. Eze. 22:5. he came. ver. 7. Ps. 35:11; 55:3. Pr. 10:18. Is. 51:7; 54:17. Mat. 5:11; 26:59. Lu. 23:2. 2 Co. 6:8. 1 Pe. 2:20; 3:14-18; 4:14-19. loud. Heb. great. 16 Ps. 37:12, 32. Je. 4:22; 9:3-5. Ti. 3:3. 17 ver. 14. Ex. 20:16; 23:1. 1 Ki. 18:17; 21:9-13. Ps. 37:14; 55:3; 120:2-4. Pr. 12:19; 19:5, 9. Mat. 26:65.

⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.

⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

¹¹But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹²she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. ¹³And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, ¹⁴she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." ¹⁶Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

19 וַיְהִי כַשְׁמַע אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־דְּבָרֵי אִשְׁתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר דְּבָרָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר
כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה עָשָׂה לִי עַבְדְּךָ וַיַּחַר אַפּוֹ:

20 וַיִּקַּח אֲדֹנָי יוֹסֵף אֹתוֹ וַיִּתְּנֵהוּ אֶל־בֵּית הַסֵּהַר מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אֲסוּרֵי
הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲסוּרִים וַיְהִי־שֵׁם בְּבֵית הַסֵּהַר:

21 וַיְהִי יְהוָה אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיְטַח אֵלָיו חֶסֶד וַיִּתֵּן חֲנוּן בְּעֵינָיו שֶׁר
בֵּית־הַסֵּהַר:

22 וַיִּתֵּן שֶׁר בֵּית־הַסֵּהַר בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף אֵת כָּל־הָאֲסוּרִים אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית
הַסֵּהַר וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עוֹשִׂים שָׁם הוּא הֵיחָה עוֹשֶׂה:

23 אֵין שֶׁר בֵּית־הַסֵּהַר רָאָה אֶת־כָּל־מְאוּמָה בְּיָדוֹ בְּאֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֹתוֹ
וַאֲשֶׁר־הוּא עוֹשֶׂה יְהוָה מִצְלִיחַ:

40 וַיְהִי אַחַר הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה חָטְאוּ מִשְׁקָה מְלֹךְ־מִצְרַיִם וְהָאִפֹּה
לְאֲדֹנָיָהֶם לְמֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם:

2 וַיִּקְצַף פְּרֻעָה עַל שְׁנֵי סְרִיסָיו עַל שֶׁר הַמִּשְׁקִים וְעַל שֶׁר
הָאוֹפִים:

3 וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם בְּמִשְׁמַר בֵּית שֶׁר הַטְּבָחִים אֶל־בֵּית הַסֵּהַר מְקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר יוֹסֵף אֲסוּר שָׁם:

4 וַיִּפְקֹד שֶׁר הַטְּבָחִים אֶת־יוֹסֵף אֹתָם וַיִּשְׁרַת אֹתָם וַיְהִיו יָמִים
בְּמִשְׁמַר:

5 וַיַּחְלְמוּ חֲלוֹם שְׁנֵיהֶם אִישׁ חֲלָמוֹ בְּלַיְלָה אֶחָד אִישׁ כְּפִתְרוֹן
חֲלָמוֹ הַמִּשְׁקָה וְהָאִפֹּה אֲשֶׁר לְמֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר אֲסוּרִים בְּבֵית הַסֵּהַר:

6 וַיָּבֵא אֲלֵיהֶם יוֹסֵף בְּבִקְרָה וַיֵּרָא אֹתָם וְהֵנָּם זֹעֲפִים:

7 וַיִּשְׂאֵל אֶת־סְרִיסֵי פְרֻעָה אֲשֶׁר אֹתוֹ בְּמִשְׁמַר בֵּית אֲדֹנָיו לֵאמֹר
מִדּוּעַ פְּנֵיכֶם רָעִים הַיּוֹם:

8 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו חֲלוֹם חֲלָמְנוּ וּפְתָר אֵין אֹתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף
הֲלוֹא לֵאלֹהִים פְּתָרָנִים סִפְרוּ־נָא לִי:

9 וַיְסַפֵּר שֶׁר־הַמִּשְׁקִים אֶת־חֲלָמוֹ לְיוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בְּחֻלּוֹמֵי
וְהִנֵּה־גֹפֶן לְפָנָי:

10 וּבִגְפֶן שְׁלִישָׁה שָׁרִיגִים וְהִיא כְּפִרְחַת עֲלֵתָהּ נֹצֵה הַבְּשִׁילוֹ
אֲשֶׁפְּלֵתֶיהָ עֲנָבִים:

11 וְכֹס פְרֻעָה בְּיַד־יֹאקֵחַ אֶת־הָעֲנָבִים וַאֲשַׁחֵט אֹתָם אֶל־כּוֹס
פְרֻעָה וְאָתָּן אֶת־הַכּוֹס עַל־כַּף פְּרֻעָה:

19 heard. Job 29:16. Pr. 18:17; 29:12. Ac. 25:16. 2 Th. 2:11. his wrath. ch. 4:5, 6. Pr. 6:34, 35. Ca. 8:7. 20 into the prison. Baith hassohar, 'the round house,' from the form of the building, according to some; or, 'the watch or guard house,' from the Arabic sahar, to watch, according to others. ch. 40:15; 41:14. Ps. 105:18, 19. Is. 53:8. Da. 3:21, 22. 2 Ti. 2:9. 1 Pe. 2:19. the king's. ch. 40:1-3, 15; 41:9-14. Ps. 76:10. 21 the Lord. ver. 2; ch. 21:22; 49:23, 24. Is. 41:10; 43:2. Da. 6:22. Ro. 8:31, 32, 37. 1 Pe. 3:13, 14, 17; 4:14-16. sheved him mercy. Heb. extended kindness unto him, gave him. ch. 40:3. Ex. 3:21; 11:3; 12:36. Ps. 105:19, 22; 106:46. Pr. 16:7. Da. 1:9. Ac. 7:9, 10. 22 committed. ver. 4, 6, 7, 9; ch. 40:3, 4. 1 Sa. 2:30. Ps. 37:3, 11. 23 keeper. ch. 40:3, 4. because. See on ver. 2, 3; ch. 49:23, 24. 1 Sa. 2:30. Ps. 1:3; 37:3-11. Is. 43:2. Da. 6:22.

CHAP. 40
The chief butler and baker of Pharaoh being imprisoned. Joseph is charged with them, 1-4. He interprets their dreams, 5-19. They are accomplished according to his interpretation, 20-22. The ingratitude of the butler, in forgetting Joseph, 23. 1 it came. ch. 39:20-23. Es. 6:1. the butler. Mashkeh, from shakah, to give drink, is the same as saky among the Arabians and Persians, and signifies a cup-bearer. ver. 13. Ne. 1:11; 2:1, 2. 2 wroth. Ps. 76:10. Pr. 16:14; 19:12, 19; 27:4. Ac. 12:20. the chief of the butlers. 1 Ch. 27:27. 3 the place. ch. 39:20, 23. where Joseph was bound. Or, 'where Joseph was confined,' for he doubtless had his personal liberty. This place, we learn from the preceding chapter, (ver. 20,) was the king's prison. All the officers in the employment of the ancient kings of Egypt, according to DIODORUS SICULUS, were taken from the most illustrious families of the priesthood in the country; no slave or common person being ever permitted to serve in the presence of the king. As these persons were of the most noble families, it is natural to expect they would be put, when accused, into the state prison. 4 the captain. ch. 37:36; 39:1, 21-23. Ps. 37:5. a season. Yamim, literally, days; how long is uncertain, though the word may signify, as many suppose, a complete year (see Ge. 4:3; 24:55); and as Pharaoh called them to an account on his birthday, (ver. 20,) CALMET supposes they had offended on the preceding birthday, and thus had been one whole year in prison. 5 A.M. 2287. B.C. 1717. ver. 8; ch. 12:1-7; 20:3; 37:5-10; 41:1-7, 11. Nu. 12:6. Ju. 7:13, 14. Es. 6:1. Job 33:15-17. Da. 2:1-3; 4:5, 9, 19; ch. 7, 8. 6 and, behold. ver. 8; ch. 41:8. Da. 2:1-3; 4:5; 5:6; 7:28; 8:27. 7 Wherefore. Ju. 18:24. 1 Sa. 1:8. 2 Sa. 13:4. Ne. 2:2. Lu. 24:17. look ye so sadly to-day. Heb. are your faces evil. 8 Do not, etc. ch. 41:15, 16. Job 33:15, 16. Ps. 25:14. Is. 8:19. Da. 2:11, 28, 47; 4:8; 5:11-15. 1 Co. 12:10, 11. Am. 3:7. 9 a vine. ch. 37:5-10. Ju. 7:13-15. Da. 2:31; 4:8, 10, etc. 11 And I took, etc. From this we find that wine anciently was the mere expressed juice of the grape, without fermentation. The saky, or cup-bearer, took the bunch, pressed the juice into the cup, and instantly delivered it to his master.

¹⁹ As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled.

²⁰ And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. ²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph’s charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

40 Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵ And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” ⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.”

12 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יוֹסֵף זֶה פָּתְרָנוּ שְׁלֵשֶׁת הַשָּׂרְגִים שְׁלֵשֶׁת יָמִים הֵם:
 13 בְּעוֹד שְׁלֵשֶׁת יָמִים יִשָּׂא פִרְעוֹנָה אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ וְהִשִּׁיבָהּ עַל־כַּנְּפוֹ
 וְנָתַתְּ כוֹס־פִּרְעוֹנָה בְּיָדוֹ כַּמְשֻׁפֵּט הָרֹאשׁוֹן אֲשֶׁר הָיִיתְּ מִשְׁקָהוּ:
 14 כִּי אִם־זִכְרְתָנִי אִתָּךְ כַּאֲשֶׁר יִיטֵב לְךָ וְעָשִׂיתָ־נָא עִמָּדֵי חֶסֶד
 וְהִזְכַּרְתָּנִי אֶל־פִּרְעוֹנָה וְהוֹצֵאתָנִי מִן־הַבַּיִת הַזֶּה:
 15 כִּי־גִזַּב גִּזְבֹּתֵי מֶאֱרָץ הָעֵבְרָיִם וְגַם־פָּה לֹא־עָשִׂיתִי מְאוּמָה
 כִּי־שָׂמוּ אֹתִי בַּבּוֹר:
 16 וַיֵּרָא שְׂרֵי־הָאֲפִים כִּי טוֹב פָּתַר וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יוֹסֵף אַף־אֲנִי בְחַלּוּמֵי
 וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֵשֶׁה סְלֵי חֲרִי עַל־רֹאשִׁי:
 17 וּבַסֵּל הָעֲלִיּוֹן מִכָּל מֵאֲכָל פִּרְעוֹנָה מַעֲשֵׂה אָפָה וְהָעוֹף אֲכַל אֹתָם
 מִן־הַסֵּל מֵעַל רֹאשִׁי:
 18 וַיַּעַן יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר זֶה פָּתְרָנוּ שְׁלֵשֶׁת הַסֵּלִים שְׁלֵשֶׁת יָמִים הֵם:
 19 בְּעוֹד שְׁלֵשֶׁת יָמִים יִשָּׂא פִרְעוֹנָה אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ מֵעַלְיָהּ וְתִלָּהּ אוֹתָהּ
 עַל־עֵץ וְאֲכַל הָעוֹף אֶת־בְּשָׂרָהּ מֵעַלְיָהּ:
 20 וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יוֹם הַלְּדוֹת אֶת־פִּרְעוֹנָה וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתָּהּ
 לְכָל־עַבְדָּיו וַיִּשָּׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ שׂוֹר הַמִּשְׁקִים וְאֶת־רֹאשׁ שׂוֹר הָאֲפִים
 בַּתּוֹךְ עַבְדָּיו:
 21 וַיֵּשֶׁב אֶת־שׂוֹר הַמִּשְׁקִים עַל־מִשְׁקָהוּ וַיִּתֵּן הַכּוֹס עַל־כַּף פִּרְעוֹנָה:
 22 וְאֵת שׂוֹר הָאֲפִים תִּלָּהּ כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּתַר לָהֶם יוֹסֵף:
 23 וְלֹא־זָכַר שׂוֹר־הַמִּשְׁקִים אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁכַּחְהוּ:

12 *This*. ver. 18; ch. 41:12, 25, 26. *Ju.* 7:14. *Da.* 2:36, etc.; 4:19, etc. *The three*. ch. 41:26. *Ju.* 7:14. *Mat.* 26:26. 1 *Co.* 10:4. *Ga.* 4:25.
 13 *within*. ch. 7:4. *shall*. ver. 20–22. 2 *Ki.* 25:27. *Ps.* 3:3. *Je.* 52:31. *lift up thine head*. or, reckon, ver. 19, 20.
 14 *think on me*. *Heb.* remember me with thee. *on me*. 1 *Sa.* 25:31. *Lu.* 23:42. 1 *Co.* 7:21. *shew*. *Jos.* 2:12. 1 *Sa.* 20:14, 15. 2 *Sa.* 9:1. 1 *Ki.* 2:7.
 15 *stolen*. ch. 37:28. *Ex.* 21:16. *De.* 24:7. 1 *Ti.* 1:10. *the Hebrews*. ch. 14:13; 41:12. *done*. ch. 39:8–12. 20. 1 *Sa.* 24:11. *Ps.* 59:3, 4. *Da.* 6:22. *Jno.* 10:32; 15:25. *Ac.* 24:12–21; 25:10, 11. 1 *Pe.* 3:17, 18.
 16 *the chief*. ver. 1, 2. *white baskets*. or, baskets full of holes.
 17 *bake-meats*. *Heb.* meat of Pharaoh, the work of a baker, or cook.
 18 ver. 12; ch. 41:26. 1 *Co.* 10:4; 11:24.
 19 *within*. ver. 13. *lift up thy head from off thee*. or, reckon thee and take thy office from thee. *hang thee*. ver. 22; ch. 41:13. *De.* 21:22, 23. *Jos.* 8:29; 10:26. 2 *Sa.* 21:6. *Pr.* 30:17. *Ga.* 3:13. *and the birds*. ver. 17. 1 *Sa.* 17:44, 46. 2 *Ki.* 21:10. *Eze.* 39:4. *Ac.* 20:27.
 20 *third day*. ver. 13, 19. *birthday*. ch. 21:8. *Es.* 1:3. *Job* 3:1. *Mat.* 14:6. *Mar.* 6:21. *lifted up*. or, reckoned. ver. 13, 19, marg. 2 *Ki.* 25:27. *Mat.* 18:23–25; 25:19. *Lu.* 16:1, 2.
 21 *gave the cup*. ver. 13. *Ne.* 2:1.
 22 *he hanged*. ver. 8, 19; ch. 41:11–13, 16. *Je.* 23:28. *Da.* 2:19–23, 30; 5:12. *Ac.* 5:30.
 23 *but forgot him*. *Job* 19:14. *Ps.* 31:12; 105:19. *Ec.* 9:15, 16. *Am.* 6:6.

41 וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁנַת־שָׁנָיִם יָמִים וּפִרְעוֹנָה חָלַם וְהִנֵּה עֹמֵד עַל־הַיָּאֵר:
 2 וְהִנֵּה מִן־הַיָּאֵר עֹלֹת שִׁבְעַת פְּרוֹת יְפוֹת מִרְאֵה וּבְרִיאַת בָּשָׂר
 וַתִּרְעִינָה בְּאָחוּ:
 3 וְהִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת פְּרוֹת אַחֲרוֹת עֹלֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן מִן־הַיָּאֵר רַעוֹת מִרְאֵה
 וְדַקּוֹת בָּשָׂר וַתַּעֲמִדְנָה אֶצְלָהּ הַפְּרוֹת עַל־שִׁפְתַת הַיָּאֵר:
 4 וַתֹּאכְלֶנָה הַפְּרוֹת רַעוֹת הַמִּרְאֵה וְדַקּוֹת הַבָּשָׂר אֵת שִׁבְעַת הַפְּרוֹת
 יַפֹּת הַמִּרְאֵה וְהַבְּרִיאַת וַיִּיקֶץ פִּרְעוֹנָה:
 5 וַיִּישָׁן וַיַּחְלֵם שְׁנִית וְהִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת שִׁבְלִים עֹלֹת בְּקִנְיָה אֶחָד
 בְּרִיאַוֹת וְטִבּוֹת:
 6 וְהִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת שִׁבְלִים דַּקּוֹת וְשִׁדּוּפֹת קָדִים צִמְחוֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן:

CHAP. 41
 Pharaoh has two dreams, 1–8. Joseph interprets them, 9–32. He gives Pharaoh counsel, and is highly advanced, and married, 33–45. The seven years of plenty, 46–49. He begets children, 50–52. The famine begins, 53–57.
 1 A.M. 2289. B.C. 1715. *two full years*. *Shenathayim yamim*, 'two years of days,' two complete solar revolutions; as a *month of days* is a full month, ch. 29:14. *that Pharaoh*. ch. 20:3; 37:5–10; 40:5. *Ju.* 7:13, 14. *Es.* 6:1. *Job* 33:15, 16. *Da.* 2:1–3; 4:5, etc.; ch. 7; 8. *Mat.* 27:19. *the river*. ch. 31:21. *Ex.* 1:22; 4:9. *De.* 11:10. *Is.* 19:5. *Eze.* 29:3, 9.
 2 *there came*. ver. 17–27. *a meadow*. Or, rather, 'on, or among the reeds or sedges;' for so *achoo* is generally supposed to denote (see *Job* 8:11); so called, according to Mr. PARKHURST, from its fitness for making ropes, or the like, to *connect* or *join* things together, from *achah*, to join, connect; thus the Latin *juncus*, a bulrush, a *jungendo*, from *joining*, for the same reason. He supposes it to be that sort of reed growing near the Nile which HASSELQUIST describes as 'having scarce any branches, but numerous leaves, which are narrow, smooth, channelled on the upper surface, and the plant about eleven feet high. The Egyptians make ropes of the leaves.'
 3 *ill favoured*. ver. 4, 20, 21.
 4 *So Pharaoh awoke*. 1 *Ki.* 3:15.
 5 *seven ears*. A species of wheat, which grows in Egypt, bears, when perfect, seven ears on one stalk, as its natural conformation. It differs from ours in having a solid stem, or at least a stem full of pith, in order to yield sufficient nourishment and support to so great a weight as the ears which it bears, *rank*. *Heb.* fat. *De.* 32:14.
 6 *blasted*. *Eze.* 17:10; 19:12. *Ho.* 13:15.

¹²Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh’s cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. ²²But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

41 After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, ²and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. ³And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. ⁴And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. ⁵And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. ⁶And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind.

7 ותבלענה השבלים הדקות את שבע השבלים הבריאות
המלאות וייקץ פרעה והנה חלום:
8 ויהי בבקר ותפעם רוחו וישלח ויקרא את-כל-סרטמי מצרים
ואת-כל-חכמיה ויספר פרעה להם את-חלמו ואין-פותר אותם
לפרעה:
9 וינדבר שר המשקים את-פרעה לאמר את-חטאי אני מזכיר
היום:
10 פרעה קצף על-עבדיו ויתן אתי במשמר בית שר הטבחים אתי
ואת שר האפים:
11 ונחלמה חלום בלילה אחד אני והוא איש כפתרון חלמו חלמנו:
12 ושם אתנו נער עברי עבד לשר הטבחים ונספר-לו ויפתר-לנו
את-חלמתינו איש כחלמו פתר:
13 ויהי כאשר פתר-לנו כן היה אתי השיב על-פני ואתו תלה:
14 וישלח פרעה ויקרא את-יוסף ויריצהו מן-הבור ויגלח וינסף
שמלתיו ויבא אל-פרעה:
15 ויאמר פרעה אל-יוסף חלום חלמתי ופתר אין אתו ואני
שמעתי עליך לאמר תשמע חלום לפתור אתו:
16 ויען יוסף את-פרעה לאמר בלעדי אלהים יענה את-שלום
פרעה:
17 וינדבר פרעה אל-יוסף בתלמי הנני עמד על-שפת היאר:
18 והנה מן-היאר עלת שבע פרות בריאות בשור ויפת תאר
ותרעינה באחו:
19 והנה שבע-פרות אחרות עלות אחריהן דלות ורעות תאר מאד
ורקות בשור לא-ראיתי כהנה בכל-ארץ מצרים לרע:
20 ותאכלנה הפרות הרקות והרעות את שבע הפרות הראשונות
הבריאות:
21 ומבאנה אל-קרבה ולא נודע כייבאו אל-קרבה ומראיהן רע
כאשר בתחלה ואיקץ:
22 וארא בתלמי והנה שבע שבלים עלת בקנה אחד מלאת וטבות:
23 והנה שבע שבלים צנמות דקות שדפות קדים צמחות אחריהם:
24 ותבלען השבלים הדקות את שבע השבלים הטבות ואמר
אל-הסרטמים ואין מגיד לי:

7 *a dream.* ch. 20:3; 37:5.
8 *his spirit.* ch. 40:6. Da. 2:1-3; 4:5, 19; 5:6; 7:28; 8:27. Hab. 3:16. *the magicians of Egypt.* The word here used (*chartummim*) may mean no more than *interpreters of abstruse or difficult subjects*; especially of dreams and visions, which formed a considerable part of the ancient Pagan religion; and the Egyptian priests were the first who professed this art. The word may be of affinity with, or derived from, the Persian *chiradmand*, wise, learned, judicious, intelligent, from *chirad*, understanding, judgment, and *mand*, endowed with. They seem to have been such persons as JOSEPHUS calls *sacred scribes*; or professors of sacred learning. Ex. 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18, 19; 9:11. Le. 19:31; 20:6. De. 18:9-14. Is. 8:19; 19:3; 29:14; 47:12, 13. Da. 1:20; 2:2; 4:7; 5:7, 11. Ac. 17:18. *the wise men.* Mat. 2:1. Ac. 7:22. *but there.* ch. 40:8. Job 5:12, 13. Ps. 25:14. Is. 19:11-13; 29:14. Da. 2:4-11, 27, 28; 5:8. 1 Co. 1:19; 3:18-20.
9 *I do remember.* ch. 40:1-3, 14, 23.
10 *Pharaoh.* ch. 39:20; 40:2, 3. *captain.* ch. 37:36.
11 ch. 40:5-8.
12 *servant.* ch. 37:36; 39:1, 20. *interpreted.* ch. 40:12-19.
13 *me he restored.* ch. 40:12, 20-22. Je. 1:10. Eze. 43:3.
14 *sent.* 1 Sa. 2:7, 8. Ps. 105:19-22; 113:7, 8. *and they brought him hastily.* Heb. made him run. Ex. 10:16. 1 Sa. 2:8. Ps. 113:7, 8. Da. 2:25. *he shaved.* 2 Sa. 19:24. 2 Ki. 25:29. Es. 4:1-4; 5:1. Is. 61:3, 10. Je. 52:32, 33.
15 *I have heard.* ver. 9-13. Ps. 25:14. Da. 5:12, 16. *that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it, or, when thou hearest a dream, thou canst interpret it.*
16 *It is not.* ch. 40:8. Nu. 12:6. 2 Ki. 6:27. Da. 2:18-23, 28-30, 47; 4:2. Ac. 3:7, 12; 14:14, 15. 1 Co. 15:10. 2 Co. 3:5. *peace.* ch. 37:14. Lu. 19:42.
17 ver. 1-7.
18 Je. 24:1-3, 5, 8.
21 *eaten them up.* Heb. come to the inward parts of them. Eze. 3:3. Re. 10:9, 10. *still.* Ps. 37:19. Is. 9:20.
23 *withered, or, small, thin.* ver. 6. 2 Ki. 19:26. Ps. 129:6, 7. Ho. 8:7; 9:16; 13:15. *blasted.* All the mischief done to corn or fruit by blasting, smutting, mildew, etc. are attributed to the *east wind*. (See Parallel Passages.) In Egypt it is peculiarly destructive, because it comes through the parched deserts of Arabia, often destroying vast numbers of people. The destructive nature of the *Sam, Simoom, Smoom, or Samiel*, is mentioned by almost all travellers. When this pestilential wind advances, its approach is indicated by a redness in the air. The principal stream of the blast always moves in a line of about 20 yards in breadth, and 12 feet above the surface of the earth; but its parching influence pervades all places to a considerable distance. The only means of preservation from its noxious influence is to lie flat, with the face upon the ground, till the blast be over. Camels and other animals instinctively perceive its approach, and bury their mouths and nostrils in the ground. It rarely lasts more than seven or eight minutes, but so poisonous are its effects, that it instantly suffocates those who are unfortunate enough to inhale it. 24 *I told this.* ver. 8. Ex. 8:19. Da. 4:7.

⁷And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. ⁸So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

⁹Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today. ¹⁰When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, ¹¹we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. ¹²A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. ¹³And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged."

¹⁴Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. ¹⁵And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." ¹⁶Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." ¹⁷Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile. ¹⁸Seven cows, plump and attractive, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. ¹⁹Seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin, such as I had never seen in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰And the thin, ugly cows ate up the first seven plump cows, ²¹but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were still as ugly as at the beginning. Then I awoke. ²²I also saw in my dream seven ears growing on one stalk, full and good. ²³Seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them, ²⁴and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

25 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־פַּרְעֹה חֲלוֹם פִּרְעֹה אֶחָד הוּא אֵת אֲשֶׁר
הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשָׂה הַגִּיד לְפַרְעֹה:

26 שִׁבְעַת פָּרֹת הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת
שָׁנִים הֵנָּה חֲלוֹם אֶחָד הוּא:

27 וְשִׁבְעַת הַפָּרוֹת הַרְקוֹת וְהַרְעֵת הָעֵלֶת אֶחְרִיָּהוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה
וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים הַרְקוֹת שְׁדָפוֹת הַקָּדִים יִהְיוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי רָעָב:

28 הוּא הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתִּי אֶל־פַּרְעֹה אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עֲשָׂה הַרְאֵה
אֶת־פַּרְעֹה:

29 הִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים בָּאוֹת שִׁבְעַת גְּדוֹל בְּכָל־אַרְץ מִצְרָיִם:

30 וְקָמוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי רָעָב אֶחְרִיָּהוּ וְנִשְׁכַּח כָּל־הַשִּׁבְעַת בְּאַרְץ מִצְרָיִם
וְכִלְהָ הָרָעָב אֶת־הָאָרֶץ:

31 וְלֹא־יִוָּדַע הַשִּׁבְעַת בְּאַרְץ מִפְּנֵי הָרָעָב הַהוּא אֶחְרִי־כֵן כִּי־כָבֵד
הוּא מְאֹד:

32 וְעַל הַשָּׁנוֹת הַחֲלוֹם אֶל־פַּרְעֹה פִּעְמִים כִּי־נִכּוֹן הַדָּבָר מֵעַם
הָאֱלֹהִים וּמִמֶּהָר הָאֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ:

33 וְעַתָּה יֵרָא פַרְעֹה אִישׁ נָבוֹן וְחָכָם וַיִּשְׁיִתְהוּ עַל־אַרְץ מִצְרָיִם:

34 יַעֲשֶׂה פַרְעֹה וַיִּפְקֹד פְּקָדִים עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַחֲמֹשׁ אֶת־אַרְץ מִצְרָיִם
בְּשִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי הַשִּׁבְעַת:

35 וַיִּקְבְּצוּ אֶת־כָּל־אֹכֵל הַשָּׁנִים הַטֹּבֹת הַבָּאֹת הָאֵלֶּה וַיִּצְבְּרוּ־בָר
תַּחַת יַד־פַּרְעֹה אֹכֵל בְּעָרִים וְשָׁמְרוּ:

36 וְהִנֵּה הָאֹכֵל לְפַקְדוֹן לְאַרְץ לְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי הָרָעָב אֲשֶׁר תִּהְיֶינָה בְּאַרְץ
מִצְרָיִם וְלֹא־תִפְרֹת הָאָרֶץ בְּרָעָב:

37 וַיִּיטֹב הַדָּבָר בְּעֵינֵי פַרְעֹה וּבְעֵינֵי כָּל־עַבְדָּיו:

38 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־עַבְדָּיו הִנְמַצָּא כְּזֶה אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בּוֹ:

39 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֶחְרֵי הוֹדִיעַ אֱלֹהִים אוֹתָהּ אֶת־כָּל־זֹאת
אִין־נָבוֹן וְחָכָם כָּמוֹךָ:

40 אַתָּה תִּהְיֶה עַל־בֵּיתִי וְעַל־פִּיךָ יִשְׁק כָּל־עַמִּי רַק הַכֶּסֶף אֲגַדֵּל
מִמֶּךָ:

41 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף רְאֵה נָתַתִּי אֹתָהּ עַל כָּל־אַרְץ מִצְרָיִם:

42 וַיֹּסֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶת־טַבַּעְתּוֹ מֵעַל יָדוֹ וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ עַל־יַד יוֹסֵף וַיִּלְבָּשׁ
אוֹתוֹ בְּגָדֵי־שֵׁשׁ וַיִּשֶׂם רֶבֶד הַזָּהָב עַל־צַוְּאָרוֹ:

25 *God. See on ver. 16. Ex. 9:14. Jos. 11:6. Ps. 98:2. Is. 41:22, 23; 43:9. Da. 2:28, 29, 45, 47. Am. 3:7. Mat. 24:40. Mar. 13:23. Ep. 1:17. Re. 4:1. 26 are, or, signify. ver. 2, 5, 29, 47, 53; ch. 40:18. Ex. 12:11. 1 Co. 10:4. good ears are seven. See ch. 40:12. the dream is one. ch. 2:24. Ex. 26:6. 1 Jno. 5:7. 27 seven years of famine. 2 Sa. 24:13. 2 Ki. 8:1. 28 What God. See on ver. 16, 25. 29 ver. 26, 46, 49. 30 seven years. ver. 27, 54, 2 Sa. 24:13. 1 Ki. 17:1. 2 Ki. 8:1. Lu. 4:25. Ja. 5:17. shall be. ver. 21, 51. Pr. 31:7. Is. 65:16. consume. ch. 47:13. Ps. 105:16. 31 the plenty. It is well known, that in Egypt there is scarcely any rain, the country depending for its fertility upon the overflowing of the Nile; and that the fertility is in proportion to the duration and quantity of the overflow, in order to saturate the land and prepare it for the seed. PLINY has given a scale, by which the plenty or dearth may be ascertained; which may be considered as perfectly correct. The ordinary height of the inundations is 16 cubits. When the waters are lower than this standard, they do not overflow the whole ground; when above this standard they are too long in running off. In the first case, the ground is not saturated; by the second, the waters are detained so long on the ground that seed-time is lost. The province marks both. If it rise only 12 cubits, a famine is the consequence; at 13 hunger prevails; 14 produces general rejoicing; 15 perfect security; and 16 all the luxuries of life. grievous. Heb. heavy. 1 Sa. 5:6. Is. 24:20. 32 doubled. ch. 37:7, 9. Job 33:14, 15. 2 Co. 13:1. it is because. Nu. 23:19. Is. 14:24-27; 46:10, 11. Mat. 24:35. established by. or, prepared of. Is. 30:33. Mat. 25:34, 41. Mar. 10:40. 1 Co. 2:9. Re. 9:15. 33 therefore. Da. 4:27. look out. Ex. 18:19-22. De. 1:13. Ac. 6:3. 34 officers. or, overseers. Nu. 31:14, 2 Ki. 11:11, 12. 2 Ch. 34:12. Ne. 11:9. and take. Job 5:20. Ps. 33:19. Pr. 6:6-8; 22:3; 27:12. Lu. 16:5. 35 gather. ver. 48, 49, 56; ch. 45:6, 7. hand. Ex. 4:13. 36 that the. ch. 47:13-25. perish not. Heb. be not cut off. ver. 30. 37 the thing. Ps. 105:19. Pr. 10:20; 25:11. Ac. 7:10. good. Jos. 22:30. 2 Sa. 3:36. 1 Ki. 21:2. 38 in whom. Nu. 27:18. Job 32:8. Da. 4:6, 8, 18; 5:11, 14; 6:3. 39 ver. 16, 25, 28, 33. 40 Thou shalt. ch. 39:4-6; 45:8, 9, 26; 105:21, 22. Pr. 22:29. Da. 2:46-48; 5:29; 6:3. be ruled. Heb. be armed, or kiss 1 Sa. 10:1. Job 31:27. Ps. 2:12. 41 ver. 44; ch. 39:5, 22. Es. 10:3. Pr. 17:2; 22:29. Da. 2:7, 8; 4:2, 3; 6:3. Mat. 28:18. Phi. 2:9-11. 42 his ring. Es. 3:10, 12; 6:7-12; 8:2, 8, 10, 15; 10:3. Da. 2:46, 47; 5:7, 29. Lu. 15:22. fine linen. or, silk. Eze. 27:7. a gold chain. Pr. 1:9; 31:22, 24. Ca. 1:10. Eze. 16:10, 11. Da. 5:7, 16, 29. Lu. 19:16-19.*

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. ²⁷ The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. ²⁸ It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ³¹ and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. ³² And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. ³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

³⁷ This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.

43 וַיִּרְכַּב אֹתוֹ בְּמַרְכָּבַת הַמְּשֻׁנָּה אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיִּקְרָאוּ לְפָנָיו אֲבָרָה וַנִּתּוֹן אֹתוֹ עַל כַּלְאֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

44 וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרֹעֶה אֶל־יֹסֵף אֲנִי פְרֹעֶה וּבְלִעְדֶיךָ לֹא־נָרִים אִישׁ אֶת־יָדוֹ וְאֶת־רַגְלוֹ בְּכַל־אֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

45 וַיִּקְרָא פְרֹעֶה שְׁם־יֹסֵף צָפְנָת פַּעֲנַח וַיִּתֵּן־לוֹ אֶת־אֶסְנַת בַּת־פּוּטִי פְרַע פֶּהֶן אֵן לְאִשָּׁה וַיֵּצֵא יוֹסֵף עַל־אֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

46 וַיֹּסֵף בְּוַשְׁלִישִׁים שָׁנָה בַּעֲמָדוֹ לְפָנָי פְּרֹעֶה מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרַיִם וַיֵּצֵא יוֹסֵף מִלְּפָנָי פְּרֹעֶה וַיַּעֲבֹר בְּכַל־אֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

47 וַתַּעַשׂ הָאֲרֵץ בְּשָׁבַע שְׁנֵי הַשָּׁבָע לְקַמְצִים:

48 וַיִּקְבֹּץ אֶת־כָּל־אֶכְל שָׁבַע שְׁנֵים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ בְּאֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם וַיִּתֵּן־אֶכְל בְּעָרִים אֶכְל שְׂדֵה־הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבֹתֶיהָ נָתַן בְּתוֹכָהּ:

49 וַיִּצְבֹּר יוֹסֵף בָּר כַּחֲוֹל הַיָּם הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד עַד כִּי־חָדַל לְסַפֵּר כִּי־אֵין מִסְפָּר:

50 וַלְיוֹסֵף יָלַד שְׁנֵי בָנִים בְּטָרֵם תְּבוּא שְׁנַת הָרָעָב אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה־לוֹ אֶסְנַת בַּת־פּוּטִי פְרַע פֶּהֶן אֵוֹן:

51 וַיִּקְרָא יוֹסֵף אֶת־שֵׁם הַבְּכוֹר מְנַשֶּׁה כִּי־נִשְׁנֵי אֱלֹהִים אֶת־כָּל־עַמְלֵי וְאֵת כָּל־בֵּית אָבִי:

52 וְאֵת שֵׁם הַשְּׁנִי קָרָא אֶפְרַיִם כִּי־הִפְרִנִי אֱלֹהִים בְּאֲרֵץ עֲנִי:

53 וַתִּכְלִינָה שָׁבַע שְׁנֵי הַשָּׁבָע אֲשֶׁר הָיָה בְּאֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

54 וַתַּחֲלִינָה שָׁבַע שְׁנֵי הָרָעָב לְבוֹא פֶּאֶשֶׁר אָמַר יוֹסֵף וַיְהִי רָעָב בְּכָל־הָאֲרָצוֹת וּבְכָל־אֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם הָיָה לָחֵם:

55 וַתִּרְעַב כָּל־אֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם וַיִּצְעַק הָעָם אֶל־פְּרֹעֶה לְלָחֵם וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרֹעֶה לְכָל־מִצְרַיִם לָכוּ אֶל־יֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר־יֹאמַר לָכֵם תַּעֲשׂוּ:

56 וַהֲרָעַב הָיָה עַל כָּל־פְּנֵי הָאֲרֵץ וַיִּפְתַּח יוֹסֵף אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר בָּהֶם וַיִּשְׁפֹּר לְמִצְרַיִם וַיַּחֲזֹק הָרָעָב בְּאֲרֵץ מִצְרַיִם:

57 וְכָל־הָאֲרֵץ בָּאוּ מִצְרַיִמָּה לְשֹׁפֵר אֶל־יֹסֵף כִּי־חָזַק הָרָעָב בְּכָל־הָאֲרֵץ:

43 and they. Es. 6:8, 9. Bow the knee. or, Tender father. ch. 45:8. Heb. Abrech. ruler. ch. 42:6, 30, 33; 45:8, 26. Ac. 7:10.

44 lift up his hand. Ex. 11:7.

45 Zaphnath-paaneh. which in Coptic signifies a revealer of secrets, or, the man to whom secrets are revealed. JEROME says this name signified in Egyptian, *Salvatorem mundi*, 'the Saviour of the world;' and *Psotem-phaneh*, in Coptic, is certainly 'salvation of the world,' from $\sigma\omega\tau\eta\rho\alpha$, salvation, *em*, the sign of the genitive case, and $\pi\alpha\upsilon\sigma$, world. If this interpretation be correct, Pharaoh must have meant Egypt by the *world*, of which Joseph might be justly termed the *Saviour*. We know that the Romans called their empire *Universis Orbis—Orbis Terrarum*, 'all the world:' the Chinese say the same of their empire at the present day, and the phrase is used in the East: Nadir Shah is described on his coins as 'Conqueror of the World,' *i. e.* Persia. See the same phraseology applied to Syria, Palestine, etc. Lu. 2:1. Ac. 11:28. *priest of, or, prince.* ch. 14:18. Ex. 2:16, marg. 2 Sa. 8:18; 20:26. Heb. *On.* ch. 46:20. Eze. 30:17. Aven.

46 years. ch. 37:2. Nu. 4:3, 2 Sa. 5:4. Lu. 3:23, *he stood.* 1 Sa. 16:21. 1 Ki. 12:6, 8. Pr. 22:29. Da. 1:19. Lu. 21:36. Jude 24.

47 From A.M. 2289, B.C. 1715, to A.M. 2296, B.C. 1708. *handfuls.* ch. 26:12. Ps. 72:16.

48 ver. 34–36; ch. 47:21.

49 ch. 22:17. Ju. 6:5; 7:12. 1 Sa. 13:5. Job 1:3. Ps. 78:27. Je. 33:22.

50 unto Joseph. ch. 46:20; 48:5. *Asenath.* ver. 45; ch. 46:20. *priest, or, prince.* 2 Sa. 8:18.

51 called. A.M. 2292. B.C. 1712. ch. 48:5, 13, 14, 18–20. De. 33:17. *Manasseh. i. e.* Forgetting. See on ver. 30. Ps. 45:10. Is. 57:16. *forget.* Ps. 30:5, 11. Pr. 31:7. Is. 65:16.

52 A.M. 2293. B.C. 1711. *called he.* ch. 29:32–35; 30:6–13; 50:23. *Ephraim. i. e.* Fruitful. ch. 48:16–19; 49:22. Is. 40:1, 2. *the land.* Ps. 105:17, 18. Am. 6:6. Ac. 7:10.

53 A.M. 2296. B.C. 1708. ver. 29–31. Ps. 73:20. Lu. 16:25.

54 the seven. ver. 3, 4, 6, 7, 27; ch. 45:11. Ps. 105:16. Ac. 7:11. *according.* ver. 30. *and the dearth.* ch. 42:2, 5, 6; 43:1; 45:11; 47:13.

55 *famished.* 2 Ki. 6:25–29. Je. 14:1–6. La. 4:3–10. *Go unto.* ver. 40, 41. Ps. 105:20–22. Mat. 3:17; 17:5. Jno. 1:14–16. Phi. 4:19. Col. 1:19.

56 the face. Is. 23:17. Zec. 5:3. Lu. 21:35. Ac. 17:26. *all the storehouses.* Heb. all wherein was sold. ch. 42:6; 47:14–24.

57 all countries. ch. 42:1, 5; 50:20. De. 9:28. Ps. 105:16, 17. *in all lands.* ver. 54, 56.

⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, ⁴⁸ and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. ⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

⁵⁰ Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him.

⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house."

⁵² The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³ The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do."

⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Jacob sends his ten sons to buy corn in Egypt, 1–15. They are imprisoned by Joseph for spies, 16, 17. They are set at liberty, on condition to bring Benjamin, 18–20. They have remorse for Joseph, 21–23. Simeon is kept for a pledge, 24. They return with corn, and their money, 25–28. Their relation to Jacob, 29–35. Jacob refuses to send Benjamin, 36–38.
1 when *Jacob*, ch. 41:54, 57. *Ac.* 7:12. *saw, i.e. heard*, from the report of others, that there was plenty in Egypt. The operations of one sense are frequently put for those of another in Hebrew; (see the *Parallel Passages*.) *ver.* 2. *Ex.* 5:19; 20:18. 1 *Ki.* 19:3. *Ho.* 5:13. *Ga.* 2:7. *Why do ye.* *Jos.* 7:10. 2 *Ki.* 8:3, 4. *Ezr.* 10:4. *Je.* 8:14.
2 *get you.* ch. 43:2, 4; 45:9. *that we.* ch. 43:8. *Ps.* 118:17. *Is.* 38:1. *Mat.* 4:4.
3 *ver.* 5, 13.
4 *Benjamin.* ch. 35:16–19. *Lest.* *ver.* 38; ch. 3:22; 11:4; 33:1, 2; 43:14, 29; 44:20–22, 27–34.
5 *for.* ch. 12:10; 26:1; 41:57. *Ac.* 7:11; 11:28.
6 *governor. Shallit*, an intendant, protector, ruler, from *shalat*, to be over as a protector, to rule; hence the Arabic *salita*, to obtain and exercise dominion, rule; and *sultan*, ruler, lord, prince, and king. ch. 41:40, 41; 45:8, 26. *Ps.* 105:16–21. *Ac.* 7:10. *he it was.* ch. 41:55; 56. *bowed.* ch. 18:2; 19:1; 37:7, 9; 44:14. *Re.* 3:9.
7 *roughly unto them. Heb.* hard things with them. *ver.* 9–12, 14–17, 19, 20. *Mat.* 15:23–26.
8 *but they knew.* *Lu.* 24:16. *Jno.* 20:14; 21:4.
9 *remembered.* ch. 37:5–9. *Ye are spies.* Persons who, under the pretence of wishing to buy corn, desire only to find out whether the land be so defenceless that the tribes to which you belong may attack it successfully, drive out the inhabitants, and settle themselves in it; or, having plundered it, retire into their deserts. This is a frequent custom among the Arabs to the present day. *ver.* 9, 16, 30, 31, 34. *Nu.* 13:2, 16–20. *Jos.* 2:1; 6:23. *Ju.* 1:24. 1 *Sa.* 26:4. *Lu.* 20:20. *He.* 11:31. *nakedness.* *Ex.* 32:25.
10 ch. 27:29, 37; 37:8; 44:9. 1 *Sa.* 26:17. 1 *Ki.* 18:7.
11 *We are, etc.* We do not belong to different tribes; and it is not likely that one family would make a hostile attempt upon a whole kingdom; nor, if any serious design had been intended, that one man would have sent his sons on so hazardous an expedition. *true men.* *ver.* 19, 33, 34. *Jno.* 7:18. 2 *Co.* 6:4.
12 *nakedness.* *ver.* 9.
13 *Thy servants.* *ver.* 11, 32; ch. 29:32–35; 30:6–24; 35:16–26; 43:7; 46:8–27. *Ex.* 1:2–5. *Nu.* ch. 1; 10; 26; 34. 1 *Ch.* ch. 2–8. *one is not.* *ver.* 36, 38; ch. 37:30; 44:20, 28; 45:26. *Je.* 31:15. *La.* 5:7. *Mat.* 2:16, 18.
14 *ver.* 9–11. *Job* 13:24; 19:11. *Mat.* 15:21–28.
15 *By the life.* *ver.* 7, 12, 16, 30. *De.* 6:13. 1 *Sa.* 1:26; 17:55; 20:3. *Je.* 5:2, 7. *Mat.* 5:33–37; 23:16–22. *Ja.* 5:12. *except.* *ver.* 20, 34; ch. 43:3; 44:20–34.
16 *kept in prison. Heb.* bound.
17 *put. Heb.* gathered. *Is.* 24:22. *Ac.* 5:18. *ward.* ch. 40:4, 7; 41:10. *Le.* 24:12. *Ps.* 119:65. *Ac.* 4:3. *He.* 12:10.

42 וַיֵּרָא יַעֲקֹב כִּי יֵשׁ-שָׂבָר בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב לְבָנָיו לָמָּה

תִּתְּרֹאוּ:

2 וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה שְׂמַעְתִּי כִּי יֵשׁ-שָׂבָר בְּמִצְרַיִם רְדוּ-שָׂמָּה וְשִׁבְרוּ-לָנוּ מִשָּׂם וְנַחֲיָה וְלֹא נָמוּת:

3 וַיֵּרְדוּ אַחֲיֵי-יוֹסֵף עֹשְׂרָה לְשָׂבֵר בָּר מִמִּצְרַיִם:

4 וְאֶת-בְּנֵימִן אַחֵי יוֹסֵף לֹא-שָׁלַח יַעֲקֹב אֶת-אַחִיו כִּי אָמַר פְּוִי-יִקְרָאנוּ אָסוֹן:

5 וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְשָׂבֵר בְּתוֹךְ הַבָּאִים כִּי-הָיָה הָרָעַב בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:

6 וַיּוֹסֶף הוּא הַשְּׁלִיט עַל-הָאֶרֶץ הוּא הַמְּשַׁבֵּיר לְכָל-עַם הָאֶרֶץ וַיָּבֹאוּ אַחֵי יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ-לוֹ אַפַּיִם אַרְצָה:

7 וַיֵּרָא יוֹסֵף אֶת-אַחִיו וַיִּכְרַם וַיִּתְּנַכַּר אֲלֵיהֶם וַיַּזְדַּבֵּר אֹתָם קָשׁוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מַאֲיֵן בָּאתֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן לְשִׁבְר־אֲכָל:

8 וַיִּכַּר יוֹסֵף אֶת-אַחִיו וְהֵם לֹא הִכְרָהוּ:

9 וַיִּזְכֹּר יוֹסֵף אֶת הַחֲלָמוֹת אֲשֶׁר חָלַם לָהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם מְרַגְלִים אַתֶּם לִרְאוֹת אֶת-עֲרֹנוֹת הָאֶרֶץ בָּאתֶם:

10 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו לֹא אֲדַנִּי וְעַבְדִּיךָ בָּאוּ לְשִׁבְר־אֲכָל:

11 כִּלְנוּ בְנֵי אִישׁ-אֶחָד נָחְנוּ כְּנִים אֲנַחְנוּ לֹא-הָיוּ עַבְדֵיךָ מְרַגְלִים:

12 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם לֹא כִי-עֲרֹנוֹת הָאֶרֶץ בָּאתֶם לִרְאוֹת:

13 וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׁנַיִם עֹשֶׂר עַבְדֵיךָ אַחִים אֲנַחְנוּ בְנֵי אִישׁ-אֶחָד בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְהִנֵּה הַקֶּטָן אֶת-אַבְיָנוּ הַיּוֹם וְהָאֶחָד אֵינְנוּ:

14 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף הוּא אֲשֶׁר דְּבַרְתִּי אֲלֵכֶם לֵאמֹר מְרַגְלִים אַתֶּם:

15 בְּזֹאת תִּבְחָנוּ חַי פְּרֹעָה אִם-תִּצְאוּ מִזֶּה כִּי אִם-בָּבוֹא אַחֲיֵכֶם הַקֶּטָן הַנֶּה:

16 שְׁלַחוּ מִכֶּם אֶחָד וַיִּקַּח אֶת-אַחֲיֵכֶם וְאֹתָם הֶאֱסְרוּ וַיִּבְחָנוּ דְּבָרֵיכֶם הֲאֵמַת אִתְּכֶם וְאִם-לֹא חַי פְּרֹעָה כִּי מְרַגְלִים אַתֶּם:

17 וַיַּאֲסֹף אֹתָם אֶל-מִשְׁמַר שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים:

42 When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” ² And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” ³ So ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph’s brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. ⁵ Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” ⁸ And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹ And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.” ¹⁰ They said to him, “No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.”

¹² He said to them, “No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see.” ¹³ And they said, “We, your 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 no more.” ¹⁴ But Joseph said to them, “It is as I said to you. You are spies. ¹⁵ By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶ Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies.” ¹⁷ And he put them all together in custody for three days.

18 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף בְּיוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי זֹאת עָשׂוּ וַחֲיוּ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים
אֲנִי יָרֵא:

19 אִם־פְּנִים אַתֶּם אַחֲיֵכֶם אַחַד יֵאָסֵר בְּבֵית מִשְׁמַרְכֶּם וְאַתֶּם לְכוּ
הִבִּיאוּ שָׁבֶר רַעְבוֹן בְּתִיכֶם:

20 וְאֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם הִקְטֹן תְּבִיאוּ אֵלַי וַיֹּאמְנוּ דְבַרְיֶכֶם וְלֹא תָמוּתוּ
וַיַּעֲשׂוּ־כֵן:

21 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו אָכַל אֲשָׁמִים אֲנַחְנוּ עַל־אָחִינוּ אֲשֶׁר
רָאינו צָרַת נַפְשׁוֹ בְּהִתְחַנְנוּ אֵלֵינוּ וְלֹא שָׁמְעֵנוּ עַל־כֵּן בָּאָה אֵלֵינוּ
הַצָּרָה הַזֹּאת:

22 וַיַּעַן רְאוּבֵן אֶתֶם לֹא־אָמַרְתִּי אֲלֵיכֶם לֵאמֹר אֶל־תִּתְּקֹטְאוּ
בְּיָלֶד וְלֹא שָׁמְעַתֶּם וְגַם־דָּמּוּ הַגֵּה גְדָרְשׁ:

23 וְהֵם לֹא יָדְעוּ כִּי שָׁמַע יוֹסֵף כִּי הִמְלִיץ בֵּינְתֶם:

24 וַיִּסַּב מִעֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּבְרַךְ וַיִּשָּׁב אֲלֵהֶם וַיְדַבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲתָם
אֶת־שְׁמֵעוֹן וַיֵּאָסֵר אֹתוֹ לְעֵינֵיהֶם:

25 וַיֵּצְאוּ יוֹסֵף וַיִּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־כְּלֵיהֶם בָּר וּלְהַשִּׁיב כֶּסֶפֵיהֶם אִישׁ
אֶל־שָׂקוֹ וְלִתְּתָם לָהֶם צֹדֵה לְדָרְךָ וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם כֵּן:

26 וַיֵּשְׂאוּ אֶת־שִׁבְרָם עַל־חֲמֹרֵיהֶם וַיֵּלְכוּ מִשָּׁם:

27 וַיִּפְתַּח הָאֶחָד אֶת־שָׂקוֹ לְתֵת מִסְּפוּא לְחֲמָרוֹ בְּמִלּוֹן וַיֵּרֶא
אֶת־כֶּסֶפוֹ וְהִגִּיהָ־הוּא בְּפִי אִמְתָּהוּ:

28 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אָחִיו הוֹשִׁב כֶּסֶפִי וְגַם הַגֵּה בְּאִמְתָּהִי וַיֵּצֵא לָבָם
וַיִּחְרְדוּ אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו לֵאמֹר מִה־זֹּאת עָשָׂה אֲלֵהֶם לָנוּ:

29 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־יַעֲקֹב אָבִיהֶם אַרְצָה כְּנָעַן וַיְגִידוּ לוֹ אֵת כָּל־הַקְּרוֹת
אֲתָם לֵאמֹר:

30 דַּבֵּר הָאִישׁ אֲדֹנָי הָאָרֶץ אִתְּנוּ קִשּׁוֹת וַיִּתֵּן אִתְּנוּ כַּמְרָגָלִים
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ:

31 וַנֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו כְּנִים אֲנַחְנוּ לֹא הָיינו מְרָגָלִים:

32 שְׁנַיִם־עָשָׂר אֲנַחְנוּ אַחִים בְּנֵי אָבִינוּ הָאֶחָד אֵינְנוּ וְהִקְטַן הַיּוֹם
אֶת־אָבִינוּ בְּאָרֶץ כְּנָעַן:

33 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵינוּ הָאִישׁ אֲדֹנָי הָאָרֶץ בְּזֹאת אָדַע כִּי כְנִים אַתֶּם
אַחֲיֵכֶם הָאֶחָד הִנִּיחוּ אֹתִי וְאֶת־רַעְבוֹן בְּתִיכֶם קָחוּ וְלָכוּ:

18 *I fear God.* ch. 20:11. Le. 25:43. Ne. 5:9. 15. Lu. 18:2, 4.
19 *house.* ch. 40:3. Is. 42:7, 22. Je. 37:15. *carry corn.* ver. 1, 2, 26; ch. 41:56; 43:1, 2; 45:23.
20 *bring.* ver. 15, 34; ch. 43:5, 19; 44:23. *And they.* ver. 26; ch. 6:22. Jno. 2:5.
21 *they said.* ch. 41:9. Nu. 32:23. 2 Sa. 12:13. 1 Ki. 17:18. Job 33:27, 28; 34:31, 32; 36:8, 9. Ho. 5:15. Mat. 27:3, 4. Mar. 9:44, 46, 48. Lu. 16:28. Ac. 19:18. *we saw.* ch. 37:23–28. Ju. 1:7. Pr. 21:13; 24:11, 12; 28:17. Je. 2:17, 19; 4:18; 34:17. Mat. 7:2. 1 Jno. 1:9. Ja. 2:13. *this distress* Pr. 1:27, 28. 22 *Spake I.* ch. 37:21, 22, 29, 30. Lu. 23:41. Ro. 2:15. *his blood.* ch. 4:10; 9:5, 6. 1 Ki. 2:32. 2 Ch. 24:22. Ps. 9:12. Eze. 3:18. Lu. 11:50, 51. Ac. 28:4. Re. 13:10; 16:9.
23 *he spake unto them by an interpreter.* *Heb.* an interpreter was between them. The *mailitz* does not seem to have been an interpreter in our sense of the term; as we have many evidences in this book that the Egyptians, Hebrews, Canaanites, and Syrians, could understand each other in a general way; and it appears from several passages in this very chapter, (particularly ver. 24.) that Joseph and his brethren understood each others' language, as his brethren and Joseph's steward also did, (ch. 43:19, etc.; compare ch. 39; 49.) It seems to denote an officer who is called in Abyssinia, according to Mr. BRUCE, *Kal Hatzé*, 'the voice or word of the king,' who always stands at the side of a lattice window of a balcony, within which the king sits; who is never seen, but who speaks through a hole in the side of it, covered in the inside with a curtain, to this officer, by whom he speaks to the persons present.
24 *wept.* ch. 43:30. Is. 63:9. Lu. 19:41. Ro. 12:15. 1 Co. 12:26. He. 4:15. *Simeon.* ch. 34:25; 49:5–7. Jude 22, 23.
25 *commanded.* ch. 44:1, 2. Is. 55:1. *to give them.* ch. 45:21. Mat. 6:33. *and thus.* Mat. 5:44. Ro. 12:17–21. 1 Pe. 3:9.
27 *the inn.* ch. 43:21; 44:11. Ex. 4:24. Lu. 2:7; 10:34. *inn. Malon,* from *loon*, to stay, abide, lodge, denotes any place to stay and lodge in, particularly a place where travellers usually stop to lodge, which is generally near a *well*, where they fill their *girbehs*, or leathern bottles, with fresh water, and having unladen and clogged their camels, asses, etc., permit them to crop any little verdure there may be in the place, keeping watch over them by turns. Our word *inn* here gives us a false idea, there were no such places of entertainment in the desert which Joseph's brethren had to pass; nor are there any at the present day. The only accommodation such a place affords is either a *well*, or a *khan*, or *caravanserai*, which is generally no more than *four bare walls*, perfectly exposed, the place being open at the top, and furnishing a wretched lodging; and even these, it is probable, were not in use at this early period.
28 *their heart.* ver. 36; ch. 27:33. Le. 26:36. De. 28:65. 1 Ki. 10:5. Ps. 61:2. Ca. 5:6. Lu. 21:26. *failed them.* *Heb.* went forth. This refers to the spasmodic affection which is felt in the breast at any sudden alarm or fright. *What is.* Is. 45:7. La. 2:17; 3:37. Am. 3:6.
30 *roughly to us.* *Heb.* with us hard things. ver. 7–20.
33 ver. 15, 19, 20.

¹⁸ On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: ¹⁹ if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, ²⁰ and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die.” And they did so. ²¹ Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us.” ²² And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.” ²³ They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. ²⁴ Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵ And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man’s money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.

²⁶ Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. ²⁷ And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. ²⁸ He said to his brothers, “My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!” At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, “What is this that God has done to us?”

²⁹ When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, ³⁰ “The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us to be spies of the land. ³¹ But we said to him, ‘We are honest men; we have never been spies. ³² We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.’ ³³ Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, ‘By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way.

34 וְהִבִּיאוּ אֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן אֵלַי וְאֲדַעַה כִּי לֹא מְרַגְלִים אַתֶּם כִּי
כְּנִים אַתֶּם אֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם אַתֶּן לָכֶם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ תִּסְחָרוּ:

35 וַיְהִי הֵם מְרִיקִים שְׁקִיָּהֶם וְהִגְהֵ־אִישׁ צָרוּר־כֶּסֶף בְּשִׁקּוֹ וַיִּרְאוּ
אֶת־צָרוֹת פִּסְפִּיָּהֶם הַמָּה וְאָבִיָּהֶם וַיִּירְאוּ:

36 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יַעֲקֹב אֲבִיָּהֶם אֲתִי שְׁפֹלְתֶם יוֹסֵף אֵינְנוּ וְשִׁמְעוּן
אֵינְנוּ וְאֶת־בְּנֵינָם תִּקְחוּ עָלֵי הֵיוּ כְּלָנָה:

37 וַיֹּאמֶר רְאוּבֵן אֶל־אָבִיו לֹאמַר אֶת־שְׁנֵי בְנֵי תָמִית אִם־לֹא
אֲבִיָּנֹנוּ אֲלִיָּה תָנָה אֹתוֹ עַל־יָדַי וְאֲנִי אֲשִׁיבֶנּוּ אֲלִיָּה:

38 וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא־יִרְדַּ בְּנֵי עִמְכֶם כִּי־אֲחִיו מֵת וְהוּא לְבָדוֹ נִשְׁאָר
וּקְרָאֵהוּ אֶסּוֹן בְּדֶרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר תִּלְכוּ־בָהּ וְהוֹרְדְתֶם אֶת־שִׁיבְתִי בְּיָגוֹן
שְׂאוּלָה:

43 וְהָרַעַב כָּבֵד בְּאֶרֶץ:

2 וַיְהִי כִּאֲשֶׁר כָּלוּ לֶאֱכֹל אֶת־הַשֶּׂבֶר אֲשֶׁר הִבִּיאוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲלֵיהֶם אֲבִיָּהֶם שִׁבוּ שְׁבָרוּ־לָנוּ מַעֲט־אֶכֶל:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיו יְהוּדָה לֹאמַר הֵעֵד הָעֵד בְּנֹו הָאִישׁ לֹאמַר לֹא־תִרְאוּ
כִּנֵּי בְלַתִּי אֲחֵיכֶם אֲתָכֶם:

4 אִם־יִשְׁשֶׁה מְשַׁלַּח אֶת־אֲחִינוּ אֲתָנוּ נִרְדֶּה וְנִשְׁבָּרָה לָהּ אֶכֶל:

5 וְאִם־אֵינָהּ מְשַׁלַּח לֹא נִרְדַּ כִּי־הָאִישׁ אָמַר אֲלֵינוּ לֹא־תִרְאוּ פָּנֵי
בְלַתִּי אֲחֵיכֶם אֲתָכֶם:

6 וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמָה הִרְעַתֶּם לִי לְהִגִּיד לְאִישׁ הָעוֹד לָכֶם אֵח:

7 וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׂאוּל שְׂאֵל־הָאִישׁ לָנוּ וְלִמּוֹלְדֹתֵנוּ לֹאמַר הָעוֹד אֲבִיכֶם
חַי הַיֵּשׁ לָכֶם אֵח וְנִגְדַלּוּ עַל־פִּי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הַיְדוּעַ גִּדַע כִּי יֹאמַר
הוֹרִידוּ אֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אָבִיו שְׁלַחָה הַנַּעַר אֲתִי וְנִקְוָמָה וְנִלְכָה
וְנִחְיָה וְלֹא נָמוֹת גַּם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַם־אַתָּה גַם־טַפְּנוּ:

9 אָנֹכִי אֲעַרְבֶנּוּ מִיָּדִי תִּבְקָשְׁנוּ אִם־לֹא הִבִּיאֲתִיו אֲלִיָּה וְהִצַּגְתִּיו
לְפָנֶיהָ וְחָטְאתִי לָהּ כָּל־הַיָּמִים:

10 כִּי לֹוֹלֵא הִתְמַהֲמַהֲנוּ כִּי־עַתָּה שְׁכָנוּ זֶה פַעַמִּים:

34 *traffick*. ch. 34:10, 21. 1 Ki. 10:15. Eze. 17:4.
35 *every man's*. ver. 27, 28; ch. 43:21.
36 *Me have ye*. ch. 37:20–35; 43:14. *all these things are against me*. *Alay hayoo cullanah*, literally, 'upon me are all these things:' rendered by the Vulgate, *in me haec omnia mala reciderunt*, 'all these evils fall back upon me;' they lie upon me as heavy loads, hastening my death: they are more than I can bear. ch. 45:28; 47:12. 1 Sa. 27:1. Job 7:7. Ps. 34:19. Ec. 7:8. Is. 27:9; 38:10; 41:10, 13, 14. Mat. 14:31. Ro. 8:28, 31. 1 Co. 10:13. 2 Co. 4:17. Ja. 5:7–11.
37 *Slay my*. ch. 43:9; 44:32–34; 46:9. Mi. 6:7.
38 *his brother*. ver. 13; ch. 30:22–24; 35:16–18; 37:33, 35; 44:20, 27–34. *if mischief*. ver. 4; ch. 44:29. *bring*. ch. 37:35; 44:29, 31. 1 Ki. 2:6. Ps. 71:18; 90:10. Ec. 1:14; 2:26. Is. 38:10; 46:4.

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Jacob is hardly persuaded to send Benjamin, 1–14. Joseph entertains his brethren, 15–18. They discover their fears to the steward, 19–25. Joseph makes them a feast, 26–34.
1 ch. 18:13; 41:54–57; 42:5. Ec. 9:1, 2. La. 5:10. Ac. 7:11–13.
2 ver. 4, 20; ch. 42:1, 2. Pr. 15:16; 16:18; 31:16. 1 Ti. 5:8; 6:6–8.
3 *man*. ch. 42:15–20, 33, 34; 44:23. *did solemnly protest*. *Heb.* protesting, protested. Ac. 7:34. *see my face*. ver. 5. 2 Sa. 3:13; 14:24, 28, 32. Ac. 20:25, 38.
5 *will not*. ch. 42:38; 44:26. Ex. 20:12.
7 *asked us straitly*. *Heb.* asking asked us. ver. 3, marg. *tenor*. *Heb.* mouth. *could we certainly know*. knowing could we know. ver. 3, marg.
8 *lad with me*. ch. 42:38; 44:26. Ex. 20:12. *that we*. ch. 42:2. De. 33:6. 2 Ki. 7:4, 13. Ps. 118:17. *also our*. ch. 45:19; 50:8, 21. Nu. 14:31. Ezr. 8:21.
9 *will be*. ch. 42:37; 44:32, 33. 1 Ki. 1:21. Job 17:3. Ps. 119:122. Phil. 18, 19. Heb. 7:22. *of my hand*. ch. 9:5; 31:39. Eze. 3:18, 20; 33:6, 8. Lu. 11:50.
10 ch. 19:16. *this second time*. or, twice by this.

³⁴Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.’ ”

³⁵As they emptied their sacks, 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. ³⁶And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me.” ³⁷Then Reuben said to his father, “Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.” ³⁸But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.”

43 Now the famine was severe in the land. ²And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go again, buy us a little food.” ³But Judah said to him, “The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’ ⁴If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. ⁵But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.’ ” ⁶Israel said, “Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?” ⁷They replied, “The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down?’” ⁸And Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. ⁹I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. ¹⁰If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.”

11 ויאמר אלהים ישראל אביהם אמ־כן אפוא זאת עשו קחו
מזמרת הארץ בכליכם והורידו לאיש מנחה מעט צרי ומעט דבש
נכאת ולט בטנים ושקדים:

12 וכסף משנה קחו בידכם ואת־הכסף המושב בפי אמתחתיכם
תשיבו בידכם אולי משנה הוא:

13 ואת־אחיכם קחו וקומו שובו אל־האיש:

14 ואל שדי יתן לכם רחמים לפני האיש ושלח לכם את־אחיכם
אחר ואת־בננין ואני פאשר שכלתי שכלתי:

15 ויקחו האנשים את־המנחה הזאת ומשנה־כסף לקחו בידם
ואת־בננין ויקמו וירדו מצרים ויעמדו לפני יוסף:

16 וירא יוסף אתם את־בננין ויאמר לאשר על־ביתו הבא
את־האנשים הביתה וטבח טבח והכן כי אתי יאכלו האנשים
בצהרים:

17 ויעש האיש פאשר אמר יוסף ויבא האיש את־האנשים ביתו
יוסף:

18 ויראו האנשים כי הובאו בית יוסף ויאמרו על־דבר הכסף
השב באמתחתינו בתחלה אנחנו מובאים להתגלל עלינו ולהתנפל
עלינו ולקחת אתנו לעבדים ואת־חמרינו:

19 ויגשו אל־האיש אשר על־בית יוסף ונדברו אליו פתח הבית:
20 ויאמרו בי אדני ירד ירדנו בתחלה לשבר־אכל:

21 ויהי כ־באנו אל־המלון ונפתחה את־אמתחתינו והנה
כסף־איש בפי אמתחתו כספנו במשקלו ונשב אתו בידנו:

22 וכסף אחר הורדנו בידנו לשבר־אכל לא ידענו מי־שם כספנו
באמתחתינו:

23 ויאמר שלום לכם אל־תיראו אלהיכם ואלהי אביכם נתן לכם
מטמון באמתחתיכם כספכם בא אלי ויוצא אלהם את־שמעון:

11 *If it must be.* ver. 14. Es. 4:16. Ac. 21:14. *carry down.* ch. 32:13–21; 33:10; 37:25. De. 33:14. 1 Sa. 9:7; 25:27. 1 Ki. 4:21; 10:25; 15:19. 2 Ki. 8:8; 16:8; 20:12. Ps. 68:29; 72:10; 76:11. Pr. 17:18; 18:16; 19:6; 21:14. Eze. 27:15. *a little balm.* ch. 37:25. Je. 8:22. Eze. 27:17. *balm.* For an explanation of the words *tzori*, *nechoth*, and *lot*, here rendered respectively *balm*, *spices*, and *myrrh*, see on ch. 37:25. *Devash*, *honey*, is supposed by some not to have been that produced by bees, but a syrup produced from ripe dates. The Jewish doctors observe, that the word in 2 Ch. 31:5 signifies *dates*; and the Arabians, at this day, call the choicest dates preserved with butter, *dabous*, and the honey obtained from them, *dibs*, or *dabs*. *Benanim*, *nuts*, signifies *pistachio nuts*, the finest being found in Syria; but, according to others, a small nut, the produce of a species of the turpentine tree. *Shekaidim* is certainly *almonds*. *honey.* Le. 20:24. *spices.* 1 Ki. 10:15. 2 Ch. 32:27. Ca. 4:10, 14–16; 5:1; 8:14.

12 *double.* Ro. 12:17; 13:8. 2 Co. 8:21. Phi. 4:8. 1 Th. 4:6; 5:21. He. 13:8. *mouth.* ch. 42:25, 35.

13 ch. 42:38.

14 *And God.* ch. 17:1; 22:14; 32:11–28; 39:21. Eze. 7:27. Ne. 1:11. Es. 4:16. Ps. 37:5–7; 85:7; 100:5; 119:41. Pr. 1:1; 16:7; 21:1. Is. 49:13. Lu. 1:50. Ac. 7:10; 21:14. 1 Ti. 1:2, 16. Tit. 1:4. 2 Jno. 3. *If I be,* etc. *or*, and I, as I have been, etc. Es. 4:16. See on ver. 11.

16 *the ruler.* ver. 19; ch. 15:2; 24:2–10; 39:4, 5; 44:1. *slay.* Heb. kill a killing. ch. 21:8; 26:30; 31:54. 1 Sa. 25:11. *Tevoch taivach*, ‘slay a slaying,’ or make a great slaughter: let preparations be made for a great feast or entertainment. See a similar form of speech in ch. 31:54. 1 Sa. 25:11. Pr. 9:2. *dine with.* Heb. eat.

18 *the men.* ch. 42:21, 28, 35. Ju. 13:22. Job 15:21. Ps. 53:5; 73:16. Is. 7:2. Mat. 14:26, 27. Mar. 6:16. *seek occasion against us.* Heb. Roll himself upon us. De. 22:14, 17. Ju. 14:4. Job 30:14. Ro. 7:8.

20 *we came indeed down.* Heb. coming down we came down. ver. 3, 7; ch. 42:3, 10, 27, 35.

21 *we came.* ch. 42:27–35. *we have.* ver. 12. Ro. 12:17; 13:8. He. 13:5, 18. 1 Pe. 2:12; 3:16.

23 *Peace.* Ju. 6:23; 19:20. 1 Sa. 25:6. 1 Ch. 12:18. Eze. 4:17. Lu. 10:5; 24:36. Jno. 14:27; 20:19, 21, 26. *I had your money.* Heb. Your money came to me. *Caspechem ba ailai*, ‘your money comes to me:’ as I am the steward, the cash for the corn belongs to me. Ye have no occasion to be apprehensive of any evil; the whole transaction is between myself and you; receive therefore the money as a present from ‘the God of your father,’ no matter whose hands he employs to convey it. *Simeon.* ver. 14; ch. 42:24, 36.

¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. ¹² Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. ¹³ Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. ¹⁴ May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

¹⁵ So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon." ¹⁷ The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸ And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys." ¹⁹ So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, ²⁰ and said, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food. ²¹ And when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, ²² and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." ²³ He replied, "Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

24 וַיָּבֵא הָאִישׁ אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים בֵּיתָהּ יוֹסֵף וַיִּתֶּן־מִים וַיִּרְחֲצוּ רַגְלֵיהֶם
וַיִּתֵּן מִסְפּוֹא לְחַמְרֵיהֶם:

25 וַיִּכְיֶנּוּ אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה עַד־בּוֹא יוֹסֵף בְּצֹהָרִים כִּי שָׁמְעוּ כִּי־נִשְׂמָ
יֹאכְלוּ לֶחֶם:

26 וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף הַבֵּיתָה וַיָּבִיאוּ לוֹ אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה אֲשֶׁר־בְּיָדָם הַבֵּיתָה
וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ־לוֹ אַרְצָה:

27 וַיִּשְׂאֵל לָהֶם לְשָׁלוֹם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲשָׁלוֹם אֲבִיכֶם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתֶּם
הַעוֹדְנֵנו חַי:

28 וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׁלוֹם לְעַבְדְּךָ לְאֲבִינֵנו עוֹדְנֵנו חַי וַיִּקְדּוּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ:

29 וַיִּשְׂא עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־בְּנֵי־מִיִן אָחִיו בְּן־אָמוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר הֲזֶה אָחִיכֶם
הַקָּטָן אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתֶּם אֵלַי וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִחַנְךָ בְּנֵי:

30 וַיִּמָּהֵר יוֹסֵף כִּי־נִכְמְרוּ רַחֲמָיו אֶל־אָחִיו וַיִּבְקֶשׁ לְבָכוֹת וַיָּבֵא
הַחֲדָרָה וַיִּבְרַךְ שָׁמָּה:

31 וַיִּרְחֹץ פָּנָיו וַיֵּצֵא וַיִּתְאַפֵּק וַיֹּאמֶר שִׁימוּ לֶחֶם:

32 וַיִּשְׁימוּ לוֹ לְבַדּוֹ וְלָהֶם לְבָדָם וְלַמַּצָּרִים הָאֹכְלִים אֹתוֹ לְבָדָם כִּי
לֹא יוּכְלוּן הַמַּצָּרִים לְאָכַל אֶת־הָעֵבְרִים לֶחֶם כִּי־תוֹעֵבָה הוּא
לַמַּצָּרִים:

33 וַיִּשְׁבוּ לִפְנֵי הַבָּכָר כַּבְּכָרְתוֹ וְהַצָּעִיר כַּצָּעֲרָתוֹ וַיִּתְמָהוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים
אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ:

34 וַיִּשְׂא מִשָּׂאת מֵאֵת פָּנָיו אֶלְהֶם וַתִּרְבַּ מִשָּׂאת בְּנֵי־מִן מִמִּשָּׂאת
כָּל־חַמֵּשׁ יָדוֹת וַיִּשְׁתּוּ וַיִּשְׁכְּרוּ עִמּוֹ:

44 וַיִּצֹו אֶת־אֲשֶׁר עַל־בֵּיתוֹ לֵאמֹר מִלֵּא אֶת־אֲמַתְחַת הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲכָל
כַּאֲשֶׁר יוּכְלוּן שָׂאת וְשִׂים כֶּסֶף־אִישׁ בְּכַף אֲמַתְחָתוֹ:

2 וְאֶת־גְּבִיעֵי גְבִיעַ הַכֶּסֶף תִּשִׂים בְּכַף אֲמַתְחַת הַקָּטָן וְאֵת כֶּסֶף
נִשְׁכְּרוֹ וַיַּעַשׂ כַּדָּבָר יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר:

24 ch. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32. Lu. 7:44. Jno. 13:4-17.
25 ver. 11, 16.
26 bowed. ver. 28; ch. 27:29; 37:7-10, 19, 20; 42:6.
Ps. 72:9. Ro. 14:11. Phi. 2:10, 11.
27 welfare. Heb. peace. ch. 37:14; 41:16. Ex. 18:7.
Ju. 18:15. 1 Sa. 17:22; 25:5. 1 Ch. 18:10. Is your
father well. Heb. Is there peace to your father. the
old. ch. 42:11, 13.
28 bowed. ver. 26; ch. 37:7, 9, 10. made obeisance.
Ex. 18:7. 2 Sa. 1:2; 14:4. 1 Ki. 1:16. 2 Ch. 24:17.
29 mother's son. ch. 30:22-24; 35:17, 18. of whom.
ch. 42:11, 13. God. ch. 45:8. Jos. 7:19. 2 Ch. 29:11.
Ps. 133:1. 2. Mat. 9:2, 22. Mar. 10:24. 1 Ti. 1:2.
He. 13:1. my son. Nu. 6:25. Ps. 111:4; 112:4. Is.
30:19; 33:2. Mal. 1:9.
30 his bowels. 1 Ki. 3:26. Je. 31:20. Ho. 11:8. Phi.
1:8; 2:1. Col. 3:12. 1 Jno. 3:17. wept there. ch.
42:24. Jno. 11:33-38. Ac. 20:19, 31, 37. 2 Ti. 1:4.
31 refrained. ch. 45:1. Is. 42:14. Je. 31:16. 1 Pe.
3:10. bread. ver. 25.
32 eat bread. ver. 16; ch. 31:54. for that is an
abomination. The Chaldee Paraphrast renders this
clause, 'Because the Hebrews eat the cattle which
the Egyptians worship.' But, as we learn from ver.
16, compared with this verse, that the provision for
the entertainment of the Egyptians themselves was
animal food, this reason cannot be just. The true
reason seems to be that assigned by the LXX.,
Βδελγμα γαρ εστιν τοις Αιγυπτιοις πας ποιμην
προβατων: 'For every shepherd is an abomination
to the Egyptians.' ch. 46:34. Ex. 8:26.
33 ch. 44:12.
34 messes. 2 Sa. 11:8. was five times. Sir JOHN
CHARDIN observes, that 'in Persia, Arabia, and the
Indies, there are some houses where they place
several plates in large salvers, and set one of these
before each person, or before two or three, accord-
ing to the magnificence of each house. The great
men of the state are always served by themselves,
in the feasts that are made for them; and with great
profusion, their part of each kind of provision being
always double, treble, or a larger proportion of
each kind of meat.' ch. 45:22. 1 Sa. 1:5; 9:22-24.
were merry. Heb. drank largely. Pr. 31:6. Ec. 9:7;
10:19. Ca. 5:1. Hab. 1:6. Mat. 11:19. Jno. 2:10.

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Joseph's policy to stay his brethren, 1-5. The cup is
found in Benjamin's sack, 6-13. They are brought
before Joseph, 14-17. Judah's humble supplication
to Joseph, 18-34.
1 the steward. Heb. him that was over his house.
ch. 24:2; 43:16, 19. Fill the. ch. 42:25; 43:2. Is. 3:1.
2 ch. 42:15. 16, 20; 43:32. De. 8:2, 16; 13:3. Mat.
10:16. 2 Co. 8:8.

²⁴ And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder, ²⁵ they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

²⁶ When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground. ²⁷ And he inquired about their welfare and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" ²⁸ They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves. ²⁹ And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" ³⁰ Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. ³¹ Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, "Serve the food." ³² They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. ³³ And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement. ³⁴ Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him.

44 Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, ² and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

- 3 הבקר אור והאנשים שלחו המה וחמריהם:
- 4 הם יצאו אתהעיר לא הרחיקו יוסף אמר לאשר עלביתו
קום רדף אחרי האנשים והשגתם ואמרתם אליהם למה שלמתם רעה
תחת טובה:
- 5 הלוא זה אשר ישמה אדני בו והוא נחש ונחש בו הרעתם אשר
עשיתם:
- 6 וישגם ונדבר אליהם אתהדברים האלה:
- 7 ויאמרו אליו למה ידבר אדני פדברים האלה חלילה לעבדיך
מעשות פדבר הזה:
- 8 הן כסף אשר מצאנו בפי אמתחתינו השיבנו אליך מארץ כנען
ואיך נגנב מבית אדניך כסף או זהב:
- 9 אשר ימצא אתו מעבדיך ומת וגםאנחנו נהיה לאדני לעבדים:
- 10 ויאמר גםעמה כדבריכם פנהוא אשר ימצא אתו יהיהלי
עבד ואתם תהיו נקים:
- 11 וימהרו ויורדו איש אתאמתחתו ארצה ויפתחו איש אמתחתו:
- 12 ויחפש בגדול החל ובקטן כלה וימצא הגביע באמתחת בנימן:
- 13 ויקרעו שמלתם ויעמס איש עלחמרו וישבו העירה:
- 14 ויבא יהודה ואחיו ביתה יוסף והוא עודנו שם ויפלו לפניו
ארצה:
- 15 ויאמר להם יוסף מהמעשה הזה אשר עשיתם הלוא ידעתם
כיינחש ונחש איש אשר כמני:
- 16 ויאמר יהודה מהנאמר לאדני מהנדבר ומהנצטדק האלהים
מצא אתעון עבדיך הננו עבדים לאדני גםאנחנו גם אשרנמצא
הגביע בידו:
- 17 ויאמר חלילה לי מעשות זאת האיש אשר נמצא הגביע בידו
הוא יהיהלי עבד ואתם עלו לשלום אלאביכם:

4 *Up. De. 2:16. Wherefore. 1 Sa. 24:17. 2 Ch. 20:11. Ps. 35:12; 109:5. Pr. 17:13. Jno. 10:32. 5 divineth. or. maketh trial. ver. 15, marg. ch. 30:27. Le. 19:26. 1 Ki. 20:33. 2 Ki. 21:6. In the East, there is an ancient tradition, that there was a cup which possessed the strange property of representing in it the whole world, and all the things which were then doing. The cup is called Jami Jemsheed, 'the cup of Jemsheed,' a very ancient king of Persia; and they say that it was discovered, filled with the elixir of immortality, when digging to lay the foundations of Persepolis. The Persian poets are full of allusions to this cup, which they style *Jam jehan nima*, the cup shewing the universe; and to it they ascribe all the prosperity of their ancient monarchs. Many of the Mahometan princes and governors affect still to have information by means of a cup. Now, though it cannot be admitted that Joseph practised divination, yet, according to the superstition of those times, supernatural influence might be attributed to his cup. 7 ch. 34:25-31; 35:22; 37:18-32; 38:16-18. Jos. 22:22-29. 2 Sa. 20:20. 2 Ki. 8:13. Pr. 22:1. Ec. 7:1. He. 13:18. 8 the money, ch. 42:21, 27, 35; 43:12, 21, 22. how then. See on ver. 7. Ex. 20:15. De. 5:19. Mat. 19:18. Ro. 13:9. Ja. 2:10, 11. 9 both. ch. 31:32. Job 31:38-40. Ps. 7:3-5. Ac. 25:11. and we. ch. 43:18. 10 he with whom. ver. 17, 33. Ex. 22:3. Mat. 18:24, 25. 12 began. ch. 43:33. and the cup. ver. 26-32; ch. 42:36-38; 43:14. 13 ch. 37:29-34. Nu. 14:6. 2 Sa. 1:2, 11; 13:19. 14 he was yet. ch. 43:16, 25. fell. ch. 37:7-9; 50:18. Phi. 2:10, 11. 15 What. ver. 4, 5; ch. 3:13; 4:10. wot ye not. ch. 21:26; 39:8. Ex. 32:1. divine. or, make trial. ver. 5. 16 Judah. ver. 32; ch. 43:8, 9. What shall we say. De. 25:1. Ezr. 9:10, 15. Job 40:4. Pr. 17:15. Is. 5:3. Da. 9:7. Ac. 2:37. God hath. ch. 37:18-28; 42:21, 22. Nu. 32:23. Jos. 7:1, 18. Ju. 1:7. Pr. 28:17. Mat. 7:2. Lu. 12:2. iniquity. ch. 43:9. Is. 27:9. Da. 9:7. behold. ver. 9; ch. 37:7, 9. 17 God forbid. ch. 18:25; 42:18. 2 Sa. 23:3. Ps. 75:2. Pr. 17:15. he shall. ver. 10. in peace. ch. 26:29; 37:32, 33.*

³As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. ⁴They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, “Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good? ⁵Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.’ ”

⁶When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. ⁷They said to him, “Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! ⁸Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord’s house? ⁹Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord’s servants.” ¹⁰He said, “Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent.” ¹¹Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. ¹²And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack. ¹³Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

¹⁴When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph’s house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. ¹⁵Joseph said to them, “What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?” ¹⁶And Judah said, “What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord’s servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found.” ¹⁷But he said, “Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father.”

18 ויגש אליו יהודה ויאמר בי אדני ידבר-נא עבדך דבר באזני
אדני ואל-יחר אפך בעבדך פי כמוך פפרעה:
19 אדני שאל את-עבדיו לאמר היש-לכם אב או-אח:
20 ונאמר אל-אדני יש-לנו אב זקן וילד זקנים קטן ואחיו מת
וינתר הוא לבדו לאמו ואביו אהבו:
21 ותאמר אל-עבדיך הורדהו אלי ואשימה עיני עליו:
22 ונאמר אל-אדני לא-יוכל הנער לעזב את-אביו ועזב את-אביו
נמת:
23 ותאמר אל-עבדיך אם-לא נרד אחיכם הקטן אתכם לא תספון
לראות פני:
24 ויהי כי עלינו אל-עבדך אבי ונגד-לו את דברי אדני:
25 ויאמר אבינו שבו שברו-לנו מעט-אכל:
26 ונאמר לא נוכל לרדת אם-יש אחינו הקטן אתנו וירדנו כ-לא
נוכל לראות פני האיש ואחינו הקטן איננו אתנו:
27 ויאמר עבדך אבי אלינו אתם ידעתם כי שנים ילדה-לי אשתי:
28 ויצא האחד מאתי ואמר אך טרף טרף ולא ראיתיו עד-הנה:
29 ולקחתם גם-את-זה מעם פני וקרהו אסון והורדתם את-שיבתי
ברעה שאלה:
30 ועתה כבאי אל-עבדך אבי והנער איננו אתנו ונפשו קשורה
בנפשו:
31 והנה פראותו כ-אין הנער נמת והורידו עבדיך את-שיבת
עבדך אבינו ביגון שאלה:
32 פי עבדך ערב את-הנער מעם אבי לאמר אם-לא אביאנו אליך
ותטאתי לאבי כל-הימים:
33 ועתה ישב-נא עבדך תחת הנער עבד לאדני והנער יעל
עם-אחיו:
34 כ-איד אעלה אל-אבי והנער איננו אתי פן אראה ברע אשר
ימצא את-אבי:

18 *Oh my Lord.* 'No paraphrase,' says Dr. A. CLARKE, 'can heighten the effect of Judah's address to Joseph. To *add*, would be to diminish its excellence; to attempt to *explain*, would be to obscure its beauties; to clothe the ideas in other language than that of Judah, and his translators in our Bible, would ruin its energy, and destroy its influence. It is perhaps one of the most tender, affecting pieces of natural oratory ever spoken or penned; and we need not wonder to find that, when Joseph heard it, he could not refrain himself, but wept aloud. His soul must have been insensible beyond what is common to human nature, had he not immediately yielded to a speech so delicately tender, and so powerfully impressive.' *let thy.* ch. 18:30, 32. 2 Sa. 14:12. Job 33:31. Ac. 2:29. *anger.* Ex. 32:22. Es. 1:12. Ps. 79:5. *as Pharaoh.* ch. 41:40, 44. Pr. 19:12. Da. 3:15, 19-23; 5:19. Jno. 5:22.
19 ch. 42:7-10; 43:7, 29.
20 *we said.* Every word in this verse is simplicity and pathos itself. No man of the least sensibility can read it without great emotion. Indeed the whole speech is exquisitely beautiful, and perhaps the most complete pattern of genuine natural eloquence extant in any language. When we read this generous speech, we forgive Judah all the past, and cannot refuse to say, 'Thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise.' ch. 49:8. *a child.* ch. 35:18; 37:3, 19; 43:7, 8; 46:21. *and his brother.* ch. 37:33-35; 42:36, 38. *he alone.* ver. 27-29 Lu. 7:12.
21 *Bring.* ch. 42:15, 20; 43:29. *that I may.* Je. 24:6; 40:4. Am. 9:4.
22 *his father would die.* ver. 30; ch. 42:38.
23 ch. 42:15-20; 43:3, 5.
24 *we told him.* ch. 42:29-34.
25 ch. 43:2, 5.
26 ch. 43:4, 5. Lu. 11:7.
27 ch. 29:18-21, 28; 30:22-25; 35:16-18; 46:19.
28 *the one.* ch. 37:13, 14. *Surely.* ch. 37:33; 42:36, 38.
29 *And if.* ch. 42:36, 38; 43:14. Ps. 88:3, 4. *sorrow.* ver. 31; ch. 42:38. De. 31:17. Ps. 88:4.
30 *when I.* ver. 17, 31, 34. *his life.* 1 Sa. 18:1; 25:29; 2 Sa. 18:33.
31 *when he.* 1 Sa. 4:17, 18. 2 Co. 7:10. 1 Th. 4:13. *servants shall.* ver. 29; ch. 37:26, 27, 35; 44:21, 23, 31-33. 1 Sa. 22:22.
32 ch. 43:8, 9, 16.
33 *therefore.* What must Benjamin have felt when he heard his brother conclude his speech by a proposal which could never have been thought of if it had not been actually made! Perhaps the annals of the whole world do not produce an instance of so heroic and disinterested affection in any mere man. *I pray thee.* Ex. 32:32. Ro. 5:7-10; 9:3. *instead.* He. 7:22. 1 Jno. 3:16.
34 *lest.* 1 Sa. 2:33, 34. 2 Ch. 34:28. Es. 8:6. Je. 52:10, 11. *come on.* *Heb.* find. Ex. 18:8. Job 31:29. Ps. 116:3; 119:143, marg.

¹⁸ Then Judah went up to him and said, “Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord’s ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. ¹⁹ My lord asked his servants, saying, ‘Have you a father, or a brother?’ ²⁰ And we said to my lord, ‘We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother’s children, and his father loves him.’ ²¹ Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.’ ²² We said to my lord, ‘The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.’ ²³ Then you said to your servants, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.’

²⁴ “When we went back to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵ And when our father said, ‘Go again, buy us a little food,’ ²⁶ we said, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down. For we cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’ ²⁷ Then your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons. ²⁸ One left me, and I said, “Surely he has been torn to pieces,” and I have never seen him since. ²⁹ If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.’

³⁰ “Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy’s life, ³¹ as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. ³² For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.’ ³³ Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. ³⁴ For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father.”

Joseph makes himself known to his brethren, 1-4. He comforts them in God's providence, 5-8. He sends for his father, 9-15. Pharaoh confirms it, 16-20. Joseph furnishes them for their journey, and exhorts them to concord, 21-24. Jacob is revived with the news, 25-28.
 1 could not. ch. 43:30, 31. Is. 42:14. Je. 20:9. Cause. 2 Sa. 1:20. Mat. 18:15. Ac. 10:41. 1 Co. 13:5.
 2 wept aloud. Heb. gave forth his voice in weeping. 'This,' says Sir J. CHARDIN, 'is exactly the genius of the people of Asia; their sentiments of joy or grief are properly transports, and their transports are ungoverned, excessive, and truly outrageous. When any one returns from a long journey or dies, his family burst into cries that may be heard twenty doors off; and this is renewed at different times, and continues many days, according to the vigour of the passion. Sometimes they cease all at once, and then begin as suddenly, with a greater shrillness and loudness than one could easily imagine.'
 Nu. 14:1. Ru. 1:9. 2 Ki. 20:3. Ac. 20:37.
 3 I am Joseph. Mat. 14:27. Ac. 7:13; 9:5. for they. Job 4:5; 23:15. Zec. 12:10. Mat. 14:26. Mar. 6:50. Lu. 5:8; 24:37, 38. Re. 1:7. troubled or, terrified.
 4 I am Joseph. ch. 37:28; 50:18. Mat. 14:27. Ac. 9:5.
 5 be not grieved. Is. 40:1, 2. Lu. 23:34. 2 Co. 2:7, 11. nor angry with yourselves. Heb. neither let there be anger in your eyes. God. ver. 7, 8; ch. 47:25; 50:20. 1 Sa. 1:19, 2 Sa. 12:12; 16:10-12; 17:14. Job 1:21. Ps. 105:16, 17. Ac. 2:23, 24; 4:24-28; 7:9-15.
 6 two years. ch. 41:29-31, 54, 56; 47:18. earing. Earing means ploughing or seed-time, from the Anglo-Saxon *erian*, probably from *aro*, to plough; and agrees with *apoo*, Greek, *charatha*, Arabic, and *charash*, Hebrew. ch. 47:23. Ex. 34:21. De. 21:4. 1 Sa. 8:12. Is. 30:24.
 7 to preserve you a posterity. Heb. to put for you a remnant. to save. Ju. 15:18. 1 Ch. 11:14. Ps. 18:50; 44:4. Ac. 7:35.
 8 it was not. ver. 5. Jno. 15:16; 19:11. Ro. 9:16. father. ch. 41:39-48. Ju. 17:10. Job 29:16. Ps. 105:21, 22.
 9 Thus saith. ver. 26-28. come. ver. 13, 19, 20.
 10 in the land. ch. 46:29, 34; 47:1-6. Ex. 8:22; 9:26. Goshen. Goshen was the most eastern district of Lower Egypt, and the frontier of that country and Arabia, not far from the Arabian gulf, and lying next to Canaan; for Jacob went directly thither when he came into Egypt, from which it was about eighty miles distant, though Hebron was distant from the Egyptian capital about three hundred miles. be near. Jno. 14:2, 3; 17:24.
 11 ch. 47:6, 12. Mat. 15:5, 6. Mar. 7:9-12. 1 Ti. 5:4.
 12 your eyes. ch. 42:23. Lu. 24:39. Jno. 20:27. my mouth. Not as ch. 42:23.
 13 my glory. Jno. 17:24. 1 Pe. 1:10-12. Re. 21:23. bring. Ac. 7:14.
 14 ch. 29:11; 33:4; 46:29. Ro. 1:31.
 15 Moreover. ver. 2; ch. 29:11, 13; 33:4. Ex. 4:27. Ru. 1:9, 14. 1 Sa. 10:1; 20:41. 2 Sa. 14:33. Lu. 15:20. Ac. 20:37. talked. Ps. 77:4.

- 45 ולא יכל יוסף להתאפק לכל הנצבים עליו ויקרא הוציאו
 כלאיש מעלי ולא עמד איש אתו בהתנדע יוסף אל־אֶחָיו:
 2 ויתן אֶת־קלוּ בְּכִי וישָׁמְעוּ מְצָרִים וישָׁמַע בֵּית פְּרַעֲהַ:
 3 ויאמר יוסף אל־אֶחָיו אָנִי יוסף העוד אָבִי חַי וְלֹא־יָכְלוּ אֶחָיו
 לַעֲנוֹת אֹתוֹ כִּי נִבְהָלוּ מִפְּנָיו:
 4 ויאמר יוסף אל־אֶחָיו גִּשׁוּ־נָא אֵלַי ויִגָּשׁוּ ויאמר אָנִי יוסף
 אֲחֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר־מְכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי מְצָרֵימָה:
 5 ועתָה אֶל־תַּעֲצָבוּ ואל־יִחַר בְּעֵינֵיכֶם כִּי־מְכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי הֲנֵה כִּי
 לַמְּחֵה שְׁלַחְנִי אֱלֹהִים לַפְּנֵיכֶם:
 6 כִּי־נֹה שְׁנַתִּים הֶרְעַב בְּקֶרֶב הָאָרֶץ ועוד חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים אֲשֶׁר
 אֵין־חֵרִישׁ וְקָצִיר:
 7 וישָׁלַחְנִי אֱלֹהִים לַפְּנֵיכֶם לְשׁוֹם לָכֶם שְׂאֵרִית בְּאָרֶץ וּלְהַחִיֹּת
 לָכֶם לַפְּלִיטָה גְּדֹלָה:
 8 ועתָה לֹא־אַתֶּם שְׁלַחְתֶּם אֹתִי הֲנֵה כִּי הֵאֱלֹהִים וישַׁיְמֵנִי לְאֹב
 לַפְּרַעֲהַ וּלְאֹדוֹן לְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ וּמִשָּׁל בְּכָל־אָרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:
 9 מִהָרֹו וְעָלוּ אֶל־אָבִי וְאַמְרַתֶּם אֵלָיו כֹּה אָמַר בְּנֵה יוֹסֵף שְׁמֵנִי
 אֱלֹהִים לְאֹדוֹן לְכָל־מִצְרָיִם רְדֵה אֵלַי אֶל־תַּעֲמַד:
 10 וישַׁבֶּת בְּאָרֶץ־גִּשְׁן וְהָיִית קָרוֹב אֵלַי אִתָּה וּבְנֵיךָ וּבְנֵי בְנֵיךָ
 וְצִאֲנֶךָ וּבְקֶרֶךָ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ:
 11 וְכָל־כְּלִמְתֵי אִתְּךָ שֵׁם כִּי־עוֹד חֲמֵשׁ שָׁנִים רָעַב פְּו־תִנְרַשׁ אִתָּה
 וּבֵיתְךָ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לָךְ:
 12 וְהִנֵּה עֵינֵיכֶם רְאוֹת וְעֵינֵי אָחִי בְּנִימִן כִּי־פִי הִמְדַּבֵּר אֵלֵיכֶם:
 13 וְהִגַּדְתֶּם לְאָבִי אֶת־כָּל־כְּבוֹדִי בְּמִצְרָיִם וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתֶם
 וּמְהֵרָתֶם וְהוֹרַדְתֶּם אֶת־אָבִי הֲנֵה:
 14 וַיִּפֹּל עַל־צַוְאָרָי בְּנִימֹן־אֶחָיו וַיִּבֶךְ וּבְנֵימֹן בָּכָה עַל־צַוְאָרָיו:
 15 וַיִּנְשָׁק לְכָל־אֶחָיו וַיִּבֶךְ עֲלֵיהֶם וְאֶחָרֵי כֵן דִּבְרוּ אֶחָיו אֹתוֹ:

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

16 והקל נשמע בית פרעה לאמר באו אחי יוסף וייתב בעיני פרעה ובעיני עבדיו:

17 ויאמר פרעה אלי-יוסף אמר אל-אחיקה זאת עשו טענו את-בעירכם ולכו-באו ארצה כנען:

18 ויקחו את-אביכם ואת-בתיכם ובאו אלי ואמנה לכם את-טוב ארץ מצרים ואכלו את-חלב הארץ:

19 ואמה צניטה זאת עשו קחו-לכם מארץ מצרים עגלות לטפכם ולנשיכם ונשאתם את-אביכם ובאתם:

20 ועינכם אל-תחס על-כליכם כפי-טוב כל-ארץ מצרים לכם הוא:

21 ויעשו-כן בני ישראל ויתן להם יוסף עגלות על-פי פרעה ויתן להם צדה לדרה:

22 לכלם נתן לאיש חלפות שמלות ולבנימן נתן שלש מאות כסף וחמש חלפת שמלות:

23 ולאביו שלח כזאת עשרה חמרים נשאים משוב מצרים ועשר אתנת נשאת בר ולחם ומזון לאביו לדרה:

24 וישלח את-אחיו וילכו ויאמר אלהם אל-תרגזו בדרה:

25 ויעלו ממצרים ויבאו ארץ כנען אל-יעקב אביהם:

26 ויגדו לו לאמר עוד יוסף חי וכי-הוא משל בכל-ארץ מצרים ויפג לבו כי לא-האמין להם:

27 וינדברו אליו את כל-דברי יוסף אשר דבר אלהם וירא את-העגלות אשר-שלח יוסף לשאת אתו ונתחיו רוח יעקב אביהם:

28 ויאמר ישראל רב עוד-יוסף בני חי אלקה ואראנו בטרם אמות:

16 *it pleased Pharaoh well. Heb. was good in the eyes of Pharaoh.* ch. 16:6; 20:15; 34:18; 41:33. De. 1:33. 2 Sa. 3:36. 2 Ch. 30:4. Es. 1:21; 2:4; 5:14. Ac. 6:5.

17 *lade your.* ch. 42:25, 26; 44:1, 2.

18 *the fat.* ch. 27:28; 47:6. Nu. 18:12, 29. De. 32:14. Ps. 81:16; 147:14. Is. 28:1, 4.

19 *commanded.* Is. 49:1, 23. *waggons.* ver. 27; ch. 46:5. *for your.* ch. 31:17, 18.

20 *regard not. Heb. let not your eye spare, etc.* De. 7:16; 19:13, 21. Is. 13:18. Eze. 7:4, 9; 9:5; 20:17. *stuff.* Ex. 22:7. Jos. 7:11. 1 Sa. 10:22; 25:13; 30:24. Eze. 12:3, 4. Mat. 24:17. Lu. 17:31. *the good.* ver. 18; ch. 20:15. Eze. 9:12. Is. 1:19.

21 *waggons.* ver. 19, 27; ch. 46:5. Nu. 7:3-9. Eze. 23:24. *commandment. Heb. mouth.* ver. 19. Ex. 17:1. Nu. 3:16. 2 Ch. 8:13; 35:16. Ec. 8:2. La. 1:18.

22 *To all.* It is a common custom with all the Asiatic sovereigns to give both garments and money to ambassadors and persons of distinction, whom they particularly wish to honour. DE LA MOTRAYE says, 'that they then clothed them (the ambassadors) with caffetans (long vests of gold or silver brocade) with large silk flowers.' *each.* Ju. 14:12, 19. 2 Ki. 5:5, 22, 23. Re. 6:11. *to Benjamin.* ch. 43:34.

23 *laden with. Heb. carrying, meat.* As *mazon* is derived from *zoon*, to prepare, provide, Dr. A. CLARKE thinks it may mean here *prepared meat*; some made-up dish, delicacies, confectionaries, etc. In Asiatic countries they have several curious methods of preserving flesh by *potting*, by which it may be kept, for any length of time, sweet and wholesome. Some delicacy, similar to the savoury meat which Isaac loved, may be here intended; sent to Jacob in consideration of his age, and to testify the respect of his son; for of other kinds of meat he could have no need, as he had large flocks and herds, and could kill a lamb, kid, etc. when he pleased.

24 *See that.* ch. 37:22; 42:21, 22. Ps. 133. Jno. 13:34, 35. Ep. 4:31, 32. Phi. 2:2-5. Col. 3:12, 13. 1 Th. 5:13.

26 *Joseph.* Lu. 24:34. *and he is.* ver. 8, 9. Ps. 105:21. *And Jacob's. Heb. And his.* ch. 37:35; 42:36, 38; 44:28. Jon. 2:7. *he believed.* Job 9:16; 29:24. Ps. 126:1. Lu. 24:11, 41.

27 *the spirit.* Ju. 15:19. 1 Sa. 30:12. Ps. 85:6. Is. 57:15. Ho. 6:2.

28 *It is enough.* ch. 46:30. Lu. 2:28-30. Jno. 16:21, 22.

¹⁶When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' ¹⁹And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.' "

²¹The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²²To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. ²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. ²⁴Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

²⁵So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-sheba, 1-4. Thence he with his company goes into Egypt, 5-7. The number of his family that went into Egypt, 8-27. Joseph meets Jacob, 28-30. He instructs his brethren how to answer Pharaoh, 31-34.
 1 A.M. 2298. B.C. 1706. Beer-sheba. ch. 21:14, 31, 33; 26:22, 23; 28:10. 1 Sa. 3:20. and offered. ch. 4:4; 8:20; 12:8; 22:13; 33:20; 35:3, 7. Job 1:5; 42:8. unto. ch. 21:33; 26:23-25; 28:13; 31:42, 53.
 2 in the visions. ch. 15:1, 13; 22:11. Nu. 12:6; 24:4. 2 Ch. 26:5. Job 4:13; 33:14. 15. Da. 2:19. Ac. 9:10; 10:3; 16:9. Jacob. ch. 22:1. Ex. 3:3, 4. 1 Sa. 3:4, 10. Ac. 9:4; 10:13.
 3 the God. ch. 28:13. fear not. ch. 15:1, 13; 26:2, 3. Is. 41:10; 43:1, 2. Je. 40:9. Ac. 27:24. I will. ch. 12:2; 13:15, 16; 18:18; 22:17; 28:14; 35:11; 47:27. Ex. 1:7-10. De. 1:10; 10:22; 26:5. Ac. 7:17.
 4 will go. ch. 28:15; 48:21. Is. 43:1, 2. and I will. ch. 15:14-16; 50:5, 13, 24, 25. Ex. 3:8. and Joseph. This last and most solemn office, as Mr. HEWLETT observes, that could be paid to a parent, was generally performed by the nearest relation of the deceased. This promise must have given great consolation to the venerable patriarch's mind. ch. 50:1.
 5 Jacob. Ac. 7:15. in the waggons. ch. 31:17, 18; 45:19, 21, 27. Ex. 10:24, 26.
 6 into Egypt. ch. 15:13. Nu. 20:15. De. 10:22; 26:5. Jos. 24:4. 1 Sa. 12:8. Ps. 105:23. Is. 52:4. Ac. 7:15.
 8 the names. ch. 29; 30; 35:23; ch. 49. Ex. 1:1-5; 6:14-18. 1 Ch. ch. 2; 8. 2 Ch. ch. 1; 26. Reuben. ch. 29:32; 35:22, 23; 49:3, 4. Ex. 6:14. Nu. 1:5, 20, 21; 2:10-13; 26:5-11. De. 33:6. 1 Ch. 2:1-10.
 10 Simeon. ch. 29:33; 34:25, 30; 49:5-7. Ex. 6:15. Nu. 1:6, 22, 23; 2:12, 13; 26:12, 13. 1 Ch. 2:1; 4:24-43. Jemuel. or, Nemuel. Jachin. or, Jarib. Zohar. or, Zerah. 1 Ch. 4:24. Canaanitish. ch. 28:1.
 11 Levi. ch. 29:34; 49:5-7. Ex. 6:16. Nu. 3:17-22; ch. 4; 8; 26:57, 58. De. 33:8-11. 1 Ch. 2:1, 11, 16; 6:1-3; ch. 22-26. Gershon. or, Gershom. 1 Ch. 6:16.
 12 Judah. ch. 29:35; 38:1-3, 7, 10, 24-30; 49:8-12. Nu. 1:7, 26, 27; 26:19-21. De. 33:7. Ju. 1:2. 1 Ch. 2:1, 3-5; ch. 3; 4:1, 21; 5:2. Ps. 78:68. Mat. 1:1-3. He. 7:14. Re. 5:5.
 13 Issachar. ch. 30:14-18; 35:23; 49:14, 15. Nu. 1:8, 28-30; 26:23-25. De. 33:18. 1 Ch. 2:1; 7:1-5; 12:32. Phurah. or, Puah. Job. or, Jashub. 1 Ch. 7:1.
 14 Zebulun. ch. 30:19, 20; 49:13. Nu. 1:9, 30, 31; 26:26, 27. De. 33:18, 19. 1 Ch. 2:1.
 15 Leah. ch. 29:32-35; 30:17-21; 35:23; 49:3-15. Ex. 1:2, 3. Nu. ch. 1; 10; 26. 1 Ch. 2:1. Padanaram. ch. 25:20. with his. ch. 30:21; 34:1, etc.
 16 sons of. ch. 30:11; 35:26; 49:19. Nu. 1:11, 24, 25; 26:15-17. De. 33:20, 21. 1 Ch. 2:2; 5:11-16. Ziphion. or, Zephon. Ezbon. or, Ozni. Arod. or, Arod. Nu. 26:15-17.
 17 Asher. ch. 30:13; 35:26; 49:20. Nu. 1:13, 40, 41; 26:44-46. De. 33:24. 1 Ch. 2:2; 7:30-40.
 18 Zilpah. ch. 29:24; 30:9-13; 35:26. Ex. 1:4.

46 ויסע ישראל וכל-אשר-לו ויבא בארה שבע וינפח זבחים

לאלהי אביו יצחק:

2 ויאמר אלהים לישראל במראת הלילה ויאמר יעקב יעקב

ויאמר הנני:

3 ויאמר אנכי האל אלהי אביך אל-תירא מרדה מצרימה פי-לגוי

גדול אשימה שם:

4 אנכי ארד עמה מצרימה ואנכי אעלה גם-עלה ויוסף ישית ידו

על-עייניך:

5 ויקם יעקב מבאר שבע וישאו בני-ישראל את-יעקב אביהם

ואת-טפם ואת-נשיהם בעגלות אשר-שלח פרעה לשאת אתו:

6 ויקחו את-מקניהם ואת-רכושם אשר רכשו בארץ כנען ויבאו

מצרימה יעקב וכל-זרעו אתו:

7 בניו ובני בניו אתו ובנות בניו וכל-זרעו הביא אתו

מצרימה:

8 ואלה שמות בני-ישראל הבאים מצרימה יעקב ובניו בכר

יעקב ראובן:

9 ובני ראובן חנוך ופלוא וחסרון וכרמי:

10 ובני שמעון ימואל וימין ואהד ויכין וצחר ושואל בן-הכנענית:

11 ובני לוי גרשון קהת ומררי:

12 ובני יהודה ער ואונן ושלה ופרץ וזרח וימת ער ואונן בארץ

כנען ויהיו בני-פרץ חצרון וחמול:

13 ובני יששכר תולע ופנה ויוב ושמרון:

14 ובני זבולן סרד ואלון ויחלאל:

15 אלה בני לאה אשר ילדה ליעקב בפדן ארם ואת דינה בתו

כל-נפש בניו ובנותיו שלשים ושלש:

16 ובני גד צפיון וחסגי שוני ואצבן ערי ובארודי ואראלי:

17 ובני אשר מנה וישנה וישוי ובריעה ושרח אחתם ובני בריעה

חבר ומלפיאל:

18 אלה בני זלפה אשר-נתן לכן ללאה בתו ונתלד את-אלה ליעקב

נש עשרה נפש:

46 So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here I am.” ³Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

⁸Now these are the names of the descendants of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons. Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn, ⁹and the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. ¹¹The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹²The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan); and the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. ¹³The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Yob, and Shimron. ¹⁴The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah; altogether his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

¹⁶The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, with Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. ¹⁸These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob—sixteen persons.

- 19 בְּנֵי רַחֵל אֵשֶׁת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף וּבְנֵימֶן:
- 20 וַיִּוֹלַד לְיוֹסֵף בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָהּ-לוֹ אִסְנַת בַּת-פּוֹטִי פָּרַע
כֹּהֵן אֵן אֶת-מְנַשֶּׁה וְאֶת-אֶפְרַיִם:
- 21 וּבְנֵי בְנֵימֶן בְּלַע וּבְכָר וְאַשְׁבֵּל גְּרָא וְנַעֲמָן אַחֵי וְרֹאשׁ מִפִּים
וְחַפִּים וְאָרְדִּי:
- 22 אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי רַחֵל אֲשֶׁר יָלַד לְיַעֲקֹב כָּל-נַפְשׁ אַרְבַּעַה עָשָׂר:
- 23 וּבְנֵי-דָן חֲשִׁים:
- 24 וּבְנֵי נַפְתָּלִי יַחְצָאֵל וְגוֹנִי וַיִּצָּר וְשִׁלֹּם:
- 25 אֵלֶּה בְּנֵי בְלָהָה אֲשֶׁר-נָתַן לָכֵן לְרַחֵל בְּתוֹ וַתֵּלֶד אֶת-אֵלֶּה
לְיַעֲקֹב כָּל-נַפְשׁ שִׁבְעָה:
- 26 כָּל-הַנַּפְשׁ הַבָּאָה לְיַעֲקֹב מִצְרַיִמָּה יִצְאֵי יָרְכוּ מִלְּבַד בְּנֵי
בְנֵי-יַעֲקֹב כָּל-נַפְשׁ שְׁשִׁים וָשֵׁשׁ:
- 27 וּבְנֵי יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר-יָלְדָהּ-לוֹ בְּמִצְרַיִם נַפְשׁ שְׁנַיִם כָּל-הַנַּפְשׁ
לְבֵית-יַעֲקֹב הַבָּאָה מִצְרַיִמָּה שִׁבְעִים:
- 28 וְאֶת-יְהוּדָה שָׁלַח לְפָנָיו אֶל-יוֹסֵף לְהוֹרֹת לְפָנָיו גִּשְׁנָה וַיָּבֵאוּ
אֶרְצָה גִּשְׁוֹן:
- 29 וַיֵּאָסֶר יוֹסֵף מִרְכַּבְתּוֹ וַיַּעַל לְקִרְאֵת-יִשְׂרָאֵל אָבִיו גִּשְׁנָה וַיֵּרָא
אֵלָיו וַיִּפֹּל עַל-צַוָּארָיו וַיִּבְךְּ עַל-צַוָּארָיו עוֹד:
- 30 וַיֵּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל-יוֹסֵף אָמוּתָה הַפֶּעַם אַחֲרַי רְאוּתִי אֶת-פָּנֶיךָ
כִּי עוֹדָךְ חִי:
- 31 וַיֵּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל-אֶחָיו וְאֶל-בֵּית אָבִיו אָעֻלָּה וְאֶגִּידָה לְפָרְעָה
וְאֶמְרָה אֵלָיו אַחֵי וּבֵית-אָבִי אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֶץ-כְּנַעַן בָּאוּ אֵלַי:
- 32 וְהֵאֲנִישִׁים רַעִי צֹאן כִּי-אֲנִישִׁי מִקְנֶה הָיוּ וְצֹאֲנָם וּבְקָרָם וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר
לָהֶם הִבִּיאוּ:
- 33 וְהִנֵּה כִּי-יִקְרָא לָכֶם פָּרְעָה וְאָמַר מַה-מַּעֲשֵׂיכֶם:
- 34 וְאָמַרְתֶּם אֲנִישִׁי מִקְנֶה הָיוּ עֹבְדֵיךָ מִנְעוּרֵינוּ וְעַד-עַתָּה גַם-אֲנַחְנוּ
גַם-אֲבֹתֵינוּ בַּעֲבוּר תַּשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גִּשְׁוֹן כִּי-תוֹעֵבֶת מִצְרַיִם כָּל-רַעֵה
צֹאן:

19 *Rachel*. ch. 29:18; 30:24; 35:16–18, 24; 44:27. Ex. 1:3, 5. 1 Ch. 2:2. *Joseph*. ch. 37; 39; 40–45; 47; 49:22–27; 50:1, etc. Nu. 1:36, 37; 26:38–41. De. 33:12–17.

20 *Manasseh*. ch. 41:50–52; 48:4, 5, 13, 14, 20. Nu. 1:32–35; 26:28–37. De. 33:13–17. 1 Ch. 5:23–26; 7:14–29. *priest. or. prince*. ch. 41:45, 50, marg. 21 *the sons*. ch. 49:27. Nu. 1:11, 36, 37. De. 33:12. 1 Ch. 7:6–12; 8:1–7. *Ehi*. Nu. 26:38. *Ahram*. *Muppim*. Nu. 26:39. *Shupham*. 1 Ch. 7:12. *Shup-pim*. *Huppim*. Nu. 26:39. *Hupham*. 23 *Dan*. ch. 30:6; 35:25; 49:16, 17. Nu. 1:12, 38, 39; 10:25. De. 33:22. 1 Ch. 2:2; 7:12; 12:35. *Hushim*. Nu. 26:42, 43. *Shuham*. 24 *Naphtali*. ch. 30:7, 8; 35:25; 49:21. Nu. 1:15, 42, 43; 26:48–50. De. 33:23, 2 Ki. 15:29. 1 Ch. 2:2; 12:34. *Jahzeel*. 1 Ch. 7:13. *Jahziel*. 25 *Bilhah*. ch. 29:29; 30:3–8; 35:22, 25. Ex. 1:2. 26 *loins*. *Heb*. thigh. ch. 35:11. Ex. 1:5. Ju. 8:30. 27 *threescore and ten*. Threescore and six were before mentioned, (ver. 26.) so that Joseph and his two sons, together with Jacob himself, complete the seventy persons here enumerated; and the number in ver. 15, 18, 22, 25, amount to that number. The addition of five persons in the LXX. in ver. 20, was either the cause or the consequence of another difference here; for in that version the number is seventy-five. ver. 15, 18, 22, 25. Ex. 1:5; 24:1. De. 10:22. Ac. 7:14. 28 *Judah*. ch. 43:8; 44:16–34; 49:8. *to direct*. ch. 31:21. *Goshen*. Goshen seems to have been a city, after which the land of Goshen was called. The LXX. render it by Ἡρώωνπολις, *Heroopolis*, 'city of Heroon;' which by some writers is simply called *Heroum*, and is by the ancient geographers placed in the eastern part of Egypt, not far from the Arabian Gulf. ver. 34; see on ch. 45:10; 47:1. 29 *his chariot*. ch. 41:43; 45:19, 21. *fell on*. ch. 33:4; 45:14. Lu. 15:20. Ac. 20:37. 30 ch. 45:28. Lu. 2:29, 30. 31 ch. 45:16–20; 47:1–3. Ac. 18:3. He. 2:11. 32 *shepherds*. ch. 4:2; 31:18; 37:2; 47:3. Ex. 3:1. 1 Sa. 16:11; 17:15. Ps. 78:70–72. Is. 40:11. Zec. 13:5. *their trade hath been to feed cattle*. *Heb*. they are men of cattle. ver. 34; ch. 9:20. 1 Ki. 9:27; 18, 5, 6. *and they*. ch. 45:10. 33 *What is*. ver. 32; ch. 47:2–4. Jon. 1:8. 34 *Thy servants*. ver. 32; ch. 30:35; 34:5; 37:12. *for every*. From the fragments of MANETHO, preserved in JOSEPHUS and AFRICANUS, it appears that hordes of marauders, called *hyccassos*, or shepherd kings, whose chief occupation, like the Bedouin Arabs of the present day, was to keep flocks, made a powerful irruption into Egypt, which they subdued, and ruled, by a succession of kings, with great tyranny for 259 years. Hence the persons, and even the very name of shepherds were execrated, and held in the greatest odium by the Egyptians. ch. 43:32. Ex. 8:26.

¹⁹The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore to him.

²¹And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. ²²These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob—fourteen persons in all.

²³The son of Dan: Hushim. ²⁴The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob—seven persons in all.

²⁶All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. ²⁷And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

²⁸He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen.

²⁹Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive."

³¹Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. ³²And the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

³³When Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' ³⁴you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

Joseph presents his father, and five of his brethren, before Pharaoh, 1–10. He gives them habitation and maintenance, 11, 12. He gets the Egyptians' money, 13–16; their cattle, 16, 17; and their lands, except the priests', to Pharaoh, 18–22. He restores the land for a fifth, 23–26. Jacob's age, 28. He swears Joseph to bury him with his fathers, 29–31.
1 *Joseph. ch. 45:16; 46:31. He. 2:11. in the land. ch. 45:10; 46:28, 34. Ex. 8:22; 9:26.*
2 *presented. Ac. 7:13. 2 Co. 4:14. Col. 1:28. Jude 24.*
3 *What is. ch. 46:33, 34. Am. 7:14, 15. Jon. 1:8. 2 Th. 3:10. shepherds. ch. 4:2.*
4 *For to. ch. 12:10; 15:13. De. 26:5. Ps. 105:23. Is. 52:4. Ac. 7:6. for the famine. ch. 43:1. Ac. 7:11. let thy. ch. 46:34.*
6 *is. ver. 11; ch. 13:9; 20:15; 34:10; 45:18–20. Pr. 21:1. Jno. 17:2. Goshen. ver. 4, 11. men of activity. Anshey chayil, men of strength, power, ability, or prowess. It implies both fitness of mind and body; and so valour, prudence, diligence, and virtue. rulers. Ex. 18:21. 1 Sa. 21:7. 1 Ch. 27:29–31. 2 Ch. 26:10. Pr. 22:29. cattle. Mikneh, from kanah, to possess, signifies property or possession of any kind, though it frequently is used for cattle, because in ancient times they constituted the principal part of a man's possessions. See ver. 16. Ex. 9:3–6, 10–21.*
7 *And Jacob. ver. 10; ch. 14:19. Ex. 12:32. Nu. 6:23, 24. Jos. 14:13. 1 Sa. 2:20. 2 Sa. 8:10; 19:39. 1 Ki. 1:47. 2 Ki. 4:29. Mat. 26:26. Lu. 22:19. 1 Pe. 2:17.*
8 *How old art thou. Heb. How many are the days of the years of thy life? ver. 9.*
9 *The days. 1 Ch. 29:15. Ps. 39:12; 119:19, 54. 2 Co. 5:6. He. 11:9–16; 13:14. 1 Pe. 2:11. an hundred. Job 14:1. Ps. 39:5; 89:47, 48; 90:3–12. Ja. 4:14. have not. ver. 28; ch. 5:27; 11:11, 24, 25; 25:7, 8; 35:28; 50:26. Ex. 6:4; 7:7. De. 34:7. Jos. 24:29. 2 Sa. 19:32–35. Job 8:8, 9; 42:16, 17.*
10 *ver. 7; ch. 14:19. Nu. 6:23–27. De. 33:1. Ru. 2:4. 2 Sa. 8:10; 19:39. Ps. 119:46; 129:8. He. 7:7.*
11 *Rameses. ver. 6. Ex. 1:11; 12:37. Jno. 10:10, 28; 14:2, 23; 17:2, 24.*
12 *nourished. Ru. 4:15. his father. Ex. 20:12. Mat. 15:4–6. Mar. 7:10–13. 1 Ti. 4:8; 5:4, 8. according to their families. or, as a little child is nourished. Heb. according to the little ones. ver. 1, 21, 24. 1 Th. 2:7.*
13 *A.M. 2300. B.C. 1704. so that. ch. 41:30, 31. 1 Ki. 18:5. Je. 14:1–6. La. 2:19, 20; 4:9. Ac. 7:11. fainted. Je. 9:12. Joel 1:10–12.*
14 *the money. ch. 41:56. Joseph brought. Lu. 16:1, 2, 10–12. 1 Co. 4:2. 1 Pe. 4:10.*

47 וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף וַיְגִיד לְפָרְעֹה וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וְאֶחָיו וְצִאֲנָם וּבְקָרָם

וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם בָּאוּ מֵאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְהֵנָּם בְּאֶרֶץ גִּזְשׁוֹן:

2 וּמִקְצֵה אֶחָיו לָקַח חַמְשָׁה אָנָשִׁים וַיִּצְגַּם לִפְנֵי פָרְעֹה:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר פָּרְעֹה אֶל־אֶחָיו מִה־מַּעֲשֵׂיכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־פָּרְעֹה רָעָה צָאן עֲבָדֶיךָ גַּם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַּם־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ:

4 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל־פָּרְעֹה לְגֹר בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן כִּי־אִין מְרֻעָה לְצֹאן אֲשֶׁר לְעֲבָדֶיךָ כִּי־כָבֵד הָרָעַב בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְעַתָּה יֵשְׁבוּ־נָא עֲבָדֶיךָ בְּאֶרֶץ גִּזְשׁוֹן:

5 וַיֹּאמֶר פָּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֹא־מֵר אָבִיךָ וְאֶחָיךָ בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ:

6 אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לִפְנֶיךָ הוּא בְּמִיטֵב הָאֶרֶץ הוֹשֵׁב אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אֶחָיךָ יֵשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גִּזְשׁוֹן וְאִם־יִדְעַתָּ וַיִּשְׁבְּבָם אֲנִשִּׁי־חֵיל וְשִׁמְתָם שָׂרֵי מִקְנֵה עַל־אֲשֶׁר־לֵי:

7 וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־יַעֲקֹב אָבִיו וַיַּעֲמְדֵהוּ לִפְנֵי פָרְעֹה וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב אֶת־פָּרְעֹה:

8 וַיֹּאמֶר פָּרְעֹה אֶל־יַעֲקֹב כַּמָּה יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֶּיךָ:

9 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־פָּרְעֹה יָמֵי שְׁנֵי מְגֹרֵי שְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאֵת שָׁנָה מְעַט וְרַעִים הָיוּ יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי וְלֹא הִשְׁיִגּוּ אֶת־יָמֵי שְׁנֵי חַיֵּי אֲבֹתַי בְּיָמֵי מְגֹרֵיהֶם:

10 וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב אֶת־פָּרְעֹה וַיִּצְא מִלִּפְנֵי פָרְעֹה:

11 וַיּוֹשֵׁב יוֹסֵף אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אֶחָיו וַיִּתֵּן לָהֶם אֶחְזָה בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּמִיטֵב הָאֶרֶץ בְּאֶרֶץ רַעְמֶסֶס כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה פָּרְעֹה:

12 וַיַּכְלִיל יוֹסֵף אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אֶחָיו וְאֵת כָּל־בֵּית אָבִיו לְחָם לְפִי הַטָּף:

13 וּלְחָם אִין בְּכָל־הָאֶרֶץ כִּי־כָבֵד הָרָעַב מְאֹד וַתִּלְהֶה אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וְאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן מִפְּנֵי הָרָעַב:

14 וַיִּלְקַט יוֹסֵף אֶת־כָּל־הַכֶּסֶף הַנִּמְצָא בְּאֶרֶץ־מִצְרַיִם וּבְאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן בְּשָׂבָר אֲשֶׁר־הֵם שֹׁבְרִים וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־הַכֶּסֶף בֵּיתָה פָּרְעֹה:

47 So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” ² And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. ³ Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.” ⁴ They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants’ flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.” ⁵ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

⁷ Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸ And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” ⁹ And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” ¹⁰ And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. ¹¹ Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹² And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

¹³ Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. ¹⁴ And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh’s house.

15 ויתם הכסף מארץ מצרים ומארץ כנען ויבאו כל-מצרים
אל-יוסף לאמר הבה-לנו לחם ולמה נמות נגדך כי אפס כסף:
16 ויאמר יוסף הבו מקניכם ואתנה לכם במקניכם אם-אפס כסף:
17 ויביאו את-מקניהם אל-יוסף ויתן להם יוסף לחם בסוסים
ובמקנה הצאן ובמקנה הבקר ובחמרים וינהלם בלחם בכל-מקניהם
בשנה ההוא:
18 ותתם השנה ההוא ויבאו אליו בשנה השנית ויאמרו לו
לא-נכחד מאדני כי אם-תם הכסף ומקנה הבמה אל-אדני לא נשאר
לפני אדני בלתי אם-גוינתנו ואדמתנו:
19 למה נמות לעיניך גם-אנחנו גם אדמתנו קנה-אתנו
ואת-אדמתנו בלחם ונהיה אנחנו ואדמתנו עבדים לפרעה ותן-זרע
ונחיה ולא נמות והאדמה לא תשם:
20 ויקן יוסף את-כל-אדמת מצרים לפרעה כיימכרו מצרים איש
שדהו כייחזק עליהם הרעב ותהי הארץ לפרעה:
21 ואת-העם העביר אתו לערים מקצה גבול-מצרים ועד-קצהו:
22 רק אדמת הכהנים לא קנה כי חק לפנהנים מאת פרעה ואכלו
את-חלקם אשר נתן להם פרעה על-כן לא מכרו את-אדמתם:
23 ויאמר יוסף אל-העם הן קניתי אתכם היום ואת-אדמתכם
לפרעה הא-לכם זרע וזרעתם את-האדמה:
24 והיה בתבואת ונתתם חמישית לפרעה וארבע היזת והיה לכם
לזרע השדה ולאכלכם ולאשר בבתיכם ולאכל לטפכם:
25 ויאמרו החיתנו נמצא-חן בעיני אדני והינינו עבדים לפרעה:
26 וישם אתה יוסף לחק עד-היום הנה על-אדמת מצרים לפרעה
לחמש רק אדמת הכהנים לבדם לא היתה לפרעה:

15 A.M. 2301. B.C. 1703. Give us bread. ver. 18, 19, 24. Ju. 8:5, 8. 1 Sa. 21:3; 25:8. Ps. 37:3. Is. 33:16. Mat. 6:11.
16 Give your cattle. This was the wisest measure that could be adopted, both for the preservation of the people and of the cattle. As the people had not grain for their own sustenance, consequently they could have none for their cattle; hence they were in the most imminent danger of starving; and the people also were in equal danger; as they must have divided a portion of that bought for themselves with the cattle, which, for the sake of tillage, etc., they wished of course to preserve till the seven years' famine should end. Da. 6:5-7. Pr. 12:17. 1 Co. 10:32. Phi. 4:8. Col. 4:5.
17 for horses. Ex. 9:3. 1 Ki. 10:28. Job 2:4. Is. 31:1. Mat. 6:24. fed them. Heb. led them.
18 A.M. 2302. B.C. 1702. 2 Ki. 6:26. Je. 38:9.
19 buy us. Ne. 5:2, 3. Job 2:4. La. 1:11; 5:6, 9. Mat. 16:26. Phi. 3:8, 9. and give. See on ver. 23.
21 A.M. 2303. B.C. 1701. And as. It is highly probable, that Joseph was influenced by no political motive in removing the people to the cities, but merely by motives of prudence and humanity; for, as the corn was laid up in the cities, it would be more eligible to bring them from distant towns and villages to places where they might be more conveniently supplied with food. to cities. ch. 41:48.
22 of the priests. or, princes. ch. 14:18; 41:45, 50, marg. 2 Sa. 8:18. for the priests. De. 12:19. Jos. ch. 21. Eze. 7:24. Ne. 13:10. Mat. 10:10. 1 Co. 9:13. Ga. 6:6. 2 Th. 3:10. 1 Ti. 5:17.
23 bought. ver. 19. here is seed. ch. 41:27; 45:6. Ps. 41:1; 107:36, 37; 112:5. Pr. 11:26; 12:11; 13:23. Ec. 11:6. Is. 28:24, 25; 55:10. Mat. 24:45. 2 Co. 9:10.
24 the fifth part. ver. 25; ch. 41:34. Le. 27:32. 1 Sa. 8:15-17. Ps. 41:1; 112:5.
25 Thou hast. ch. 6:19; 41:45, marg.; 45:6-8; 50:20. Pr. 11:26, 27. let us. ch. 18:3; 33:15. Ru. 2:13.
26 made it a law. From this history, and from DIODORUS SICULUS (lib. i.), we learn that the land of Egypt was divided into three parts: one belonged to the PRIESTS, (ver. 22, 26) a second was the KING'S, (which appears to have been the land of Rameses, or Goshen, ver. 11;) the remainder was the SUBJECTS'. Now Joseph, having purchased the land of the people (ver. 19, 20), restored it, on the condition of their paying a fifth part of the produce to the king, beyond which he appears to have made no demand. except. ver. 22. Eze. 7:24. priests. or, princes. See ver. 22.

¹⁵ And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, “Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone.”

¹⁶ And Joseph answered, “Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.” ¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

¹⁸ And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, “We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord’s. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. ¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh’s. ²¹ As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. ²² Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. ²⁴ And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.” ²⁵ And they said, “You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.” ²⁶ So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh’s.

27 וַיָּשָׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן וַיֵּאָחֲזוּ בָּהּ וַיִּפְרוּ וַיִּרְבוּ
מְאֹד:

28 וַיַּחֲזִי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שְׁבַע עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה וַיְהִי יְמֵי־יַעֲקֹב שָׁנָי
חֲזָיו שְׁבַע שָׁנִים וְאֶרְבָּעִים וּמָאתַיִם שָׁנָה:

29 וַיִּקְרְבוּ יְמֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לָמוּת וַיִּקְרָא לְבָנָו לְיוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אִם־נָא
מְצֹאתִי חַן בְּעֵינֶיךָ שְׂיִם־נָא יָדְךָ תַּחַת יָרְכִי וְעָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי חֶסֶד וְאֶמֶת
אֶל־נָא תִקְבְּרֵנִי בְּמִצְרַיִם:

30 וְשֹׁכְבֹתַי עִם־אֲבֹתַי וַנְּשָׂאתַנִּי מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיִּקְבְּרֵנִי בְּקַבְרֹתָם וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲנֹכִי אֶעֱשֶׂה כְּדִבְרֶךָ:

31 וַיֹּאמֶר הַשְּׁבָעָה לִּי וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל־רֹאשׁ הַמֶּטֶה:

27 *dwelt.* ver. 11. *grew.* ch. 8:7, 9; 13:16; 26:4; 28:14; 46:3. Ex. 1:7, 12. De. 10:22; 26:5. Ne. 9:23. Ps. 105:24; 107:38. Zec. 10:8. Ac. 7:17.
28 A.M. 2315. B.C. 1689. *seventeen.* ch. 37:2. *the whole age.* Heb. the days of the years of his life. ver. 8, marg., 9. Ps. 90:10, 12; 119:84.
29 *must die.* ver. 9; ch. 3:19; 50:24. De. 31:14. 2 Sa. 7:12; 14:14. 1 Ki. 2:1. Job 7:1; 14:14; 30:23. Ps. 6:5; 49:7, 9; 89:48. He. 9:27. *put.* See on ch. 24:2. *deal kindly.* ch. 24:49. *bury me not.* ch. 50:24. 25. Ac. 7:15, 16. He. 11:22.
30 ch. 23:19; 25:9; 49:29-32; 50:5-14, 25. 2 Sa. 19:37. 1 Ki. 13:22. Ne. 2:3, 5.
31 *Swear.* ch. 24:3. *And Israel bowed.* As *shachah*, which primarily signifies to bow, denotes also to worship; and as *mittah*, a bed, pronounced *matteh*, is a staff; the LXX. have taken the passage in the latter sense, and rendered it, και προσεκύνησεν Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τὸ ἀκρον τῆς ραβδου αὐτου, 'and Israel worshipped upon the top of his staff,' which is literally copied by the apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews. The present reading is, however, supported by the Masoretic pointing and the Targums; and is most probably correct, as it would appear that Jacob was confined to his bed. See ver. 29; ch. 24:26; 48:1, 2. 1 Ki. 1:47. He. 11:21.

48 וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיֹּאמֶר לְיוֹסֵף הִנֵּה אָבִיךָ חָלָה וַיִּקַּח
אֶת־שָׁנָי בָּנָיו עִמּוֹ אֶת־מְנַשֶּׁה וְאֶת־אֶפְרַיִם:

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Joseph with his sons visits his sick father. 1. *Jacob strengthens himself to bless them.* 2. *He repeats God's promise.* 3, 4. *He takes Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons.* 5, 6. *He tells Joseph of his mother's grave.* 7. *He blesses Ephraim and Manasseh.* 8-16. *He prefers the younger before the elder.* 17-20. *He prophesies their return to Canaan.* 21, 22.
1 *thy father.* Jno. 11:3. *his two sons.* ch. 41:50-52; 46:20; 50:23. Job 42:16. Ps. 128:6.
2 *strengthened.* De. 3:28. 1 Sa. 23:16. Ne. 2:18. Ps. 41:3. Pr. 23:15. Ep. 6:10.
3 *God.* ch. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11. Ex. 6:3. Re. 21:22. *appeared.* ch. 28:12-19; 35:6, 7, 9, 11, 12. Ho. 12:4. *Luz.* Ju. 1:23.
4 *Behold, I.* ch. 12:2; 13:15, 16; 22:17; 26:4; 28:3, 13-15; 32:12; 35:11; 46:3; 47:27. Ex. 1:7, 11. *will give.* De. 32:8. Am. 9:14, 15. *everlasting.* ch. 17:8, 13.
5 *two sons.* ch. 41:50-52; 46:20. Jos. 13:7; 14:4; ch. 16; 17. *are mine.* Le. 20:26. Nu. 1:10, 32-35; 26:28-37. Is. 43:1. Eze. 16:8. Mal. 3:17. 2 Co. 6:18. Ep. 1:5. *Reuben.* 1 Ch. 5:1, 2. Re. 7:6, 7.
6 *and shall be called.* Jos. 14:4.
7 *Padan.* ch. 25:20. *Rachel.* ch. 35:9, 16-19. 1 Sa. 10:2. Mat. 2:18. *to Ephrath.* Ru. 1:2. 1 Sa. 1:1; 17:12. Mi. 5:2.

2 וַיִּגַּד לְיַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה בְנֵךְ יוֹסֵף בָּא אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּתְחַזַּק יִשְׂרָאֵל
וַיִּשָׁב עַל־הַמֶּטֶה:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֵל שְׂדֵי נְרָאָה־אֵלֶי בְּלוּז בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
וַיִּבְרָךְ אֹתִי:

4 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶי הַנְּנִי מִפְּרָךְ וְהִרְבִּיתִּךָ וְנָתַתִּיךָ לְקַהֲל עַמִּים וְנָתַתִּי
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְזֶרְעֶךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ אֶחֱזַת עוֹלָם:

5 וְעַתָּה שְׁנִי־בְנֶיךָ הַנּוֹלָדִים לָךְ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַד־בָּאִי אֵלֶיךָ
מִצְרַיִמָּה לִי־הֵם אֶפְרַיִם וּמְנַשֶּׁה כְּרֵאוּבֵן וְשָׁמְעוּן יְהִי־וּלִי:

6 וּמוֹלַדְתֶּךָ אֲשֶׁר־הוֹלַדְתָּ אַחֲרֵיהֶם לָךְ יְהִיו עַל שֵׁם אַחֲיֵיהֶם יִקְרָאוּ
בְּנֹחֲלָתָם:

7 וְאֲנִי בָּבֹאִי מִפְּדוֹן מָתָה עָלֶי רַחֵל בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן בְּדֶרֶךְ בְּעוֹד
כְּבַר־תְּאָרֶץ לְבָא אֶפְרַתָּה וְאֶקְבְּרֶהָ שָׁם בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶפְרַת הוּא בַּיִת לְחָם:

²⁷ Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly. ²⁸ And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years.

²⁹ And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." ³¹ And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

48 After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³ And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴ and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.' ⁵ And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. ⁶ And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ⁷ As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8 וַיִּרְא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־בְּנֵי יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר מִי־אַלְהָהּ:

9 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֲבִיו בְּנֵי הֵם אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן־לִי אֱלֹהִים בְּנֵה וַיֹּאמֶר
 קָחֶם־נָא אֵלַי וְאֶבְרַכְכֶם:

10 וַעֲיִנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּבְדוּ מִזְקֵן לֹא יוּכַל לְרֹאוֹת וַיִּגַּשׁ אֹתָם אֱלָיו וַיִּשְׁק
 לָהֶם וַיִּסְבֹּק לָהֶם:

11 וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יוֹסֵף רְאֵה פָנָיִךָ לֹא פָלַתִּי וְהִנֵּה הִרְאָה אֹתִי
 אֱלֹהִים גַּם אֶת־זְרָעֲךָ:

12 וַיּוֹצֵא יוֹסֵף אֹתָם מֵעַם בְּרַכְיוֹ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ לְאַפְיוֹ אֶרְצָה:

13 וַיִּקַּח יוֹסֵף אֶת־שְׁנֵינֵיהֶם אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם בִּימִינוֹ מִשְׁמָאל יִשְׂרָאֵל
 וְאֶת־מְנַשֶּׁה בְּשִׂמְאֹלוֹ מִיְמִין יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּגַּשׁ אֵלָיו:

14 וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־יְמִינוֹ וַיִּשֶׁת׀ עַל־רֹאשׁ אֶפְרַיִם וְהוּא הִצָּעִיר
 וְאֶת־שְׂמָאלוֹ עַל־רֹאשׁ מְנַשֶּׁה שִׁבַּל אֶת־יְדָיו כִּי מְנַשֶּׁה הִבְכֹּר:

15 וַיְבָרֶךְ אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר הִתְהַלְכוּ אֲבֹתַי לְפָנָיו
 אֶבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק הָאֱלֹהִים הֲרַעָה אֹתִי מְעוּדֵי עַד־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

16 הַמְּלֹאךָ הַגָּזָל אֹתִי מִפְּלֶרַע יְבָרֶךְ אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים וַיִּקְרָא בָהֶם
 שְׁמֵי וְשֵׁם אֲבֹתַי אֶבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק וַיִּדְגֹּג לְרֹב בְּקָרֶב הָאָרֶץ:

17 וַיִּרְא יוֹסֵף כִּי־יָשִׁית אָבִיו יְדֵי־יְמִינוֹ עַל־רֹאשׁ־אֶפְרַיִם וַיִּרַע
 בְּעֵינָיו וַיִּתְמַךְ יַד־אָבִיו לְהִסִּיר אֹתָהּ מֵעַל רֹאשׁ אֶפְרַיִם עַל־רֹאשׁ
 מְנַשֶּׁה:

18 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֲבִיו לֹא־כֵן אָבִי כִּי־נִזְהָ הִבְכַּר שֵׁים יְמִינִךָ
 עַל־רֹאשׁוֹ:

19 וַיִּמָּאֵן אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר יְדַעְתִּי בְנֵי יְדַעְתִּי גַם־הוּא יִהְיֶה־לָּעַם
 וְגַם־הוּא יִגְדֹּל וְאוֹלָם אַחֲיוֹ הַקָּטָן יִגְדֹּל מִמֶּנּוּ וַיִּרְעוּ יִהְיֶה מְלֹא־הַגּוֹיִם:

20 וַיְבָרְכֶם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בְּךָ יְבָרֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר יִשְׁמַךְ
 אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה וַיִּשֶׁם אֶת־אֶפְרַיִם לְפָנָי מְנַשֶּׁה:

9 *my sons.* ch. 30:2; 33:5. Ru. 4:11-14. 1 Sa. 1:20, 27; 2:20, 21. 1 Ch. 25:5; 26:4-5. Ps. 127:3. Is. 8:18; 56:3-5. *bless them.* ch. 27:4, 28, 29, 34-40; 28:3, 4; 49:28. De. 33:1. He. 11:21.

10 *the eyes.* ch. 27:1. 1 Sa. 3:2; 4:15. *dim. Heb. heavy.* Is. 6:10; 59:1. *kissed.* ch. 27:27; 31:55; 45:15. 1 Ki. 19:20.

11 *I had not.* ch. 37:33, 35; 42:36; 45:26. *God.* Ep. 3:20.

12 *he bowed himself.* Joseph thus shewed that his external greatness did not render him forgetful of the respect due to his father. The Egyptians were remarkable for the reverence they paid to old age: 'for if a young person meet his senior, he instantly turns aside to make way for him; if an aged person enter an apartment, the youth always rise from their seats;' and Mr. SAVARY observes, that the same reverence is still paid to old age in Egypt. ch. 18:2; 19:1; 23:7; 33:3; 42:6. Ex. 20:12; 34:8. Le. 19:3, 32. 1 Ki. 2:19. 2 Ki. 4:37. Pr. 31:28. Ep. 6:1.

14 *his right hand.* Ex. 15:6. Ps. 110:1; 118:16. *and laid.* Nu. 8:10, 18. De. 34:9. Mat. 19:13, 15. Mar. 6:5; 16:18. Lu. 4:40; 13:13. Ac. 6:6; 8:17-19; 13:3. 1 Ti. 4:14; 5:22. *guiding.* ver. 19. *firstborn.* ver. 18; ch. 41:51; 46:20.

15 *blessed.* ver. 16; ch. 27:4; 28:3; 49:28. De. 33:1. He. 11:21. *did walk.* ch. 5:22-24; 6:9; 17:1; 24:20. 1 Ki. 3:6. Ps. 16:8. Is. 30:21. Je. 8:2. Lu. 1:6. 1 Co. 10:31. 2 Co. 1:12. Col. 2:6. 1 Th. 2:12. *fed me.* ch. 28:20, 22. Ps. 23:1; 37:3; 103:4, 5. Ec. 2:24, 25; 5:12, 18; 6:7. Is. 33:16. Mat. 6:25-34. 1 Ti. 6:6-10.

16 *Angel.* ch. 16:7-13; 28:15; 31:11-13, 24. Ex. 3:2-6; 23:20, 21. Ju. 2:1-4; 6:21-24; 13:21, 22. Ps. 34:7, 22; 121:7. Is. 47:4; 63:9. Ho. 12:4, 5. Mal. 3:1. Ac. 7:30-35. 1 Co. 10:4, 9. *redeemed.* Ps. 34:2. Mat. 6:13. Jno. 17:15. Ro. 8:23. 2 Ti. 4:18. Tit. 2:14. *my name.* ver. 5; ch. 32:28. De. 28:10. 2 Ch. 7:14. Je. 14:9. Am. 9:12. Ac. 15:17. *grow into.* Heb. as fishes do increase. ch. 1:21, 22. Nu. 1:46; 26:34, 37. Fish are the most prolific of all animals: a *tench* lays 1000 eggs, a *carp* 20,000, and LEUWENHOEK counted in a middling sized *cod*, 9,384,000! *a multitude.* ch. 49:22. Ex. 1:7. Nu. 26:28-37. De. 33:17. Jos. 17:17.

17 *laid his.* ver. 14. *displeased him.* Heb. was evil in his eyes. ch. 28:8; 38:10. Nu. 11:1; 22:34, marg. 1 Sa. 16:7. 1 Ki. 16:25. 1 Ch. 21:7. Pr. 24:18. Ro. 9:7, 8, 11.

18 *Not so.* ch. 19:18. Ex. 10:11. Mat. 25:9. Ac. 10:14; 11:8. *for this.* ch. 27:15; 29:26; 43:33; 49:3.

19 *said, I know it.* ver. 14; ch. 17:20, 21; 25:23. Nu. 1:33-35; 2:19-21. De. 33:17. Is. 7:17. Eze. 37:10. Re. 7:6, 8. *become.* De. 1:10. Ru. 4:11, 12. *multitude.* Heb. fulness.

20 *Israel bless.* ch. 24:60; 28:3. Ru. 4:11, 12. *and he set.* Nu. 2:18-21; 7:48, 54; 10:22, 23; 13:8, 11, 16.

⁸ When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" ⁹ Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."

¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹ And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." ¹² Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³ And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. ¹⁴ And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸ And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." ¹⁹ But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." ²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה אֲנֹכִי מֵת וְהָיָה אֱלֹהִים עִמָּכֶם
וְהִשִּׁיב אֶתְכֶם אֶל־אֶרֶץ אֲבֹתֵיכֶם:

22 וְאָנֹכִי נִתְּתִי לָהּ שָׁכֶם אֶחָד עַל־אֶחָיִךְ אֲשֶׁר לְקַחְתִּי מִיַּד הָאֲמָרִי
בְּחֶרֶב וּבְקִשְׁתִּי:

49 וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶל־בָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הֲאִסְפוּ וְאֲגִידָה לָכֶם אֵת
אֲשֶׁר־יִקְרָא אֶתְכֶם בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים:

2 הַקִּבְצוּ וְשִׁמְעוּ בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב וְשִׁמְעוּ אֶל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיכֶם:

3 רְאוּבֵן בְּכָרִי אַתָּה פָּחִי וְרָאשִׁית אוֹנִי יְתֵר שְׂאֵת וְיְתֵר עָז:

4 פָּחַז כַּמִּים אֶל־תּוֹמֵר כִּי עָלִיתָ מִשְׁכְּבִי אָבִיךָ אֵז חֲלַלְתָּ יְצוּעֵי
עֲלֶיךָ:

5 שִׁמְעוּן וְלוֹי אַחִים כָּלִי חָמָס מְכַרְתִּיהֶם:

6 בְּסֹדֶם אֶל־תְּבֹא נַפְשִׁי בְּקֹהֶלֶם אֶל־תִּחַד כְּבֹדִי כִּי בְּאַפִּים הָרְגוּ
אִישׁ וּבְרִצָּנִים עִקְרוּ־שׁוֹר:

7 אַרְוֵר אַפִּים כִּי עָז וְעִבְרָתָם כִּי קִשְׁתָּה אֶחְלַקְם בְּיַעֲקֹב וְאַפִּיצֵם
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

8 יְהוּדָה אַתָּה יוֹדוּךָ אֶחָיִךְ יָדָה בְּעֵרְףְּ אִיְבִיךָ יִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לָהּ בְּנֵי
אֲבִיךָ:

9 גֹּוֹר אַרְיָה יְהוּדָה מִטְּרָף בְּנֵי עָלִיתָ כָּרַע רַבִּץ כְּאַרְיָה וּכְלָבִיא מִי
יִקְמָנוּ:

21 Behold. ch. 50:24. 1 Ki. 2:2-4. Ps. 146:3, 4. Ze. 1:5, 6. Lu. 2:29. Ac. 13:36. 2 Ti. 4:6. He. 7:3, 8, 23-25. 2 Pe. 1:14. God. ch. 15:14; 28:15; 46:4. De. ch. 1:31:8. Jos. 1:5, 9; 3:7; 23:14; ch. 24. Ps. 18:46. land. ch. 12:5; 26:3; 37:1. 22 given. ch. 33:19. De. 21:17. Jos. 24:32. 1 Ch. 5:2. Eze. 47:13. Jno. 4:5. Amorite. ch. 15:16; 34:28. Jos. 17:14-18. Ju. 11:23. Am. 2:9.

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²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers.

²² Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”

49 Then Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.

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

³ “Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, and the firstfruits of my strength,
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,
because you went up to your father’s bed;
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

⁵ “Simeon and Levi are brothers;
weapons of violence are their swords.

⁶ Let my soul come not into their council;
O my glory, be not joined to their company.
For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.

⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob
and scatter them in Israel.

⁸ “Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons shall bow down before you.

⁹ Judah is a lion’s cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.

He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

- 10 לא־יסור שֶׁבֶט מִיהוּדָה וּמַחֲקֵק מִבֵּין רַגְלָיו עַד כִּי־בֹא שִׁילָה
וְלוֹ יִקְהַת עַמִּים:
- 11 אֶסְרֵי לִגְפֹן עִירָה ^ק וְלִשְׂרָקָה בְּנֵי אֲתָנוּ כַּבֵּס בֵּין לְבָשׁוּ
וּבְדָם־עֲנָבִים סוּתָה: ^ק
- 12 חֲכָלִילִי עֵינַיִם מִזֵּין וּלְכֹן־שָׁנִים מִחֶלֶב:
- 13 זְבוּלָן לְחוּף נַמִּים יִשְׁכֹּן וְהוּא לְחוּף אֲנִיּוֹת וְנִרְפָּתוֹ עַל־צִידוֹן:
- 14 יִשְׁשׂוּכֶר חֲמֵר גָּרָם רַבִּץ בֵּין הַמְּשֻׁפְּתִים:
- 15 וַיִּרְא מִגְּחָה כִּי טוֹב וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ כִּי נֶעְמָה וַיֵּט שֶׁכֶמוֹ לְסָבֵל וַיְהִי
לְמַס־עֲבָד:
- 16 דָן יַדִּין עַמּוֹ כְּאֶחָד שְׁבֹטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
- 17 יְהִי־דָן נְחֹשׁ עַל־יַדְרָךְ שְׁפִיפֹן עַל־יֶאֱרַח הַנְּשֻׁף עֶקְבֵי־סוּס וַיִּפֹּל
לְכַבּוֹ אַחֲוֹר:
- 18 לִישׁוּעָתָךְ קוֹיָתִי יְהוָה:
- 19 גָּד גְּדוּד יִגְדֹּדְנוּ וְהוּא יִגְדַּע עֶקֶב:
- 20 מְאֹשֶׁר שְׁמָנָה לְחָמוֹ וְהוּא יִתֵּן מַעֲדָנַי־מְלֹךְ:
- 21 נִפְתָּלִי אֵילָה שְׁלַחָה הַנִּתֵּן אֶמְרֵי־שֹׁפָר:

10 *sceptre*. Nu. 24:17. Ps. 60:7. Je. 30:21. Ho. 11:12. Eze. 19:11, 14. Zec. 10:11. *lawgiver*. Nu. 21:18. Ps. 60:7; 108:8. Is. 33:22. *between*. De. 28:57. *until*. Is. 9:6; 11:1–5; 62:11. Je. 23:5; 6. Eze. 21:27. Da. 9:25. Mat. 1:21; 17:5; 21:9. Lu. 1:32, 33. Jno. 9:7; 18:31; 19:12, 15. *the gathering*. Ps. 7:8–11. Is. 2:2; 11:10, 12, 13; 42:1, 3, 4; 49:6, 7, 22, 23; 55:4, 5; 60:1, 3–5. Eze. 21:27. Hag. 2:7. Zec. 2:11; 8:20–23. Mat. 25:32. Lu. 1:32, 33; 2:30–32. Jno. 12:32. Ro. 15:12. 2 Co. 5:10. He. 7:14. Re. 11:15.

11 *his foal*. Is. 63:1–3. *he washed*. 1 Ki. 4:20, 25. 2 Ki. 18:32. Joel 3:18. Mi. 4:4. Re. 7:14; 19:18.

12 Pr. 23:29.

13 ch. 30:20. De. 33:18, 19. Jos. 19:10–16.

14 ch. 30:18. De. 33:18. Jos. 19:17–23. Ju. 5:15; 10:1. 1 Ch. 12:32.

15 *rest*. Jos. 14:15. Ju. 3:11. 2 Sa. 7:1. *bowed*. Ps. 81:6. Eze. 29:18. Mat. 23:4.

16 ch. 30:6. Nu. 10:25. De. 33:22. Ju. 13:2, 24, 25; 15:20; 18:1, 2.

17 *shall be*. Ju. ch. 14; 15; 16:22–30; 18:22–31. 1 Ch. 12:35. *an adder*. *Heb.* an arrow-snake.

18 Ps. 14:7; 25:6; 40:1; 62:1, 5; 85:7; 119:41, 166, 174; 123:2; 130:5. Is. 8:17; 25:9; 36:8; 30:18; 33:2. La. 3:25. Mi. 7:7. Mat. 1:21. Mar. 15:43. Lu. 1:30; 2:25, 30; 23:51. Ro. 8:19, 25. Ga. 5:5. 1 Th. 1:10.

19 ch. 30:11; 46:16. Nu. ch. 32. De. 33:20, 21. Jos. 13:8. Ju. ch. 10; 11. 1 Ch. 3:18–22; 5:11–22, 26.

20 ch. 30:13; 46:17. De. 33:24, 25. Jos. 19:24–31.

21 ch. 30:8; 46:24. De. 33:23. Jos. 19:32–39. Ju. 4:6, 10; 5:18. Ps. 18:33, 34. Mat. 4:15, 16. Nephthalim.

¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

¹¹Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

¹²His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

¹³"Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea;
he shall become a haven for ships,
and his border shall be at Sidon.

¹⁴"Issachar is a strong donkey,
crouching between the sheepfolds.

¹⁵He saw that a resting place was good,
and that the land was pleasant,
so he bowed his shoulder to bear,
and became a servant at forced labor.

¹⁶"Dan shall judge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.

¹⁷Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
a viper by the path,
that bites the horse's heels
so that his rider falls backward.

¹⁸I wait for your salvation, O LORD.

¹⁹"Raiders shall raid Gad,
but he shall raid at their heels.

²⁰"Asher's food shall be rich,
and he shall yield royal delicacies.

²¹"Naphtali is a doe let loose
that bears beautiful fawns.

22 בן פֶּרֶת יוֹסֵף בֶּן פֶּרֶת עָלִי-עֵינַי בְּנוֹת צָעֲדָה עָלִי-נְשׂוֹר:
 23 וַיִּמְרָהוּ וְרָבוּ וַיִּשְׁטְמֵהוּ בַעֲלֵי חֲצָיִם:
 24 וַתִּשָּׁב בְּאִתָּן קִשְׁתּוֹ וַיִּפְזוּ זָרְעֵי יָדָיו מִיַּדֵּי אֲבִיר יַעֲקֹב מִשָּׁם
 רָעָה אָבֹן יִשְׂרָאֵל:
 25 מֵאֵל אָבִיָּה וַיַּעְזֹרֶנָּה וְאֵת שְׂדֵי וַיִּבְרַכְנָה בְּרַכַּת שָׁמַיִם מֵעַל בְּרַכַּת
 תְּהוֹם רִבְצָת תַּחַת בְּרַכַּת שְׂדֵיִם וְרַחֵם:
 26 בְּרַכַּת אָבִיָּה גָבְרוּ עַל-בְּרַכַּת הַיָּרֵי עַד-תַּאֲנוֹת גְּבַעַת עוֹלָם תַּהְיֶינָה
 לְרֹאשׁ יוֹסֵף וַיִּלְקַדְקֹד גְּזִיר אֶחָיו:
 27 בְּנִימִין זָאֵב יִטְרַף בַּבֶּקֶר יֹאכַל עַד וְלָעָרֵב יִחַלֵּק שָׁלָל:
 28 כָּל-אֵלֶּה שְׁבֹטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר וְזֹאת אֲשֶׁר-דָּבַר לָהֶם
 אֲבִיהֶם וַיִּבְרַךְ אוֹתָם אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר כָּבְרְכָתוּ בְּרַךְ אוֹתָם:
 29 וַיִּצְוּ אוֹתָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם אֲנִי נֹאֲסָף אֶל-עַמִּי קָבְרוּ אֹתִי
 אֶל-אֲבֹתַי אֶל-הַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה עֶפְרוֹן הַחֲתָי:
 30 בַּמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה הַמְּכַפְלָה אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי-מַמְרָא בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן
 אֲשֶׁר קָנָה אַבְרָהָם אֶת-הַשָּׂדֶה מֵאֵת עֶפְרוֹן הַחֲתָי לְאַחְזַת-קַבְרִי:
 31 שָׁמָּה קָבְרוּ אֶת-אַבְרָהָם וְאֵת שָׂרָה אִשְׁתּוֹ שָׁמָּה קָבְרוּ אֶת-יִצְחָק
 וְאֵת רַבְקָה אִשְׁתּוֹ וְשָׁמָּה קָבְרַתִּי אֶת-לָאָה:
 32 מִקְנֵה הַשָּׂדֶה וְהַמְּעָרָה אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ מֵאֵת בְּנֵי-חֲתָי:

22 a fruitful. ch. 30:22-24; 41:52; 46:27; 48:1, 5, 16, 19, 20. Nu. ch. 32. De. 33:17. Jos. ch. 16; 17:14-17. Ps. 1:1-3; 128:1, 3. Eze. 19:11. *branches. Heb. daughters.*
 23 ch. 37:4, 18, 24, 28; 39:7-20; 42:21. Ps. 64:3; 118:13. Jno. 16:33. Ac. 14:22.
 24 his bow. Ne. 6:9. Ps. 27:14; 28:8; 89:1. Col. 1:11. 2 Ti. 4:17. *were made.* Job 29:20. Ps. 18:32-35; 37:14, 15; 44:7. Zec. 10:12. Ro. 14:4. *the mighty.* ch. 35:10, 11. Ex. 3:6. Ps. 18:1, 30, 32, 34; 132:2, 5. Is. 29:6; 60:16. *the shepherd.* ch. 45:5, 7, 11; 47:12; 50:21. Nu. 27:16-18. De. 34:9. Jos. 1:1-9; ch. 24. Ps. 80:1. *the stone.* De. 32:4. Ps. 118:22. Is. 28:16. Zec. 3:9. Mat. 21:42. Mar. 12:10. Lu. 20:17. Ac. 4:11. Ep. 2:20. 1 Pe. 2:4-8.
 25 the God. ch. 28:13, 21; 35:3; 43:23. De. 8:17; 28:12; 33:1, 13-17. *the Almighty.* ch. 17:1; 35:11. *with blessings.* De. 28:2-12; 33:13. Ps. 84:11; 85:12. Mat. 6:33. 1 Co. 3:21, 22. Ep. 1:3. Phi. 4:19. 1 Ti. 4:8.
 26 have prevailed. ch. 27:27-29, 39, 40; 28:3, 4. Ep. 1:3. *everlasting hills.* De. 33:15. Ps. 89:36. Is. 54:10. Eze. 37:25, 26. Jon. 2:6. Hab. 3:6. *they shall.* De. 33:16. Ps. 132:18. *was separate.* ch. 37:28. Nu. 6:2. Ps. 105:17-22. Is. 66:5. Ac. 7:9.
 27 ravin. ch. 35:18; 46:21. De. 33:12. *a wolf.* Nu. 23:24. Ju. 3:15-29; 20:21, 25. 1 Sa. 11:4-11; ch. 14; 15; 17. Ac. 8:3; 9:1. Phi. 3:5. *at night.* Je. 5:6. Eze. 22:25, 27. Ho. 13:7, 8. Zep. 3:3. Mat. 7:15; 10:16. Ac. 20:29.
 28 the twelve. Nu. 23:24. Es. 8:7, 9, 11; ch. 9; 10. Eze. 39:8-10. Zec. 14:1-7. *every one.* ch. 35:22. Ex. 28:21. 1 Ki. 18:31. Ac. 26:7. Ja. 1:1. Re. 7:4.
 29 gathered. Ro. 12:6, etc. *bury me.* ch. 15:15; 25:8-17; 35:29. He. 12:23. *in the cave.* ch. 47:30. 2 Sa. 19:37. Ephron. ch. 50:13.
 30 Abraham bought. ch. 23:8.
 31 ch. 23:3, 16-20; 25:9; 35:29; 47:30; 50:13. Ac. 7:16.
 32 ch. 23:17-20.

²² “Joseph is a fruitful bough,
a fruitful bough by a spring;
his branches run over the wall.
²³ The archers bitterly attacked him,
shot at him, and harassed him severely,
²⁴ yet his bow remained unmoved;
his arms were made agile
by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob
(from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
²⁵ by the God of your father who will help you,
by the Almighty who will bless you
with blessings of heaven above,
blessings of the deep that crouches beneath,
blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
²⁶ The blessings of your father
are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents,
up to the bounties of the everlasting hills.
May they be on the head of Joseph,
and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.
²⁷ “Benjamin is a ravenous wolf,
in the morning devouring the prey
and at evening dividing the spoil.”

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. ²⁹ Then he commanded 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, ³⁰ in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. ³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah— ³² the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites.”

33 ויכל יעקב לצות את-בניו ויאסף רגליו אל-המטה ויגוע ויאסף אל-עמיו:

33 had made. ver. 1, 24–26. Jos. 24:27–29. He. 11:22. and yielded. ver. 29; ch. 15:5; 25:8, 17; 35:29. Job 5:26; 14:10; 30:23. Ec. 12:7. Is. 57:1, 2. Lu. 2:29. He. 11:13–16; 12:23.

50 ויפל יוסף על-פני אביו ויבך עליו וישק-לו:

CHAP. 50
The mourning for Jacob, 1–3. Joseph gets leave of Pharaoh to go to bury him, 4–6. The funeral, 7–14. Joseph comforts his brethren, who crave his pardon, 15–21. His age, 22. He sees the third generation of his sons, 23. He prophesies unto his brethren of their return, 24. He takes an oath of them concerning his bones, 25. He dies, and is put into a coffin, 26.

2 ויצו יוסף את-עבדיו את-הרפאים להנט את-אביו ויחנטו הרפאים את-ישׂראל:

1 fell. ch. 46:4. De. 6:7, 8. Ep. 6:4. wept. ch. 23:2. 2 Ki. 13:14. Mar. 5:38, 39. Jno. 11:35–38. Ac. 8:2. 1 Th. 4:13.

3 וימלאו-לו ארבעים יום כי פן ימלאו ימי החנטים ויבכו אתו מצרים שבועים יום:

2 the physicians. The Hebrew *ropheim*, from *rapha*, to heal, is literally the *healers*, those whose business it was to *heal*, or restore the body from sickness, by administering proper medicines; and when death took place, to *heal* or preserve it from decomposition by *embalming*. The word *chanan*, to embalm, is also used in Arabic to express the *reddening* of leather; somewhat analogous to our *tanning*; which is probably the grand principle in embalming. *embalmed*. ver. 26. 2 Ch. 16:14, 18. Mat. 26:12. Mar. 14:8; 16:1. Lu. 24:1. Jno. 12:7; 19:39, 40.

4 ויעברו ימי כביתו ויזבר יוסף אל-בית פרעה לאמר אמ-נא מצאתי חן בעיניכם דברו-נא באזני פרעה לאמר:

3 forty days. We learn from the Greek historians, that the time of mourning was while the body remained with the embalmers, which HERODOTUS says was *seventy* days. During this time the body lay in nitre, the use of which was to dry up all its superfluous and noxious moisture: and when, in the space of 30 days, this was sufficiently effected, the remaining *forty*, the time mentioned by DIODORUS, were employed in anointing it with gums and spices to preserve it, which was properly the embalming. This sufficiently explains the phraseology of the text. *mourned*. Heb. *wept*. *threescore*. Nu. 20:29. De. 21:13; 34:8.

5 אבי השביעי לאמר הנה אנכי מת בקברי אשר פריתי לי בארץ פנעו שמה תקברני ועתה אעלה-נא ואקברה את-אבי ואשובה:

4 the days. ver. 10. *Joseph*. Es. 4:2. *found grace*. ch. 18:3.

6 ויאמר פרעה עלה וקבר את-אביך באשר השביעה:

5 made me. ch. 47:29–31. *Lo, I die*. ver. 24; ch. 48:21; 49:29, 30. De. 4:22. 1 Sa. 14:43. *I have*. 2 Ch. 16:14. Is. 22:16. Mat. 27:60. *bury me*. ch. 3:19. Job 30:23. Ps. 79:3. Ec. 6:3; 12:5, 7. *let me go*. Mat. 8:21, 22. Lu. 9:59, 60.

7 ויעל יוסף לקבר את-אביו ויעלו אתו כל-עבדיו פרעה זקני ביתו וכל זקני ארץ-מצרים:

6 as he made. ch. 48:21.

8 וכל בית יוסף ואחיו ובית אביו רק טפם וצאנם ויבקרם עזבו בארץ גשון:

7 and with him. ch. 14:16.

9 ויעל עמו גם-רכב גם-פגישים ויהי המחנה כבד מאד:

8 only their. Ex. 10:8, 9, 26. Nu. 32:24–27.

10 ויבאו עד-גרן האטד אשר בעבר הירדן ויספדו-שם מספד גדול וכבד מאד ויעש לאביו אבל שבעת ימים:

9 chariots. ch. 41:43; 46:29. Ex. 14:7, 17, 28. 2 Ki. 18:24. Ca. 1:9. Ac. 8:2.

11 וירא יושב הארץ הפנעני את-האבל בגרן האטד ויאמרו אבל-כבד זה למצרים על-פן קרא שמה אבל מצרים אשר בעבר הירדן:

10 the threshing-floor. This place was situated, according to JEROME, between the Jordan and the city of Jericho, two miles from the former, and three from the latter, where Bethagla was afterwards built. PROCOPIUS of Gaza states the same. As *ataad* signifies *thorns*, the place might have been remarkable for their production; though all the versions except the Arabic consider it as a proper name. As Moses wrote or revised his history on the *east side* of Jordan, the term *beyond Jordan*, in his five books, means *westward* of Jordan; but in other parts of Scripture it generally means *eastward*.

12 ויעשו בניו לו כן כאשר צונו:

11 beyond. ver. 11. De. 1:1. *seven days*. ver. 4. Nu. 19:11. De. 34:8. 1 Sa. 31:13. 2 Sa. 1:17. Job 2:13. Ac. 8:2.

13 וישאו אתו בניו ארצה פנעו ויקברו אתו במערת שדה המכפלה אשר קנה אברהם את-השדה לאחוזת-קבר מאת עפרון החתי על-פני ממרא:

12 ch. 47:29–31; 49:29–32. Ex. 20:12. Ac. 7:16. Ep. 6:1.

13 the cave. ch. 23:16–18; 25:9; 35:27, 29; 49:29–31. 2 Ki. 21:18.

³³When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ²And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

⁴And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ⁵'My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.' " ⁶And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear." ⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. ¹⁰When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. ¹²Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, ¹³for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place.

14 וַיֵּשֶׁב יוֹסֵף מִצְרַיִם הוּא וְאָחָיו וְכָל־הָעַלְמִים אִתּוֹ לְקַבֵּר
אֶת־אָבִיו אַחֲרֵי קָבְרוֹ אֶת־אָבִיו:

15 וַיֵּרְאוּ אַחֲרֵי־יוֹסֵף כִּי־מֵת אָבִיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ יִשְׁטְמֵנוּ יוֹסֵף וְהִשָּׁב
לְשִׁיב לָנוּ אֵת כָּל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר גָּמְלָנוּ אִתּוֹ:

16 וַיִּצְווּ אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר אָבִיךָ צִוָּה לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ לֵאמֹר:

17 כֹּה־תֹאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף אָנָּה שָׂא נָא פְּשַׁע אַחֲדֶיךָ וְחַטָּאתֶם כִּי־רָעָה
גָּמְלוּךָ וְעַתָּה שָׂא נָא לְפָשַׁע עַבְדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ וַיִּבֶךְ יוֹסֵף בְּדַבְרָם
אֵלָיו:

18 וַיִּלְכוּ גַם־אָחָיו וַיִּפְּלוּ לִפְנֵיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִנְנּוּ לְךָ לַעֲבָדִים:

19 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף אֶל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי הִתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים אָנִי:

20 וְאַתֶּם חָשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשָׁבָה לְטוֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֹׂה כִּי־וָם
הִנֵּה לְהַחֲיִית עַם־רַב:

21 וְעַתָּה אֶל־תִּירְאוּ אֲנֹכִי אֲכַלְכֵּל אֶתְכֶם וְאֶת־טַפְּכֶם וַיִּנַּחֵם אוֹתָם
וַיִּדְבֹּר עֲלֵיהֶם:

22 וַיֵּשֶׁב יוֹסֵף בְּמִצְרַיִם הוּא וּבֵית אָבִיו וַיְחִי יוֹסֵף מֵאָה וָעֶשְׂרִי
שָׁנִים:

23 וַיֵּרָא יוֹסֵף לְאֶפְרַיִם בְּנֵי שְׁלֹשִׁים גַּם בְּנֵי מְכִיר בֶן־מְנַשֶּׁה יָלְדוּ
עֲלֵי־בְרַכְיָי יוֹסֵף:

24 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אָחָיו אֲנֹכִי מֵת וְאֱלֹהִים פָּקְדוּ יִפְקְדוּ אֶתְכֶם
וְהָעֵלָה אֶתְכֶם מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם
לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב:

25 וַיִּשְׁבַּע יוֹסֵף אֶת־בְּנָיו יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר פָּקְדוּ אֱלֹהִים אֶתְכֶם
וְהָעֵלְתֶם אֶת־עַצְמוֹתַי מִזֶּה:

26 וַיָּמָת יוֹסֵף בֶּן־מֵאָה וָעֶשְׂרִי שָׁנִים וַיַּחַנְטוּ אֹתוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם בְּאֵרוֹן
בְּמִצְרַיִם:

15 *their father.* ch. 27:41, 42. *Joseph.* ch. 42:17. Le. 26:36. Job 15:21, 22. Ps. 14:5; 53:5. Pr. 28:1. Ro. 2:15.

16 *sent. Heb. charged.* Pr. 29:25.

17 *Forgive.* Mat. 6:12, 14, 15; 18:35. Lu. 17:3, 4. Ep. 4:32. Col. 3:12, 13. *they did.* ver. 20. Job 33:27, 28. Ps. 21:11. Pr. 28:13. Ja. 5:16. *servants.* ch. 31:42; 49:25. Mat. 10:42; 25:40. Mar. 10:41. Ga. 6:10, 16. Phil. 8–20. *wept.* ch. 42:21–24; 45:4, 5, 8.

18 *fell.* ch. 43:28; 37:7–11; 42:6; 44:14; 45:3.

19 *fear not.* ch. 45:5. Mat. 14:27. Lu. 24:37, 38. *for am I.* It belongs to God to execute vengeance, and Joseph did not intend to usurp his prerogative. Thus he instructed his brethren not to fear him, but to fear God; to humble themselves before God, and to seek *his* forgiveness. ch. 30:2. De. 32:35. 2 Ki. 5:7. Job 34:19–29. Ro. 12:19. He. 10:30.

20 *ye thought.* ch. 37:4, 18–20. Ps. 56:5. *God meant.* ch. 45:5–8. Ps. 76:10; 105:16, 17; 119:71. Is. 10:7. Ac. 2:23; 3:13–15, 26. Ro. 8:28.

21 *I will nourish.* ch. 45:10, 11; 47:12. Mat. 5:44; 6:14. Ro. 12:20, 21. 1 Th. 5:15. 1 Pe. 3:9. *kindly unto them.* *Heb.* to their hearts. ch. 34:3. Is. 40:2, marg.

22 *an hundred.* Joseph's life was the shortest of all the patriarchs; for which Bp. PATRICK gives this reason, he was the son of his father's old age.

23 *the children.* ch. 48:19; 49:12. Nu. 32:33, 39. Jos. 17:1. Job 42:16. Ps. 128:6. *brought up.* *Heb.* born. *Joseph's.* ch. 30:3.

24 *I die.* ver. 5; ch. 3:19. Job 30:23. Ec. 12:5, 7. Ro. 5:12. He. 9:27. *visit you.* ch. 21:1. Ex. 4:31. *you out.* ch. 15:14–16; 26:3; 35:12; 46:4; 48:21. Ex. 3:16, 17. *sware.* ch. 12:7; 13:15, 17; 15:7, 18; 17:8; 26:3; 28:13; 35:12; 46:4. Ex. 33:1. Nu. 32:11. De. 1:8; 6:10.

25 *took an.* ver. 5; ch. 47:29–31. *and ye.* Ex. 13:19. Jos. 24:32. Ac. 7:16. He. 11:22.

26 *being an hundred and ten years old.* *Ben meah we'diser shanim;* 'the son of an hundred and ten years'; 'the period he lived being personified. ver. 22; ch. 47:9, 28. Jos. 24:29. *they embalmed.* ver. 2, 3.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Thus terminates the Book of Genesis, the most ancient record in the world; including the History of two grand and stupendous subjects, *Creation and Providence*; of each of which it presents a summary, but astonishingly minute and detailed account. From this Book, almost all the ancient philosophers, astronomers, chronologists, and historians have taken their respective *data*; and all the modern improvements and accurate discoveries in different arts and sciences, have only served to confirm the facts detailed by Moses, and to shew, that all the ancient writers on these subjects have *approached, or receded from, truth and the phenomena of Nature*, in exactly the same proportion as they have *followed or receded from the Mosaic history*. The great fact of the *deluge* is fully confirmed by the fossilised remains in every quarter of the globe. Add to this, that general traditions of the deluge have been traced among the Egyptians, Chinese, Japanese, Hindoos, Burmans, ancient Goths and Druids, Mexicans, Peruvians, Brazilians, North American Indians, Greenlanders, Otahiteans, Sandwich Islanders, and almost every nation under heaven; while the allegorical turgidity of these distorted traditions sufficiently distinguishes them from the unadorned simplicity of the Mosaic narrative. In fine, without this history the world would be in comparative darkness, *not knowing whence it came, nor whither it goeth*. In the first page, a *child* may learn more in an hour, than all the *philosophers* in the world learned without it in a thousand years.*

¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

²²So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. ²³And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. ²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." ²⁶So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
