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Preface:

We had plans to use Young’s Literal Translation but found very early on that it is not even close to what people have claimed it to be and the idea was scrapped.

Then we sought better, after asking multiple Hebrew Scholars and we decided on the "A Conservative Version" done Dr. Walter L Porter, ThD. The ACV was already a great revision of the “American Standard Version 1901.” Dr. Porter's goals were to remove archaic wording and put it into better English form (subject, verb, object). All other revisions of the “American Standard Version is to further increase the accuracy and word uniformity. We cannot hope to achieve the accuracy of the Old Testament like we did in the “Modern Literal Version New Testament”. Hebrew is just not as precise as Koine Greek but so far to date we have corrected about 42,000 places.

We had no plans to release the Alpha version except in electronic formats but the request for a book has been too high to ignore.

This is an “Open Source Translation” which means you can help... yes YOU! We need people who can do simple word checks and English proofreading.

Please excuse any formatting and "non-pretties" until it is in Beta version.

The reason why this is not one whole book Old and New Testaments alike is that we are limited in on-demand proclaiming by a 630 page limit even on 8.5"x11" "maximum square inches" paper. Books cater to the over 40 age group so 7 point font is just not for the 40+ year old group.

Definitions:

A, an are supplied words in the Hebrew O.T as well as the Greek N.T.

Banner = flag, signal, signet, ensign, etc. No way to tell exactly what shape it was.

Lie or Lie With = 1. Literally lay down... 2. Have sex with.

Outhouse = an outer structure which houses the toilet.

Seed = 1. A literal seed as what is planted in soil. 2. Offspring. 3. Seed or ‘seed of copulation’ = semen.

You, you = singular “you.”

You*, you*, your*, yours* = plural “you” / “yours.”

Hebrew Measures change to English sizes

Two-quart container = kac or cab, a Hebrew measure

10-gallon container = an ephah (also about a bushel or 40 liters)

1-gallon container = an omer

128-grain weights = Drachma, Dram, Daric

9-gallon container = a Hebrew bath

5-quart container = a hin

Italicized words are supplied words that the translators added to help clarify the Hebrew.

{ } curly braces are footnotes, other possible spellings or references; they too are not in the original Hebrew.

UK English:

savoury,

To God is the glory forever. Amen.

Genesis 1

^{1:1} In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ^{1:2} And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God fluttered upon the face of the waters.

^{1:3} And God said, Let there be light and there was light. ^{1:4} And God saw the light, that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness. ^{1:5} And God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

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

^{1:9} And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place and let the dry land appear. And it was so. ^{1:10} And God called the dry land Earth and he called the gathering together of the waters Seas. And God saw that it was good.

^{1:11} And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, *and* fruit trees bearing fruit (which *has* seed in it) according to their kind upon the earth. And it was so.

^{1:12} And the earth brought out grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind and trees bearing fruit (which *has* seed in it), according to their kind. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:13} And there was evening and there was morning, *the third day*.

^{1:14} And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of heaven to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years. ^{1:15} And let them be for lights in the expanse of heaven to give light upon the earth. And it was so.

^{1:16} And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and also the stars. ^{1:17} And God set them in the expanse of heaven to give light upon the earth, ^{1:18} and to rule over the day and over the night and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ^{1:19} And there was evening and there was morning, *the fourth day*.

^{1:20} And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven. ^{1:21} And God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought out abundantly, according to their kind and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

^{1:22} And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas and let birds multiply on the earth. ^{1:23} And there was evening and there

was morning, *the fifth day*.

^{1:24} And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kind. And it was so.

^{1:25} And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

^{1:26} And God said, Let Us make man in our image—after our likeness— and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. ^{1:27} And God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; he created them male and female.

^{1:28} And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and have power over it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

^{1:29} And God said, Behold, I have given you * every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed. To you * it will be for food, ^{1:30} and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps upon the earth in which there is life, every green herb, for food. And it was so.

^{1:31} And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, *the sixth day*.

Genesis 2

^{2:1} And the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. ^{2:2} And God finished his work by the seventh day which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ^{2:3} And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because he rested in it from all his work which God had created and made.

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

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

whom he had formed there.

^{2:9} And out of the ground Jehovah God made to grow every tree that is desirable to the sight and good for food; also in the midst of the garden the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

^{2:10} And a river went out of Eden to water the garden and from there it was divided and became four chief rivers. ^{2:11} The name of the first is Pishon. It is that river which encompasses the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ^{2:12} And the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium {sweat smelling gum resin or its plant} and the onyx stone too. ^{2:13} And the name of the second river is Gihon. The same is it which encompasses the whole land of Cush. ^{2:14} And the name of the third river is Hiddekel {Tigris}. It is that river which goes east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

^{2:15} And Jehovah God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it. ^{2:16} And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ^{2:17} but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you will not eat from it. Because in the day that you eat from it, you will surely die.

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

^{2:21} And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and he slept. And God took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh under it. ^{2:22} And from the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man, he made a woman and brought her to the man.

^{2:23} And the man said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ^{2:24} Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother and will cling to his wife and the two will be one flesh. ^{2:25} And the man and his wife were both naked and they were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

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

^{3:4} And the serpent said to the woman, You will not surely die. ^{3:5} Because God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

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

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

^{3:9} And Jehovah God called to the man and said to him, Where are you?

^{3:10} And he said, I heard your sound in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked. And I hid myself.

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

^{3:12} And the man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate.

^{3:13} And Jehovah God said to the woman, What is this that you have done?

And the woman said, The serpent deceived me and I ate.

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

^{3:16} He said to the woman, I will greatly multiply your pain and your childbearing, in pain you will bring forth children. And your desire will be to your husband and he will rule over you.

^{3:17} And to Adam he said, Because you have obeyed the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You will not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you. You will eat of it in toil all the days of your life.

^{3:18} Also, it will bring forth thorns and thistles to you and you will eat the herb of the field. ^{3:19} You will eat bread by the sweat of your face, till you return to the ground, because out of it you were taken. Because you are dust and you will return to dust.

^{3:20} And the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. ^{3:21} And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins and clothed them.

^{3:22} And Jehovah God said, Behold, the man has

become as one of Us, to know good and evil and now, lest he put forth his hand and also take of the tree of life and eat and live everlasting—^{3:23} therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to work the ground from where he was taken.

^{3:24} So he drove out the man. And he placed the cherubim and the flame of a sword which turned every way at the east of the garden of Eden to guard the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 4

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

^{4:3} And it happened in process of time, that Cain brought an offering to Jehovah of the fruit of the ground. ^{4:4} And Abel, he also brought of the first-offspring of his flock and of the fat of it. And Jehovah had respect to Abel and to his offering, ^{4:5} but he did not have respect to Cain and to his offering. And Cain was furious and his countenance fell.

^{4:6} And Jehovah said to Cain, Why are you furious? And why has your countenance fallen? ^{4:7} If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire will be for you and you should rule over it.

^{4:8} And Cain told Abel his brother. And it happened, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. ^{4:9} And Jehovah said to Cain, Where *is* Abel your brother? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?

^{4:10} And he said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground. ^{4:11} And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ^{4:12} When you till the ground, it will not again yield to you its strength. You will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.

^{4:13} And Cain said to Jehovah, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear. ^{4:14} Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of the ground and I will be hid from your face and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer in the earth. And it will happen, *that* whoever finds me will kill me. ^{4:15} And Jehovah said to him, Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold. And Jehovah appointed a sign for Cain, so that anyone who found him should not kill* him.

^{4:16} And Cain went out from the presence of Jehovah and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. ^{4:17} And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch. And *Cain* built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.

^{4:18} And Irad was born to Enoch and Irad fathered

Mehujael and Mehujael fathered Methushael and Methushael fathered Lamech.

^{4:19} And Lamech took to him two wives. The name of the one *was* Adah and the name of the other *was* Zillah. ^{4:20} And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* cattle. ^{4:21} And his brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who handle the harp and pipe. ^{4:22} And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, *the* forger of every cutting instrument of brass and iron. And the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.

^{4:23} And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, you*, *the* wives of Lamech, listen to my speech. Because I have killed a man for wounding me and a young man for bruising me. ^{4:24} If Cain will be avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.

^{4:25} And Adam knew his wife again and she bore a son and called his name Seth. Because, *she said*, God has appointed for me another seed instead of Abel, because Cain killed him. ^{4:26} And to Seth, to him there was also born a son and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

Genesis 5

{ [The Genealogy: Adam to Noah's sons. Gen_5:1-32, 1Ch_1:1-4 & Luk_3:36-38.](#) }

^{5:1} This *is* the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in the likeness of God, ^{5:2} he created them male and female and blessed them and in the day when they were created *he* called their name Man.

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

^{5:6} And Seth lived a hundred and five years and fathered Enosh. ^{5:7} And Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he fathered Enosh and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:8} And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years and he died.

^{5:9} And Enosh lived ninety years and fathered Kenan. ^{5:10} And Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he fathered Kenan and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:11} And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years and he died.

^{5:12} And Kenan lived seventy years and fathered Mahalalel. ^{5:13} And Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he fathered Mahalalel and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:14} And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years and he died.

^{5:15} And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years and fathered

Jared. ^{5:16} And Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he fathered Jared and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:17} And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years and he died.

^{5:18} And Jared lived a hundred and sixty-two years and fathered Enoch. ^{5:19} And Jared lived eight hundred years after he fathered Enoch and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:20} And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years and he died.

^{5:21} And Enoch lived sixty-five years and fathered Methuselah. ^{5:22} And Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:23} And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ^{5:24} And Enoch walked with God and he *did* not *die*, because God took him.

^{5:25} And Methuselah lived a hundred eighty-seven years and fathered Lamech. ^{5:26} And Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he fathered Lamech and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:27} And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years and he died.

^{5:28} And Lamech lived a hundred and eighty-two years and fathered a son. ^{5:29} And he called his name Noah, saying, This *one* will comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, because of the ground which Jehovah has cursed. ^{5:30} And Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he fathered Noah and fathered *more* sons and daughters. ^{5:31} And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years and he died.

^{5:32} And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah fathered Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Genesis 6

^{6:1} And it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground and daughters were born to them, ^{6:2} that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair. And they took to them wives of all that they chose. ^{6:3} And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive in man everlasting, he is flesh in their erring. Yet his days will be a hundred and twenty years.

^{6:4} The giants were on the earth in those days. And also after that, when the sons of God came to the daughters of men and they bore *sons* to them, they were the mighty *men* who *were* of old, the men of renown.

^{6:5} And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man *was* great on the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only continually evil. ^{6:6} And Jehovah regretted that he had made man on the earth and it grieved him in his heart. ^{6:7} And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground, from man to beast, to creeping things and birds of the heavens, because I regret that I have made them. ^{6:8}

But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah.

^{6:9} These *are* the genealogies of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ^{6:10} And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

^{6:11} And the earth was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence. ^{6:12} And God saw the earth and behold, it was corrupt, because all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

^{6:13} And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me, because the earth is filled with violence through them and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

^{6:14} Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. You will make rooms in the ark and will pitch it inside and outside with pitch. ^{6:15} And this *is* how you will make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits and the height of it thirty cubits. ^{6:16} You will make a door for the ark and you will finish it to a cubit upward. And you will set the door of the ark in the side of it and you will make it with lower, second and third stories.

^{6:17} And I, behold, I bring the flood of waters upon this earth, to destroy all flesh, in which *is* the breath of life, from under heaven. Everything that *is* on the earth will die.

^{6:18} But I will establish my covenant with you. And you will come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

^{6:19} And from every living thing of all flesh, you will bring into the ark two of every *sort*, to keep *them* alive with you. They will be male and female. ^{6:20} Of the birds according to their kind and of the cattle according to their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind. Two of every *sort* will come to you, to keep *them* alive.

^{6:21} And you take to you of all food that is eaten and gather *it* to yourself and it will be for food for you and for them. ^{6:22} Noah did so according to all that God commanded him and so he did.

Genesis 7

^{7:1} And Jehovah said to Noah, Come, you and all your house into the ark, because I have seen you *to be* righteous before me in this generation. ^{7:2} You will take to you the male and his female of every clean beast by sevens. And two of the beasts that *are* not clean, male and his female. ^{7:3} Also of the birds of the heavens by sevens, male and female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

^{7:4} Because after seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights and I will blot from the face of the ground every living thing that I have

made.

^{7:5} And Noah did according to all that Jehovah commanded him. ^{7:6} And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

^{7:7} And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went in with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ^{7:8} Of clean beasts and of beasts that *are* not clean and of birds and of everything that creeps upon the ground ^{7:9} went in two by two there into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God commanded Noah.

^{7:10} And it happened after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. ^{7:11} In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened. ^{7:12} And *for* forty days and forty nights the rain was upon the earth.

^{7:13} In the same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark, ^{7:14} they and every beast according to its kind and all the cattle according to their kind and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, every bird of every wing.

^{7:15} And they went in, to Noah *and* into the ark, two by two of all flesh in which is the breath of life. ^{7:16} And those that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him. And Jehovah shut him in.

^{7:17} And the flood was forty days upon the earth. And the waters increased and bore up the ark and it was lifted up above the earth. ^{7:18} And the waters prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth and the ark went upon the face of the waters. ^{7:19} And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth and all the high mountains that *were* under the whole heaven were covered, ^{7:20} fifteen cubits upward. The waters prevailed and the mountains were covered.

^{7:21} And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, from birds, to cattle, to beasts and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth and all mankind. ^{7:22} All died in whose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit of life, of all that *was* on the dry land. ^{7:23} And every living thing was destroyed that *was* upon the face of the ground, from man, to cattle, to creeping things and birds of the heavens and they were destroyed from the earth. And only Noah was left and those who *were* with him in the ark. ^{7:24} And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

^{8:1} And God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth and the waters subsided. ^{8:2}

Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped and the rain from heaven was restrained. ^{8:3} And the waters returned from the earth, going and returning. And after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.

^{8:4} And the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month. ^{8:5} And the waters decreased, going and returning until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

^{8:6} And it happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ^{8:7} And he sent out a raven. And it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from the earth. ^{8:8} And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had gone away from the face of the ground. ^{8:9} But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned to him to the ark, because the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. And he put out his hand and took her and brought her in, to him *and* into the ark.

^{8:10} And he stayed yet another seven days and again he sent out the dove out of the ark. ^{8:11} And the dove came in, in the evening to him. And behold, in her mouth an olive leaf plucked off, so Noah knew that the waters had gone away from the earth.

^{8:12} And he stayed yet seven other days and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more. ^{8:13} And it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month of the year and* the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And behold, the face of the ground was *nearly* dried. ^{8:14} And the earth was dry in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month.

^{8:15} And God spoke to Noah, saying, ^{8:16} Go forth from the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ^{8:17} Bring forth with you every living thing that *is* with you, of all flesh, both birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth.

^{8:18} And Noah went forth and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ^{8:19} Every beast, every creeping thing and every bird, whatever moves upon the earth, according to their families, went forth out of the ark.

^{8:20} And Noah built an altar to Jehovah and took of every clean beast and of every clean bird and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. ^{8:21} And Jehovah smelled the sweet aroma. And Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more because of man, because the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth. I will not again kill* everything living, as I have done. ^{8:22} While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest and cold

and heat and summer and winter and day and night will not cease.

Genesis 9

^{9:1} And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ^{9:2} And the fear of you* and the dread of you* will be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, with all that creeps on the ground and all the fishes of the sea. They are delivered into your* hand. ^{9:3} Every moving thing that lives will be food for you*. As the green herb, I have given you* all. ^{9:4} But you* will not eat flesh in its life, *that is* its blood.

^{9:5} And surely I will require your* blood, *the blood* of your* lives. I will require it at the hand of every beast. And I will require the life of man at the hand of man, *even* at the hand of every man's brother. ^{9:6} Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man. Because he made man in the image of God. ^{9:7} And you* be fruitful and multiply. Bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply on it.

^{9:8} And God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ^{9:9} And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you* and with your* seed after you* ^{9:10} and with every living creature that *is* with you*, the birds, the cattle and every beast of the earth with you*, of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ^{9:11} And I will establish my covenant with you*. Neither will all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood, nor will there be a flood any more to destroy the earth.

^{9:12} And God said, This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you* and every living creature that *is* with you*, everlasting. ^{9:13} I set my bow in the cloud and it will be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. ^{9:14} And it will happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud. ^{9:15} And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you* and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ^{9:16} And the bow will be in the cloud and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth. ^{9:17} And God said to Noah, This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

^{9:18} And the sons of Noah, who went forth from the ark, were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham *is* the father of Canaan. ^{9:19} These three *were* the sons of Noah and from these the whole earth was spread over.

^{9:20} And Noah began to be a farmer and planted a vineyard. ^{9:21} And he drank of the wine and was drunken. And he was uncovered within his tent. ^{9:22} And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told

his two brothers outside.

^{9:23} And Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were backward and they did not see their father's nakedness.

^{9:24} And Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him. ^{9:25} And he said, Canaan *is* cursed. He will be a servant to his brothers.

^{9:26} And he said, Praise Jehovah, the God of Shem. And let Canaan be his servant. ^{9:27} God enlarge Japheth and let him dwell in the tents of Shem. And let Canaan be his servant.

^{9:28} And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. ^{9:29} And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years and he died.

Genesis 10

{The Descendants of Noah's Sons. 1Ch_1:5-8, Gen_10:1-7.}

^{10:1} Now these *are* the genealogies of the sons of Noah, of Shem, Ham and Japheth. And *the* sons *who* were born to them after the flood.

^{10:2} The sons of Japheth *were*: Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

^{10:3} And the sons of Gomer *were*: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. ^{10:4} And the sons of Javan *were*: Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.

^{10:5} From these were the islands of the nations divided in their lands, every man according to his tongue, according to their families, in their nations.

^{10:6} And the sons of Ham *were*: Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

{Gen_10:7-20; 1 Ch_1:9-16}

^{10:7} And the sons of Cush *were*: Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca {Sabtechah}. And the sons of Raamah *were*: Sheba and Dedan.

^{10:8} And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty *man* on the earth. ^{10:9} He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah. Therefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Jehovah. ^{10:10} And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ^{10:11} He went forth out of that land into Assyria and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-ir and Calah ^{10:12} and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that *is* the great city.

^{10:13} And Mizraim fathered Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim ^{10:14} and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from where the Philistines went forth) and Caphtorim.

^{10:15} And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth ^{10:16} and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the

Girgashite ^{10:17} and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite ^{10:18} and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite. And afterward the Canaanite family were spread abroad. ^{10:19} And the border of the Canaanite was from Sidon, as you go toward Gerar, to Gaza, as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, to Lasha.

^{10:20} These *are* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

{Gen_10:21-30; 1Ch_1:17-23}

^{10:21} And to Shem, the father of all the sons of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, sons were also born to him. ^{10:22} The sons of Shem *were*: Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. ^{10:23} And the sons of Aram *were*: Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. ^{10:24} And Arpachshad fathered Shelah and Shelah fathered Eber.

^{10:25} And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the one *was* Peleg. Because in his days the earth was divided. And his brother's name *was* Joktan. ^{10:26} And Joktan fathered Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah ^{10:27} and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah ^{10:28} and Obal and Abimael and Sheba ^{10:29} and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan. ^{10:30} And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east.

^{10:31} These *are* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

^{10:32} These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11

^{11:1} And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. ^{11:2} And it happened, as they traveled east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and they dwelt there. ^{11:3} And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick and burn *them* thoroughly. And they had brick for stone and they had tar for mortar. ^{11:4} And they said, Come, let us build a city for us and a tower and its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for ourselves, lest we are scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

^{11:5} And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of man built.

^{11:6} And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language and this is what they begin to do. And now nothing will be withheld from them, which they propose to do. ^{11:7} Come, let Us go down there and confound their language, that they may not

understand each other's speech.

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

{From Shem to Abraham. 1Ch_1:24-27, Gen_11:10-26 & Luk_3:34-36.}

^{11:10} These are the genealogies of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. ^{11:11} And Shem lived five hundred years after he fathered Arpachshad and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:12} And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and fathered Shelah. ^{11:13} And Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he had fathered Shelah and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:14} And Shelah lived thirty years and fathered Eber. ^{11:15} And Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he fathered Eber and he fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:16} And Eber lived thirty-four years and fathered Peleg. ^{11:17} And Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he fathered Peleg and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:18} And Peleg lived thirty years and fathered Reu. ^{11:19} And Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he fathered Reu and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:20} And Reu lived thirty-two years and fathered Serug. ^{11:21} And Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he fathered Serug and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:22} And Serug lived thirty years and fathered Nahor. ^{11:23} And Serug lived two hundred years after he fathered Nahor and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:24} And Nahor lived twenty-nine years and fathered Terah. ^{11:25} And Nahor lived a hundred and nineteen years after he fathered Terah and fathered *more* sons and daughters.

^{11:26} And Terah lived seventy years and fathered Abram, Nahor and Haran.

^{11:27} Now these are the genealogies of Terah *were*: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran fathered Lot. ^{11:28} And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

^{11:29} And Abram and Nahor took wives to themselves. 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 the father of Iscah. ^{11:30} And Sarai was barren; she had no child.

^{11:31} And Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. And they went forth with them from Ur

of the Chaldeans, to go into the land of Canaan. And they came to Haran and dwelt there. ^{11:32} And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12

^{12:1} Now Jehovah said to Abram, Go out of your country and from your kindred and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. ^{12:2} And I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great and you *will* be a blessing. ^{12:3} And I will bless those who bless you and he who curses you I will curse. And all the families of the earth will be blessed in you.

^{12:4} So Abram went as Jehovah had spoken to him and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* a son of seventy-five years when he departed out of Haran. ^{12:5} And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son and all their substance that they had gathered and the souls that they had gotten in Haran and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And they came into the land of Canaan. ^{12:6} And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* in the land then.

^{12:7} And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there to Jehovah, who appeared to him. ^{12:8} And he moved from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And he built an altar there to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah. ^{12:9} And Abram traveled, going on still toward the South.

^{12:10} And there was a famine in the land. And Abram went down into Egypt to journey there, because the famine *was* severe in the land. ^{12:11} And it happened, when he came near to enter into Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, Behold, I beseech you, I know that you *are* a fair woman to look upon. ^{12:12} And it will happen, when the Egyptians will see you, that they will say, This *is* his wife. And they will kill me, but they will let you live. ^{12:13} I beseech you, say *that* you *are* my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake and that my soul may live because of you.

^{12:14} And it happened, that, when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair. ^{12:15} And the princes of Pharaoh saw her and praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken *into* Pharaoh's house. ^{12:16} And he dealt well with Abram for her sake. And he had sheep and oxen and male-donkeys and men-servants and maid-servants and female-donkeys and camels.

^{12:17} And Jehovah struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ^{12:18} And

Pharaoh called Abram and said, What *is* this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she *is* your wife? ^{12:19} Why did you say, She *is* my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore behold your wife. Take her and go your way. ^{12:20} And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him. And they brought him on the way and his wife and all that he had.

Genesis 13

^{13:1} And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had and Lot with him, into the South. ^{13:2} And Abram *was* very heavy *in riches*, in cattle, in silver and in gold. {Coins did not exist at the time.} ^{13:3} And he went on his journeys from the South even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ^{13:4} to the place of the altar, which he had made there at first. And Abram called on the name of Jehovah there.

^{13:5} And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ^{13:6} And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together. Because their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. ^{13:7} And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt in the land then.

^{13:8} And Abram said to Lot, I beseech you, let there be no strife between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, because *we are* men—brothers. ^{13:9} *Is* not the whole land before you? I beseech you, separate yourself from me. If *you go to* the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if *you go to* the right hand, then I will go to the left.

^{13:10} And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (*this was* before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.

^{13:11} So Lot chose for himself all the Plain of the Jordan. And Lot traveled east and they separated themselves the one from the other. ^{13:12} Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan. And Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ^{13:13} Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and *great* sinners against Jehovah.

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

because I will give it to you.

^{13:18} And Abram moved *his* tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which *are* in Hebron and built an altar there to Jehovah.

Genesis 14

^{14:1} And it happened in the days of Amraphel King of Shinar, Arioch King of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer King of Elam and Tidal King of Goiim, ^{14:2} *that* they made war with Bera King of Sodom and with Birsha King of Gomorrah, *with* Shinab King of Admah and *with* Shemeber King of Zeboiim and the King of Bela (which *is* Zoar).

^{14:3} All these joined together in the valley of Siddim (which *is* the Salt Sea). ^{14:4} They served Chedorlaomer *for* twelve years and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ^{14:5} And in the fourteenth year, Chedorlaomer came and the kings that *were* with him and killed* the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim ^{14:6} and the Horites on their Mount Seir, to El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness. ^{14:7} And they returned and came to En-mishpat (which *is* Kadesh) and killed* all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites, who dwelt in Hazazon-tamar.

^{14:8} And the King of Sodom went out there and the King of Gomorrah and the King of Admah and the King of Zeboiim and the King of Bela (which *is* Zoar) and they arranged for battle against them in the valley of Siddim, ^{14:9} against Chedorlaomer King of Elam and Tidal King of Goiim and Amraphel King of Shinar and Arioch King of Ellasar; four kings against the five *kings*.

^{14:10} Now the valley of Siddim *was* full of tar pits. And the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and they fell there. And those who remained fled to the mountain. ^{14:11} And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went their way. ^{14:12} And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom and his goods and departed.

^{14:13} And some man came who had escaped and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he dwelt by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner. And these *were* allies with Abram.

^{14:14} And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen *of them* and pursued as far as Dan. ^{14:15} And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants and killed* them and pursued them to Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus. ^{14:16} And he brought back all the goods and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods and also the women and the people.

^{14:17} And the King of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and

the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh (what *is* the King's Valley).

^{14:18} And Melchizedek King of Salem brought out bread and wine. And he was priest of God Most High. ^{14:19} And he blessed him and said, Abram *be* blessed from God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth. ^{14:20} And praise God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.

^{14:21} And the King of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the men and take the goods for yourself. ^{14:22} And Abram said to the King of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, ^{14:23} that I *will not* take a thread nor a shoe latchet nor anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich, ^{14:24} except only what the young men have eaten and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them take their portion.

Genesis 15

^{15:1} After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.

^{15:2} And Abram said, O Lord Jehovah, what will you give me, since I go childless. And he who will be possessor of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus? ^{15:3} And Abram said, Behold, you have given no seed to me. And behold, a man born in my house *is* my heir.

^{15:4} And behold, the word of Jehovah *came* to him, saying, This *man* will not be your heir, but he who will come forth out of your own guts will be your heir.

^{15:5} And he brought him outside and said, Look now toward heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them. And he said to him, So your seed will be. ^{15:6} And he believed in Jehovah and he reckoned it to him for righteousness.

^{15:7} And he said to him, I *am* Jehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it. ^{15:8} And he said, O Lord Jehovah, how will I know that I will inherit it? ^{15:9} And he said to him, Take a heifer three years old for me and a female-goat three years old and a ram three years old and a turtle dove and a young pigeon.

^{15:10} And he took all these for him and divided them in the midst and laid each half opposite the other. But he did not divide the birds. ^{15:11} And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses and Abram drove them away. ^{15:12} And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram. And behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

^{15:13} And God said to Abram, Know of a certainty that your seed will be travelers in a land that is not theirs. And *your seed* will serve them and they will mistreat them *for* four hundred years. ^{15:14} And I will also judge that nation,

whom they will serve and afterward they will come out with great substance. ^{15:15} But you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. ^{15:16} And they will come here again in the fourth generation, because the iniquity of the Amorite *is* not yet full.

^{15:17} And it happened, that, when the sun went down and it was dark, behold, *there appeared* a smoking furnace and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces.

^{15:18} In that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: ^{15:19} the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ^{15:20} and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim ^{15:21} and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.

Genesis 16

^{16:1} Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no *children*. And she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. ^{16:2} And Sarai said to Abram, Behold now, Jehovah has restrained me from bearing *children*. I beseech you, go in to my handmaid. Perhaps I will be built up from her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ^{16:3} And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid and gave her to Abram, her husband, to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt in the land of Canaan *for ten years*.

^{16:4} And he went in to Hagar and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ^{16:5} And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong *be* upon you. I gave my handmaid into your bosom and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. Jehovah judge between me and you. ^{16:6} But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maid *is* in your hand, do to her what is good in your eyes. And Sarai mistreated her and she fled from her face.

^{16:7} And the messenger of Jehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way *to* Shur. ^{16:8} And he said, Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, from where have you come? And where are you going?

And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai.

^{16:9} And the messenger of Jehovah said to her, Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hands. ^{16:10} And the messenger of Jehovah said to her, I will greatly multiply your seed, that it will not be numbered for a multitude.

^{16:11} And the messenger of Jehovah said to her, Behold, you *are* with child and will bear a son and you will call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah has heard your affliction. ^{16:12} And he will be a wild donkey among men, his hand against every man and every man's hand

against him and he will dwell in the presence of all his brothers.

^{16:13} And she called the name of Jehovah who spoke to her, You *are* a God who sees, because she said, Have I even looked behind him, who sees me here? ^{16:14} Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi {[The Living One Who Sees Me](#)}. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

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

Genesis 17

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

^{17:3} And Abram fell on his face. And God talked with him, saying, ^{17:4} As for me, behold, my covenant is with you and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. ^{17:5} Neither will your name any more be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham, because I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ^{17:6} And I will make you exceedingly fruitful. And I will make nations of you and kings will come out of you.

^{17:7} And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. ^{17:8} And I will give to you and to your seed after you, the land of your travels, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession and I will be their God.

^{17:9} And God said to Abraham, And as for you, you will keep my covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations. ^{17:10} This is my covenant, which you ^{*} will keep, between me and you ^{*} and your seed after you; every male among you ^{*} will be circumcised. ^{17:11} And you ^{*} will be circumcised in the flesh of your ^{*} foreskin and it will be a sign of a covenant between me and you ^{*}.

^{17:12} And he who is eight days old will be circumcised among you ^{*}, every male throughout your ^{*} generations: he who is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner that is not of your seed. ^{17:13} He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised. And my covenant will be in your ^{*} flesh for an everlasting covenant. ^{17:14} And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.

^{17:15} And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your

wife, you will not call her name Sarai, because her name will be Sarah. ^{17:16} And I will bless her. And moreover I will give you a son by her. Yes, I will bless her and she will be *a mother of nations*; kings of peoples will be by her.

^{17:17} Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? ^{17:18} And Abraham said to God, If only Ishmael might live before you!

^{17:19} And God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son and you will call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. ^{17:20} And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He will father twelve princes and I will make him a great nation. ^{17:21} But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time in the next year. ^{17:22} And he left off talking with him and God went up from Abraham.

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

^{17:24} And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ^{17:25} And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ^{17:26} In the same day Abraham was circumcised and Ishmael his son. ^{17:27} And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Genesis 18

^{18:1} And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. ^{18:2} And *he* lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood by him. And when he saw *them*, *he* ran to meet them from the tent door and bowed himself to the earth ^{18:3} and said, My Lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, I beseech you, do not pass away from your servant. ^{18:4} Now let a little water be fetched and wash your ^{*} feet and rest yourselves under the tree. ^{18:5} And I will fetch a morsel of bread and strengthen your ^{*} heart. After that, you ^{*} will pass on, because you ^{*} came to your ^{*} servant. And they said, Do so, as you have said.

^{18:6} And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, Quickly, *prepare* three measures of fine meal, knead it and make cakes. ^{18:7} And Abraham ran to the herd and fetched a calf, tender and good and gave *it* to the servant. And he hastened to dress it. ^{18:8} And he took butter and

milk and the calf which he had dressed and set *it* before them. And he stood by them under the tree and they ate.

^{18:9} And they said to him, Where *is* Sarah your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. ^{18:10} And he said, I will certainly return to you when the season comes round, and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

^{18:11} Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age. It had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ^{18:12} And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old shall I have pleasure *from* my lord who is also old?

^{18:13} And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I who am old certainly bear *a child*? ^{18:14} Is anything too hard for Jehovah? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes round and Sarah will have a son.

^{18:15} Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh, because he was afraid.

And he said, No, but you did laugh.

^{18:16} And the men rose up from there and looked toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. ^{18:17} And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham what I do, ^{18:18} since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? ^{18:19} Because I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice, to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham what he has spoken of him.

^{18:20} And Jehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous, ^{18:21} I will go down now and see whether they have done according to the cry which comes to me. And if not, I will know.

^{18:22} And the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham yet stood before Jehovah. ^{18:23} And Abraham drew near and said, Will you consume righteous *men* with wicked *men*? ^{18:24} Perhaps there are fifty righteous *men* within the city. Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous *men* that *are* in it? ^{18:25} Far be it from you to do such a thing, to kill a righteous *man* with a wicked *man*, that so the righteous *man* should be as the wicked man. Far be it from you. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

^{18:26} And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous *men* within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. ^{18:27} And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken *it* upon me to speak to the Lord, *who am I but* dust and ashes.

^{18:28} Perhaps there will lack five *of* the fifty righteous *men*. Will you destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy *it*, if I find forty-five there.

^{18:29} And he spoke to him yet again and said, Perhaps there will be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for the forty's sake.

^{18:30} And he said, Oh let the Lord not be furious and I will speak. Perhaps there will be thirty found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there.

^{18:31} And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the Lord. Perhaps there will be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for the twenty's sake.

^{18:32} And he said, Oh let the Lord not be furious and I will speak yet but this once. Perhaps ten will be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for the ten's sake.

^{18:33} And Jehovah went his way as soon as he had left off speaking with Abraham and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19

^{19:1} And the two messengers came to Sodom in the evening and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. And Lot saw *them* and rose up to meet them. And he bowed himself *with his face* to the earth ^{19:2} and he said, Behold now, my lords, I beseech you *, turn aside into your * servant's house and abide all night and wash your * feet and you * will rise up early and go on your * way. And they said, No, but we will abide in the street all night.

^{19:3} And he urged them greatly. And they turned aside to him and entered into his house. And he made a feast for them and baked unleavened *bread* and they ate.

^{19:4} But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, encompassed *themselves* around the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. ^{19:5} And they called to Lot and said to him, Where *are* the men who came to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.

^{19:6} And Lot went out to them to the doorway and shut the door after him. ^{19:7} And he said, I beseech you *, my brothers, do not *act* so wickedly. ^{19:8} Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known a man. I beseech you *, let me bring them out to you * and you * do to them as *is* good in your * eyes. Only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shadow of my roof.

^{19:9} And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one came in to journey and he will be a judge? Now we will deal worse with you, than with them. And they pressed greatly upon the man, *against* Lot and drew near to break the door.

^{19:10} But the men put forth their hand and brought Lot to them into the house and shut the door. ^{19:11} And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves trying* to find the door.

^{19:12} And the men said to Lot, Have you any here *in Sodom* besides *those in the house*? Take your son-in-law and your sons and your daughters and whomever you have in the city *and* bring *them* out of the place. ^{19:13} Because we will destroy this place, because the cry of them has been great *before* Jehovah. And Jehovah has sent us to destroy it.

^{19:14} And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who married his daughters and said, *Get* up, you * get out of this place, because Jehovah will destroy the city. But he seemed as a *man* jesting, to his sons-in-law.

^{19:15} And when the morning arose, then the messengers hurried Lot, saying, Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who *are* found *here*, lest you are consumed in the iniquity of the city. ^{19:16} But he lingered. And the men laid hold upon his hand and upon the hand of his wife and upon the hand of his two daughters, *because* Jehovah *was* being merciful to him and they brought him forth and set him outside the city.

^{19:17} And it happened, when they had brought them outside, that he said, Escape for your life. Do not look behind you, neither will you stay in all the Plain. Escape to the mountain, lest you are consumed.

^{19:18} And Lot said to them, Oh, not *so*, my lord. ^{19:19} Behold now, your servant has found favor in your sight and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me and I die. ^{19:20} Behold now, this city *is* near to flee to and it *is* a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul will live.

^{19:21} And he said to him, Behold, I have lifted up you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city *of* which you have spoken. ^{19:22} You hasten, escape there, because I cannot do anything till you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

^{19:23} The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ^{19:24} Then Jehovah rained brimstone and fire upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah, from Jehovah out of heaven. ^{19:25} And he overthrew those cities and all the Plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and what grew upon the ground. ^{19:26} But his wife looked *back* from behind him and she became a pillar of salt.

^{19:27} And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood *before* the face of Jehovah. ^{19:28} And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the Plain and saw *it*. And behold, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.

^{19:29} And it happened, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, that God remembered Abraham and *that he* sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt. ^{19:30} And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain and his two daughters with him, because he feared to dwell in

Zoar. And he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

^{19:31} And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father *is* old and *there is* not a man on the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. ^{19:32} Come, let us make our father drink wine and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed by our father. ^{19:33} And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. And he did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose.

^{19:34} And it happened on the day after, that the firstborn said to the younger, Behold, I lay with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine this night also and you go in *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed by our father. ^{19:35} And 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, nor when she arose.

^{19:36} And both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. ^{19:37} And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. ^{19:38} And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. The same *is* the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

Genesis 20

^{20:1} And Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the South and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur. And he traveled in Gerar. ^{20:2} And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister. And Abimelech King of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ^{20:3} But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night and said to him, Behold, you *are but* a dead man, over the woman whom you have taken; she is a man's wife.

^{20:4} Now Abimelech had not come near her. And he said, Lord, will you kill even a righteous nation? ^{20:5} Did he not himself say to me, She *is* my sister? And she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother. In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.

^{20:6} And God said to him in the dream, Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this. And I also withheld you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not allow you to touch her. ^{20:7} Now therefore restore the man's wife. Because he *is* a prophet and he will pray for you and you will live. And if you do not restore *her*, you *will* know that you will surely die, you and all who *are* yours.

^{20:8} And Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their ears. And the men were exceedingly afraid.

^{20:9} Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, What have you done to us? And in what *way* have I sinned against you, that you have brought *such* a great sin on me and on my kingdom? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done. ^{20:10} And Abimelech said to

Abraham, What did you see, that you have done this thing?

^{20:11} And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place and they will kill me because of my wife. ^{20:12} And moreover *she is* indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother and she became my wife. ^{20:13} And it happened, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This *is* your kindness which you will show to me. At every place where we will come, say of me, He *is* my brother.

^{20:14} And Abimelech took sheep and oxen and men-servants and women-servants and gave *them* to Abraham and restored to him Sarah his wife. ^{20:15} And Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before you. Dwell where it pleases you. ^{20:16} And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand *pieces* of silver. Behold, it *is* for you a covering of the eyes to all who *are* with you. And you are correct in regard to all *this*.

^{20:17} And Abraham prayed to God and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maid-servants. And they bore *children*. ^{20:18} Because Jehovah had closed up fast all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 21

^{21:1} And Jehovah visited Sarah as he had said and Jehovah did to Sarah as he had spoken. ^{21:2} And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ^{21:3} And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, Isaac, whom Sarah bore to him. ^{21:4} And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ^{21:5} And Abraham *was* a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him.

^{21:6} And Sarah said, God has made me to laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me. ^{21:7} And she said, Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah should nurse sons? Because I have borne him a son in his old age.

{[Gen_21:8-23:20](#); [Gen_11:32](#); [Gen_24:1-67](#)}

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

^{21:12} And God said to Abraham, Do not let it be grievous in your sight because of the lad and because of your handmaid. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her

voice. Because in Isaac will your seed be called. ^{21:13} And I will also make a nation of the son of the handmaid, because he *is* your seed.

^{21:14} And Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a skin-container of water and gave *them* to Hagar, putting *them* on her shoulder and the child and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ^{21:15} And the water in the skin-container was spent and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ^{21:16} And she went and sat herself down opposite *him* a good way off, as *if* it was a bowshot *away*. Because she said, Do not let me look upon the death of the child. And she sat opposite *him* and lifted up her voice and wept.

^{21:17} And God heard the voice of the lad. And the messenger of God called to Hagar out of heaven and said to her, What troubles you, Hagar? Do not fear, because God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is*. ^{21:18} Arise, lift up the lad and hold him in your hand, because I will make him a great nation. ^{21:19} And God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin-container *with* water and gave the lad a drink.

^{21:20} And God was with the lad and he grew. And he dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer as he grew up. ^{21:21} And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran. And his mother took a wife out of the land of Egypt for him.

^{21:22} And it happened at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, God *is* with you in all that you do. ^{21:23} Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. *But* according to the kindness that I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have traveled. ^{21:24} And Abraham said, I will swear.

^{21:25} And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of the well of water which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. ^{21:26} And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing, neither did you tell me, nor yet did I hear *of it*, except today.

^{21:27} And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech. And the two made a covenant. ^{21:28} And Abraham set seven ewe-lambs of the flock by themselves. ^{21:29} And Abimelech said to Abraham, What *do* these seven ewe-lambs mean which you have set by themselves? ^{21:30} And he said, Because *these* seven ewe-lambs you will take from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well. ^{21:31} Therefore he called that place Beer-sheba, because both of them swore there.

^{21:32} So they cut a covenant at Beer-sheba. And Abimelech rose up and Phicol the captain of his army and they returned into the land of the Philistines. ^{21:33} And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba and called on the name of Jehovah, the Everlasting God, there. ^{21:34}

And Abraham traveled in the land of the Philistines many days.

Genesis 22

^{22:1} And it happened after these things, that God proved Abraham and said to him, Abraham. And he said, Behold, *here I am*. ^{22:2} And he said, Take your son now, your only *son*, Isaac, whom you love and go into the land of Moriah. And offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you of.

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

^{22:6} And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took the fire and the knife in his hand. And both of them went together.

^{22:7} And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father.

And he said, Behold, *here I am*, my son.

And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt-offering? ^{22:8} And Abraham said, God himself will see *to* the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son. So they went both of them together.

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

^{22:11} And the messenger of Jehovah called to him out of heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham.

And he said, Behold, *here I am*.

^{22:12} And he said, Do not lay your hand upon the lad, neither do you anything to him. Because now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.

^{22:13} And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt-offering instead of his son. ^{22:14} And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh {[Jehovah Sees](#)}. As it is said to this day, It will be provided in the mountain of Jehovah.

^{22:15} And the messenger of Jehovah called to Abraham a second time out of heaven ^{22:16} and said, I have sworn by myself, says Jehovah, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ^{22:17} that in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand

which *is* upon the sea _shore and your seed will possess the gate of his enemies ^{22:18} and in your seed will all the nations of the earth *will* be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

^{22:19} So Abraham returned to his young men. And they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba. ^{22:20} And it happened after these things, that it was told *to* Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she has also borne sons to your brother Nahor: ^{22:21} Uz his first born and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram, ^{22:22} and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel. ^{22:23} And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ^{22:24} And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

Genesis 23

^{23:1} And the life of Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years. These were the years of the life of Sarah. ^{23:2} And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba {The City of Arba} (what *is* Hebron), in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

^{23:3} And Abraham rose up from before his dead and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying, ^{23:4} I am a stranger and a traveler with you*. Give me a burial possession with you*, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

^{23:5} And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, ^{23:6} Hear us, my lord. You are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in our choice sepulchers. None of us will withhold his sepulcher from you, but *so* that you may bury your dead.

^{23:7} And Abraham rose up and bowed himself to the people of the land, *and* to the sons of Heth. ^{23:8} And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your* mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, ^{23:9} that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is in the end of his field. Let him give it to me for the full price for a burial possession in the midst of you*.

^{23:10} Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the sons of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the sons of Heth, even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying, ^{23:11} No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field. And the cave that is in it, I give it to you. I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. Bury your dead.

^{23:12} And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. ^{23:13} And he spoke to Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But, I beseech you, if you would hear me. I will give the price of the field. Take it from me and I will bury my dead there.

^{23:14} And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

^{23:15} My lord, listen to me. A piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? Therefore bury your dead.

^{23:16} And Abraham listened to Ephron. And Abraham weighed the silver to Ephron that he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, what passes with the merchant. {the typical selling price} ^{23:17} So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field and the cave which was in it and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border of it all around, were made sure ^{23:18} to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

^{23:19} And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (what is Hebron), in the land of Canaan. ^{23:20} And the field and the cave that is in it, were made sure to Abraham for a burial possession by the sons of Heth.

Genesis 24

^{24:1} And Abraham was old, well stricken in age. And Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. ^{24:2} And Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, I beseech you, put your hand under my thigh. ^{24:3} And I will make you swear by Jehovah, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. ^{24:4} But you will go to my country and to my kindred and take a wife for my son Isaac.

^{24:5} And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I bring your son again to the land from where you came? ^{24:6} And Abraham said to him, You beware that you not bring my son there again. ^{24:7} Jehovah, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my nativity and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, To your seed I will give this land. He will send his messenger before you and you will take a wife for my son from there.

^{24:8} And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be clear from this my oath. Only you will not bring my son there again. ^{24:9} And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

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

^{24:12} And he said, O Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, I beseech you, cause *her* to meet before me this day and show kindness to my master Abraham. ^{24:13} Behold, I am standing by the fountain of water. And the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ^{24:14} And let it happen, that the maiden to whom I will say, I beseech you, let down your pitcher, that I may drink.

And she will say, Drink and I will also give your camels drink. Let it be her, the one you have appointed for your servant Isaac. And I will know that you have shown kindness to my master by this.

^{24:15} And it happened, before he was done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. ^{24:16} And the maiden was very fair to look upon, a virgin, no man had known her. And she went down to the fountain and filled her pitcher and came up.

^{24:17} And the servant ran to meet her and said, I beseech you, give me a little water to drink from your pitcher.

^{24:18} And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried and let down her pitcher upon her hand and gave him drink. ^{24:19} And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will also draw for your camels, until they have done drinking. ^{24:20} And she hurried and emptied her pitcher into the trough and ran again to the well to draw and drew for all his camels.

^{24:21} And the man looked steadfastly on her, keeping silent, to know whether Jehovah had made his journey prosperous or not.

^{24:22} And it happened, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold, ^{24:23} and said, Whose daughter are you? Tell me, I beseech you. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?

^{24:24} And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. ^{24:25} Moreover, she said to him, We both have enough straw and fodder and room to lodge in.

^{24:26} And the man bowed his head and worshiped Jehovah. ^{24:27} And he said, Praise Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my master, I *being* in the way, Jehovah has led me to the house of my master's brothers.

^{24:28} And the girl ran and told her mother's house according to these words. ^{24:29} And Rebekah had a brother and his name was Laban. And Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain. ^{24:30} And it happened, when he saw the ring and the bracelets upon his sister's hands and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus, the

man spoke to me, that he came to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the fountain. ^{24:31} And he said, Come in, you blessed of Jehovah. Why do you stand outside? *For* I have prepared the house and room for the camels.

^{24:32} And the man came into the house and he ungirded the camels. And he gave straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ^{24:33} And there was *food* set before him to eat. But he said, I will not eat until I have told *of* my errand. And he said, Speak on.

^{24:34} And he said, I am Abraham's servant. ^{24:35} And Jehovah has blessed my master greatly and he has become great. And he has given him flocks and herds and silver and gold and men-servants and maid-servants and camels and donkeys. ^{24:36} And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And to him he has he given all that he has.

^{24:37} And my master made me swear, saying, You will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ^{24:38} but you will go to my father's house and to my kindred and take a wife for my son.

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

^{24:40} And he said to me, Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send his messenger with you and prosper your way. And you will take a wife for my son of my kindred and of my father's house. ^{24:41} Then you will be clear from my oath, when you come to my kindred. And if they do not give her to you, you will be clear from my oath.

^{24:42} And I came this day to the fountain and said, O Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, I pray, if you will, prosper the way on which I am now going, ^{24:43} behold, I am standing by the fountain of water and let it happen, that the maiden who comes out to draw, to whom I will say, I beseech you, give me a little water from your pitcher to drink, ^{24:44} and she will say to me, Both drink you and I will also draw for your camels, let her be the woman whom Jehovah has appointed for my master's son.

^{24:45} And before I was done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain and drew. And I said to her, Let me drink, I beseech you. ^{24:46} And she made haste and let down her pitcher from her shoulder and said, Drink and I will also give your camels drink. So I drank and she also made the camels drink.

^{24:47} And I asked her and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the ring upon her nose and the bracelets upon her hands. ^{24:48} And I bowed my head and worshiped Jehovah and blessed Jehovah, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son.

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

^{24:50} Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceeds from Jehovah; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ^{24:51} Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go and let her be your master's son's wife, as Jehovah has spoken.

^{24:52} And it happened, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth to Jehovah. ^{24:53} And the servant brought out jewels of silver and jewels of gold and garments and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. ^{24:54} And they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him and stayed all night. And they rose up in the morning and he said, Send me away to my master.

^{24:55} And her brother and her mother said, Let the maiden abide with us *a few days, for* at the least ten. After that she will go.

^{24:56} And he said to them, Do not hinder me, since Jehovah has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master. ^{24:57} And they said, We will call the maiden and inquire at her mouth. ^{24:58} And they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man?

And she said, I will go.

^{24:59} And they sent Rebekah their sister away and her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. ^{24:60} And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, Our sister, you *will be the mother* of thousands of ten thousands and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them. ^{24:61} And Rebekah arose and her maidens and they rode upon the camels and followed the man. And the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

^{24:62} And Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi {Well of the Living One, My Beholder}, and he dwelt in the land of the South. ^{24:63} And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ^{24:64} And Rebekah lifted up her eyes and when she saw Isaac, she fell from the camel. ^{24:65} And she said to the servant, What man is this who walks in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master. And she took her veil and covered herself.

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

Genesis 25

{Gen_25:1-4, 1Ch_1:32-33 Wife Keturah}

^{25:1} And Abraham took another wife and her name

was Keturah. ^{25:2} And she bore him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. ^{25:3} And Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim. ^{25:4} And the sons of Midian *were*: Ephah and Ephher and Hanoah and Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

{Gen_25:5-6, 25:12-18, 1Ch_1:28-31, 1:34}

^{25:5} And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. ^{25:6} But to the sons of the concubines that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts. And he sent them away eastward from Isaac his son, while he yet lived to the east country.

^{25:7} And these *are* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred seventy-five years. ^{25:8} And Abraham gave up the spirit and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years and was gathered to his people.

^{25:9} And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre, ^{25:10} the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. Abraham and Sarah his wife was buried there.

^{25:11} And it happened after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi {Well of the Living One, my Beholder}.

{1Ch_1:28-31, Gen_25:12-17. Ishmael}

^{25:12} Now these *are* the genealogies of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham. ^{25:13} And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their genealogy: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam, ^{25:14} and Mishma and Dumah and Massa, ^{25:15} Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. ^{25:16} These *are* the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their nations.

^{25:17} And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty-seven years. And he gave up the spirit and died and was gathered to his people. ^{25:18} And they dwelt from Havilah to Shur which is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria. He abode opposite all his brothers.

^{25:19} And these are the genealogies of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac. ^{25:20} And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to be his wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. ^{25:21} And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she was barren. And Jehovah was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

^{25:22} And the children struggled together within her. And she said, If *it is so*, why *am* I this way? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

^{25:23} And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb and two peoples will be separated from your guts. And the *one* people will be stronger than the *other* people. And the elder will serve the younger.

^{25:24} And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ^{25:25} And the first came out red all over like a hairy garment and they called his name Esau. ^{25:26} And after that his brother came out and his hand had hold on Esau's heel and his name was called Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

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

^{25:29} And Jacob boiled pottage. And Esau came in from the field and he was faint. ^{25:30} And Esau said to Jacob, I beseech you, feed me with that same red *pottage*, because I *am* faint. Therefore his name was called Edom.

^{25:31} And Jacob said, First sell me your birthright. ^{25:32} And Esau said, Behold, I *am* about to die and what *profit* will the birthright do to me? ^{25:33} And Jacob said, Swear to me first. And he swore to him and he sold his birthright to Jacob. ^{25:34} And Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils. And he ate and drank and rose up and went his way. So Esau despised *his* birthright.

Genesis 26

^{26:1} And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech King of the Philistines, to Gerar. ^{26:2} And Jehovah appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt. Dwell in the land which I will tell you of. ^{26:3} Journey in this land and I will be with you and will bless you. Because I will give all these lands to you and to your seed, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. ^{26:4} And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, ^{26:5} because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my order, my commandments, my statutes and my laws.

^{26:6} And Isaac dwelt in Gerar. ^{26:7} And the men of the place asked him of his wife. And he said, She is my sister. Because he feared to say, My wife. Lest, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah, because she was fair to look upon. ^{26:8} And it happened, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech King of the Philistines looked out at a window and saw; and behold, Isaac was playing with Rebekah his wife.

^{26:9} And Abimelech called Isaac and said, Behold, she *is* certainly your wife and how did you say, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her. ^{26:10} And 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. ^{26:11} And Abimelech ordered all the people, saying, He who touches this man or his wife will surely be put to death.

^{26:12} And Isaac sowed in that land and found a hundredfold in the same year. And Jehovah blessed him. ^{26:13} And the man became great and grew more and more until he became very great. ^{26:14} And he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great household. And the Philistines envied him.

^{26:15} Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped and filled with soil. ^{26:16} And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us, because you are much mightier than we. ^{26:17} And Isaac departed from there and encamped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there.

^{26:18} And Isaac again dug the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father. For the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. ^{26:19} And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found a well of springing water there.

^{26:20} And the herdsmen of Gerar contended with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours. And he called the name of the well Esek {**Contention**}, because they contended with him. ^{26:21} And they dug another well and they contended for that also. And he called the name of it Sitnah {**Opposition**}.

^{26:22} And he moved from there and dug another well and they did not contend for that. And he called the name of it Rehoboth {**Wide Places**}. And he said, Because now Jehovah has made room for us and we will be fruitful in the land. ^{26:23} And he went up from there to Beer-sheba.

^{26:24} And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I *am* the God of Abraham your father. Do not fear, because I *am* with you and will bless you and multiply your seed because of my servant Abraham. ^{26:25} And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And Isaac's servants dug a well there.

^{26:26} Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar and Ahuzzath his friend and Phicol the captain of his army. ^{26:27} And Isaac said to them, Why have you* come to me, seeing you* hate me and have sent me away from you*? ^{26:28} And they said, We saw plainly that Jehovah was with you. And we said, Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you. And let us make a covenant with you, ^{26:29} that you will do us no evil, as we have not touched you and as we have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You now are the blessed of Jehovah.

^{26:30} And he made a feast for them and they ate and drank. ^{26:31} And they rose up promptly in the morning and