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PREFACE

The Geneva Bible - Born Out of Blood

Mary I, the daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon, took the throne in England in 1553 and set the stage for the creation of the Geneva Bible. Sixteen years earlier her father, Henry VIII, had released the first sanctioned Bible in English, The Matthews Bible, following his separation from the Catholic Church at Rome. However, once Mary was in power, she immediately began forcing all of England back under the authority of the Roman Church and suppressing the circulation of the Bible in the common (English) tongue. Specifically, Mary I issued proclamations in August 1553 forbidding public reading of the Bible and in June 1555 prohibiting the works of reformers Tyndale, Rogers, Coverdale, Cranmer, and others. In 1558 a proclamation was issued requiring the delivery of the reformers' writings under penalty of death. A vicious persecution was instituted against anyone who supported the reformers' views, distributed their writings or attempted to circulate the Scripture in English. Overall, nearly three hundred people were burned at the stake under Mary's reign, and many more were imprisoned, tortured, or otherwise punished. Reformer John Rogers, who produced the Matthew's Bible, was the first to be burned, on February 4, 1555. Others who followed the same fate included Bishop Thomas Cranmer, who was involved with the second and subsequent editions of the Great Bible, Nicolas Ridley, Hugh Latimer, and John Hooper, often referred to as the "Father of Puritanism."

It is estimated that during Bloody Mary's reign as many as eight hundred reformers fled England to seek shelter on the Continent. Some settled in Strasburg, some in Zurich, and some in Frankfort. Many settled in Geneva, the "Holy City of the Alps," where Protestantism was supreme. The city was under the control of the famed scholar, John Calvin, with the assistance of Theodore Beza. By 1556 a sizeable English-speaking congregation had formed in Geneva with Scottish reformer John Knox serving as pastor. William Whittingham, a tremendous scholar who according to tradition married a sister of Calvin's wife, succeeded Knox as pastor in 1557.

No new English Bible translations had emerged since the first Great Bible of 1539, and William Whittingham undertook the work of improving the English versions of the New Testament. First published in Geneva by Conrad Badius in 1557, Whittingham produced a revision of William Tyndale's New Testament "with most profitable annotations of all hard places." This small, thick octavo edition included an epistle by Calvin himself, which helped to introduce Protestant views to the English people.

The Geneva Bible Is The Bible of "Firsts"

The entire Bible was released in 1560. It was innovative in both text and format, and quickly became the household Bible of English speaking people. It was the first English Bible to have modern verse divisions as well as modern chapter divisions. It was the first Bible to use italics to indicate words not in the original language and the first Bible to change the values of ancient coins into English pound sterling equivalents. It was also the first to use plain Roman type, which was more readable than the old Gothic type, and it was in a handy quarto size for easy use. With prologues before each book, extensive marginal notes, and a brief concordance, the Geneva Bible was in fact the first English "study Bible."

Between its first edition of 1560 and its last edition in 1644, 160 editions, totaling around a half million Bibles, were produced. And for the first time common people could not only understand the words in the

Bible, they could actually own one. Its widespread use first solidified the English language among the common people, not the 1611 King James Bible as many assume. Actually, the King James Bible required decades to surpass the popularity of the Geneva and supplant it from the hearts of the English speaking world. In fact, the Geneva Bible was the principal English Bible initially brought to American soil, making it the Bible that shaped early American life and impacted Colonial culture more than any other.

Conclusion

In this edition we have chosen not to include any commentary and simply allow the strength of the translation to come through to the reader. Yet because 450 plus years have elapsed since the original Geneva Bible, we have modernized the spelling of words. We have also bracketed and defined words and terms which are no longer commonly used or are so altered in their meaning as to be unfamiliar today.

Further, this work is not intended to replace the King James Bible, but to show how close the Geneva translation is to the King James Bible. These two Bibles are translated from the same Traditional Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek Texts. So, why was the King James Bible needed? It was because the marginal notes were “very partial,” King James said. And they were. They were completely Calvinistic and many considered the notes as a part of divine revelation, which they are not. On January 17, 1604, the motion was made and carried “...that a translation be made of the whole Bible, as consonant as can be to the original Hebrew and Greek; and this to be set out and printed without any marginal notes.” Only cross references, and word definitions and occasional variant reading were allowed.

After 85 years of and six English Bible translations (Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthews, Great, Bishops, Geneva) virtually all English Bible translation efforts cease for 274 years with the publication of the King James Bible. The King James Bible is the most popular book of all times. It has been in constant publication since 1611 with an estimated 6 billion copies being published.

The Geneva Bible, which is virtually unknown today, played an important part in American History. It was our desire to modernize the spelling and define the archaic words so the reader easily read and see why it holds such an important place in American History.

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED GENESIS

Chapter 1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form and void [empty], and darkness was upon the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the waters.

3 Then God said, Let there be light: And there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light, Day, and the darkness, he called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 Again God said, Let there be a firmament [expanse of the heavens] in the midst of the waters: and let it separate the waters from the waters.

7 Then God made the firmament [expanse of the heavens], and parted the waters, which were under the firmament [expanse of the heavens], from the waters which were above the firmament [expanse of the heavens]: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament [expanse] Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 God said again, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear. and it was so.

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.

11 Then God said, Let the earth bud forth the bud of the herb, that seedeth seed, the fruitful tree, which beareth fruit according to his kind, which may have his seed in itself upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth the bud of the herb, that seedeth seed according to his kind, also the tree that yieldeth fruit, which hath his seed in

itself according to his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament [expanse] of the heaven, to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament [expanse] of the heaven to give light upon the earth. and it was so.

16 God then made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the less light to rule the night: he made also the stars.

17 And God set them in the firmament [expanse] of the heaven, to shine upon the earth, 18 And to rule in the day, and in the night, and to separate the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Afterward God said, Let the waters bring forth in abundance every creeping thing that hath life: and let the fowl fly upon the earth in the open firmament [expanse] of the heaven.

21 Then God created the great whales, and everything living and moving, which the waters brought forth in abundance, according to their kind, and every feathered fowl according to his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 Then God blessed them, saying, Bring forth fruit and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth.

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Moreover God said, Let the earth bring forth the living thing according to his kind, cattle, and that which creepeth, and the beast of the earth, according to his kind. And it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to his kind, and the cattle according to his kind, and every creeping thing of the earth according to his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 Furthermore God said, Let us make man in our image according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heaven, and over the beasts, and over all the earth, and over every thing that creepeth and moveth on the earth.

27 Thus God created the man in his image: in the image of God created he him: he created them male and female.

28 And God blessed them, and God said to them, Bring forth fruit and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heaven, and over every beast that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold [look], I have given unto you every herb bearing seed, which is upon all the earth, and every tree, wherein is the fruit of a tree bearing seed: that shall be to you for meat [food].

30 Likewise to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the heaven, and to every thing that moveth upon the earth, which hath life in itself, every green herb shall be for meat [food], And it was so.

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

Chapter 2

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

2 For in the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and the seventh day he rested from all his work, which he had made.

3 So God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified [set] it [apart], because that in it he had rested from all his work, which God had created and made.

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

5 And every plant of the field, before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field, before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, neither was there a man to till the ground,

6 But a mist went up from the earth, and watered all the earth.

7 The Lord God also made the man of the dust of the ground, and breathed in his face breath of life, and the man was a living soul.

8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had made.

9 (For out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree pleasant to the sight, and good for meat [food]: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and of evil.

10 And out of Eden went a river to water the garden, and from thence [there] it was divided, and became into four heads.

11 The name of one is Pison: the same compasseth [surrounds] the whole land of Havilah, where is gold.

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

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same compasseth [surrounds] the whole land of Cush [Ethiopia].

14 The name also of the third river is Hiddekel: this goeth toward the east side of Assyria: and the fourth river is Perath)

15 Then the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden, that he might dress it and keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Thou shalt eat freely of every tree of the garden,

17 But as touching the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for when so ever thou eatest thereof, thou shalt die the death.

18 Also the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be himself alone. I will make him an help [helper] meet [suitable] for him.

19 So the Lord God formed of the earth every beast of the field, and every fowl of the heaven, and brought them unto the man to see how he would call them: for how so ever the man named the living creature, so was the name thereof.

20 The man therefore gave names unto all cattle, and to the fowl of the heaven, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam found he not an help [helper] meet [suitable] for him.

21 Therefore the Lord God caused an heavy sleep to fall upon the man, and whiles he slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

22 And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man said, This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 Therefore shall man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave [cling] to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Chapter 3

1 Now the serpent was more subtle [crafty, sly] than any beast of the field, which the Lord God had made: and he said to the woman, Yea, hath God indeed said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3 But of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not die at all,

5 But God doth know, that when ye shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 So the woman (seeing that the tree was good for meat [food], and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to get knowledge) took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her, and he did eat.

7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig tree leaves together, and made themselves breeches.

8 Afterward they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 Who said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and was afraid: because I was naked, therefore I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee, that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat in no case?

12 Then the man said, The woman which thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, Why hast thou done this? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled [tricked, deceived] me, and I did eat.

14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

15 I will also put enmity [hostility] between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. He shall break thine head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly increase thy sorrows, and thy conceptions. In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children, and thy desire shall be subject to thine husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 Also to Adam he said, Because thou hast obeyed the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, (whereof I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it) cursed is the earth for thy sake: in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

18 Thorns also, and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the earth: for out of it wast thou taken, because thou art dust, and to dust shalt thou return.

20 (And the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living)

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. And now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever,

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the earth, whence [from where] he was taken.

24 Thus he cast out man, and at the east side of the Garden of Eden he set the Cherubims, and the blade of a sword shaken, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Chapter 4

1 Afterward the man knew Eve his wife, which conceived and bear Cain, and said, I have obtained a man by the Lord.

2 And again she brought forth his brother Abel, and Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought an oblation [offering] unto the Lord of the fruit of the ground.

4 And Abel also himself brought of the first fruits of his sheep, and of the fat of them, and the Lord had respect unto Abel, and to his offering,

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had no regard: wherefore [therefore] Cain was exceeding wroth [angry], and his countenance [facial expression] fell down.

6 Then the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth [angry]? And why is thy countenance [facial expression] cast down?

7 If thou do well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door: also unto thee his desire shall be subject, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 Then Cain spake to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 Then the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? Who answered, I cannot tell. Am I my brother's keeper?

10 Again he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood cryeth unto me from the ground.

11 Now therefore thou art cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thine hand.

12 When thou shalt till the ground, it shall not henceforth [from now on] yield unto thee her strength: a vagabond [drifter] and a renegade shalt thou be in the earth.

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

14 Behold [look], thou hast cast me out this day from the earth, and from thy face shall I be hid, and shall be a vagabond [drifter], and a renegade in the earth, and whosoever findeth me, shall slay me.

15 Then the Lord said unto him, Doubtless whosoever slayeth Cain, he shall be punished seven fold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any man finding him should kill him.

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod toward the east side of Eden. 17 Cain also knew his wife, which conceived and bear Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city by the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad begat [fathered] Mehujael, and Mehujael begat [fathered] Methushael, and Methushael begat [fathered] Lamech.

19 And Lamech took him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bear Jabal, who was the father of such as dwell in the tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal, who was the father of all that play on the harp and organs.

22 And Zillah also bear Tubal-cain, who wrought [fashioned] cunningly [skillfully] every craft of brass and of iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 Then Lamech said unto his wives Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, ye wives of Lamech:

hearken unto my speech: for I would slay a man in my wound, and a young man in mine hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged seven fold, truly Lamech, seventy times seven fold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bear a son, and she called his name Seth: for God, said she, hath appointed me another seed for Abel, because Cain slew him.

26 And to the same Seth also there was born a son, and he called his name Enos. Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

Chapter 5

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created Adam, in the likeness of God made he him,

2 Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam in the day that they were created.

3 Now Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat [fathered] a child in his own likeness after his image, and called his name Seth.

4 And the days of Adam, after he had begotten Seth, were eight hundred years, and he begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

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

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat [fathered] Enos.

7 And Seth lived, after he begat [fathered] Enos, eight hundred and seven years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

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

9 Also Enos lived ninety years, and begat [fathered] Cainan.

10 And Enos lived, after he begat [fathered] Cainan, eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

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

12 Likewise Cainan lived seventy years, and begat [fathered] Mahalaleel.

13 And Cainan lived, after he begat [fathered] Mahalaleel, eight hundred and forty years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

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

15 Mahalaleel also lived sixty and five years, and begat [fathered] Jared.

16 Also Mahalaleel lived, after he begat [fathered] Jared, eight hundred and thirty years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

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

18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and begat [fathered] Enoch.

19 Then Jared lived, after he begat [fathered] Enoch, eight hundred years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21 Also Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat [fathered] Methuselah.

22 And Enoch walked with God, after he begat [fathered] Methuselah, three hundred years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years.

24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was no more seen: for God took him away.

25 Methuselah also lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat [fathered] Lamech.

26 And Methuselah lived, after he begat [fathered] Lamech, seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 Then Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat [fathered] a son,

29 And called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and sorrow of our hands, as touching the earth, which the Lord hath cursed.

30 And Lamech lived, after he begat [fathered] Noah, five hundred ninety and five years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred year old. And Noah begat [fathered] Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Chapter 6

1 So when men began to be multiplied upon the earth, and there were daughters born unto them, 2 Then the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all that they liked.

3 Therefore the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive [struggle] with man, because he is but flesh, and his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days: yea, and after that the sons of God came unto the daughters of men, and they had born them children, these were mighty men, which in old time were men of renown.

5 When the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and all the imaginations of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually,

6 Then it repented the Lord that he had made man in the earth, and he was sorry in his heart.

7 Therefore the Lord said, I will destroy from the earth the man, whom I have created, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, and to the fowl of the heaven: for I repent that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and upright man in his time: and walked with God.

10 And Noah begat [fathered] three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God: for the earth was filled with cruelty.

12 Then God looked upon the earth, and behold [observed], it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupt his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, An end of all flesh is come before me: for the earth is filled with cruelty through them: and behold [watch], I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of pine trees: thou shalt make cabins in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without [outside] with pitch.

15 And thus shalt thou make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make in the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above, and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof: thou shalt make it with the low, second and third room.

17 And I, behold I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life under the heaven: all that is in the earth shall perish.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant, and thou shalt go into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing, of all flesh two of every sort shalt thou cause to come into the ark, to keep them alive with thee: they shall be male and female.

20 Of the fowls, after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, that thou mayest keep them alive.

21 And take thou with thee of all meat [food] that is eaten: and thou shalt gather it to thee, that it may be meat [food] for thee and for them.

22 Noah therefore did according unto all, that God commanded him: even so did he.

Chapter 7

1 And the Lord said unto Noah, Enter thou and all thine house into the ark: for thee have I seen righteous before me in this age.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: but of unclean beasts by couples, the male and his female.

3 Of the fowls also of the heaven by sevens, male and female, to keep seed alive upon the whole earth.

4 For seven days hence [from now] I will cause it rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and all the substance that I have made, will I destroy from off the earth.

5 Noah therefore did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

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

7 So Noah entered and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of the clean beasts, and of the unclean beasts, and of the fowls, and of all that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There came two and two unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And so after seven days the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

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

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

13 In the self same day entered Noah with Shem, and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them into the ark.

14 They and every beast after his kind, and all cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, even every bird of every feather.

15 For they came to Noah into the ark, two and two, of all flesh wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they entering in, came male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

17 Then the flood was forty days upon the earth, and the waters were increased, and bear up the ark, which was lift up above the earth.

18 The waters also waxed [became] strong, and were increased exceedingly upon the earth, and the ark went upon the waters.

19 The waters prevailed so exceedingly upon the earth, that all the high mountains, that are under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail, when the mountains were covered.

21 Then all flesh perished that moved upon the earth, both fowl and cattle and beast, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth, and every man.

22 Everything in whose nostrils the spirit of life did breathe, whatsoever they were in the dry land, they died.

23 So he destroyed everything that was upon the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, and to the fowl of the heaven: they were even destroyed from the earth. And Noah only remained; and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Chapter 8

1 Now God remembered Noah and every beast, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: therefore God made a wind to pass upon the earth, and the waters ceased.

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped and the rain from heaven was restrained,

3 And the waters returned from above the earth, going and returning: and after the end of the hundred and fiftieth day the waters abated [diminished].

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

5 And the waters were going and decreasing until the tenth month: in the tenth month, and in the first day of the month were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 So after forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark, which he had made,

7 And sent forth a raven, which went out going forth and returning, until the waters were dried up upon the earth.

8 Again he sent a dove from him, that he might see if the waters were diminished from off the earth.

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot: therefore she returned unto him into the ark (for the waters were upon the whole earth) and he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her to him into the ark.

10 And he abode yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark.

11 And the dove came to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf that she had plucked: whereby Noah knew that the waters were abated [diminished] from off the earth.

12 Notwithstanding he waited yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove, which returned not again unto him anymore.

13 And in the six hundredth and one year, in the first day of the first month the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold [observed], the upper part of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, in the seven and twentieth day of the month was the earth dry.

15 Then God spake to Noah, saying,

16 Go forth off the ark, thou and thy wife, and thy sons and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every beast that is with thee, of all flesh, both fowl and cattle, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth, that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and bring forth fruit and increase upon the earth.

18 So Noah came forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him.

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, all that moveth upon the earth after their kinds went out of the ark.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings upon the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a savor [aroma] of rest, and the Lord said in his heart, I will henceforth [from now on] curse the ground no more for man's cause [purpose]: for the imagination of man's heart is evil, even from his youth: neither will I smite [destroy] anymore all things living, as I have done.

22 Hereafter seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease, so long as the earth remaineth.

Chapter 9

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Bring forth fruit, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 Also the fear of you, and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the heaven, upon all that moveth on the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered.

3 Everything that moveth and liveth, shall be meat [food] for you: as the green herb, have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, I mean, with the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 For surely I will require your blood, wherein your lives are: at the hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of a man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God hath he made man.

7 But bring ye forth fruit and multiply: grow plentifully in the earth, and increase therein.

8 God spake also to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 Behold [observe], I, even I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you,

10 And with every living creature that is with you, with the fowl, with the cattle, and with every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the ark, unto every beast of the earth.

11 And my covenant will I establish with you, that from henceforth [now on] all flesh shall not be rooted out by the waters of the flood, neither shall there be a flood to destroy the earth anymore.

12 Then God said, This is the token [clear sign] of the covenant which I make between me and you, and between every living thing, that is with you unto perpetual generations.

13 I have set my bow [rainbow] in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

14 And when I shall cover the earth with a cloud, and the bow [rainbow] shall be seen in the cloud,

15 Then will I remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and between every living thing in all flesh, and there shall be no more waters of a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 Therefore the bow [rainbow] shall be in the cloud, that I may see it, and remember the everlasting covenant between God, and every living thing in all flesh that is upon the earth.

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

18 Now the sons of Noah going forth of the ark, were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah, and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 Noah also began to be an husbandman [farmer] and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drunk of the wine and was drunken, and was uncovered in the midst of his tent.

22 And when Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, he told his two brethren without [outside].

23 Then took Shem and Japheth a garment, and put it upon both their shoulders and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father with their faces backward: so they saw not their father's nakedness.

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

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

26 He said moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.

27 God persuaded Japheth, that he may dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.

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

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

Chapter 10

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

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

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

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

5 Of these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands, every man after his tongue, and after their families in their nations.

6 Moreover, the sons of Ham were Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush, Seba and Havilah, and Sabtech, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: also the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

8 And Cush begat [fathered] Nimrod, who began to be mighty in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Wherefore [therefore] it is said, As Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

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

11 Out of that land came Assyria, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah:

12 Resen also between Nineveh and Calah: this is a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat [fathered] Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim.

14 Pathrusim also, and Casluhim (out of whom came the Philistims) and Caphtorims.

15 Also Canaan begat [fathered] Zidon his first born, and Heth.

16 And Jebusi, and Emori, and Girgashi,

17 And Hivi, and Arki, and Sini,

18 And Arvadi, and Zemari, and Hamathi: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 Then the border of the Canaanites was from Zidon, as thou comest to Gerar until Gaza, and as thou goest unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham according to their families, according to their tongues in their countries and in their nations.

21 Unto Shem also the father of all the sons of Eber, and elder brother of Japheth were children born.

22 The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram, Uz and Hul, and Gether and Mash.

24 Also Arpachshad begat [fathered] Shebah, and Shebah begat [fathered] Eber.

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

26 Then Joktan begat [fathered] Almodad and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

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

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem according to their families, according to their tongues, in their countries and nations.

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

Chapter 11

1 Then the whole earth was of one language and one speech.

2 And as they went from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and there they abode.

3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn it in the fire. So they had brick for stone, and slime had they instead of mortar.

4 Also they said, Go to [come on], let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto the heaven, that we may get us a name, lest we be scattered upon the whole earth.

5 But the Lord came down, to see the city and tower, which the sons of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, Behold [observe], the people is one, and they all have one language, and this they begin to do, neither can they now be stopped from whatsoever they have imagined to do.

7 Come on, let us go down, and there confound [confuse] their language, that everyone perceive [understand] not another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them from thence [there] upon all the earth, and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel, because the Lord did there confound [confuse] the language of all the earth: from thence [there] then did the Lord scatter them upon all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat [fathered] Arpachshad two years after the flood.

11 And Shem lived, after he begat [fathered] Arpachshad, five hundred years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

12 Also Arpachshad lived five and thirty years, and begat [fathered] Shelah.

13 And Arpachshad lived, after he begat [fathered] Shelah, four hundred and three years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and begat [fathered] Eber.

15 So Shelah lived, after he begat [fathered] Eber, four hundred and three years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

16 Likewise Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat [fathered] Peleg.

17 So Eber lived, after he begat [fathered] Peleg, four hundred and thirty years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat [fathered] Reu.

19 And Peleg lived, after he begat [fathered] Reu, two hundred and nine years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

20 Also Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat [fathered] Serug.

21 So Reu lived, after he begat [fathered] Serug, two hundred and seven years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

22 Moreover Serug lived thirty years, and begat [fathered] Nahor.

23 And Serug lived, after he begat [fathered] Nahor, two hundred years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat [fathered] Terah.

25 So Nahor lived, after he begat [fathered] Terah, an hundred and nineteen years, and begat [fathered] sons and daughters.

26 So Terah lived seventy years, and begat [fathered] Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat [fathered] Abram, Nahor, and Haran: and Haran begat [fathered] Lot.

28 Then Haran died before Terah his father in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 So Abram and Nahor took them wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren, and had no child.

31 Then 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 departed together from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan, and they came to Haran, and dwelt there.

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

Chapter 12

1 For the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto the land that I will show thee.

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

3 I will also bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, even as the Lord spake unto him, and Lot went with him. (And Abram was seventy and five years old, when he departed out of Haran)

5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they possessed, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran, and they departed, to go to the land of Canaan: and to the land of Canaan they came.

6 So Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, and unto the plain of Moreh (and the Canaanite was then in the land)

7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land. And there

builded he an altar unto the Lord, which appeared unto him.

8 Afterward removing thence [from there] unto a mountain eastward from Beth-el, he pitched his tent having Beth-el on the west side, and Hai on the east: and there he built an altar unto the Lord, and called on the name of the Lord.

9 Again Abram went forth going and journeying toward the south.

10 Then there came a famine in the land: therefore Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn [stay for a time] there: for there was a great famine in the land.

11 And when he drew near to enter into Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, Behold [observe] now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it will come to pass, that when the Egyptians see thee, they will say, She is his wife: so will they kill me, but they will keep thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, that thou art my sister, that I may fare well for thy sake, and that my life may be preserved by thee.

14 Now, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld[saw] the woman: for she was very fair.

15 And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her unto Pharaoh: so the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house:

16 Who entreated [dealt with] Abram well for her sake, and he had sheep, and beeves, and he asses, and menservants and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram, and said, Why hast thou done this unto me? Wherefore [why] didst thou not tell me, that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidest thou, She is my sister, that I should take her to be my wife? Now therefore behold [look upon] thy wife, take her and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh gave men commandment concerning him: and they conveyed him forth, and his wife, and all that he had.

Chapter 13

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him toward the south.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold.

3 And he went on his journey from the south toward Beth-el, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai,

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

5 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had sheep, and cattle and tents,

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

7 Also there was debate [strife] between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. (and the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelled at that time in the land.)

8 Then said Abram unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between thee and me, neither between mine herdsmen and thine herdsmen: for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? Depart I pray thee from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right: or if thou go to the right hand, then I will take the left.

10 So when Lot lifted up his eyes, he saw that all the plain of Jordan was watered everywhere: (for before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, it was as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar)

11 Then Lot chose unto him all the plain of Jordan, and took his journey from the east: and they departed the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot abode in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent even to Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and exceeding sinners against the Lord.

14 Then the Lord said unto Abram, (after that Lot was departed from him) Lift up thine eyes now, and look from the place where thou art,

northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land, which thou seest, will I give unto thee and to thy seed forever?

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

17 Arise, walk through the land, in the length thereof, and breadth thereof: for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelled in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and builded there an altar unto the Lord.

Chapter 14

1 And in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedor-laomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of the nations:

2 These men made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All these joined together in the vale [valley] of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea.

4 Twelve year were they subject to Chedor-laomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedor-laomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote [attacked] the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto the plain of Paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 And they returned and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote [attacked] all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelled in Hazezon-tamar.

8 Then went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar: and they joined battle with them in the vale [valley] of Siddim:

9 To wit [that is to say], with Chedor-laomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar: four kings against five.

10 Now the vale [valley] of Siddim was full of slime pits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell there: and the residue fled to the mountain.

11 Then they took all the substance of Sodom and Gomorrah, and their victuals [provisions] and went their way.

12 They took Lot also Abram's brother's son and his substance (for he dwelt at Sodom) and departed.

13 Then came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew, which dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner, which were confederate with Abram.

14 When Abram heard that his brother was taken, he brought forth of them that were born and brought up in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15 Then he, and his servants divided themselves against them by night, and smote [attacked] them and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left side of Damascus,

16 And he recovered all the substance, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also and the people.

17 After that he returned from the slaughter of Chedor-laomer, and of the kings that were with him, came the king of Sodom forth to meet him in the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale [valley].

18 And Melchi-zedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was a priest of the Most High God.

19 Therefore he blessed him, saying, Blessed art thou, Abram, of God Most High possessor of heaven and earth,

20 And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand. And Abram gave him tithe of all.

21 Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord the Most High God possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take of all that is thine, so much as a thread or shoe latchet, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich,

24 Save only that, which the young men have eaten, and the parts of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre: let them take their parts.

Chapter 15

1 After these things, the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am thy buckler [shield], and thine exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of mine house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 Again Abram said, Behold [observe], to me thou hast given no seed: wherefore [therefore] lo, a servant of mine house shall be mine heir.

4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, He shall not be thine heir, but one that shall come out of thine own bowels, he shall be thine heir.

5 Moreover he brought him forth and said, Look up now unto heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And Abram believed the Lord, and he counted that to him for righteousness.

7 Again he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, O Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 Then he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, a turtle dove also and a pigeon.

10 So he took all these unto him, and divided them into the midst, and laid every piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 Then fowls fell on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun went down, there fell an heavy sleep upon Abram: and lo, a very fearful darkness fell upon him.

13 Then he said to Abram, Know this of a surety [promise], that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land, that is not theirs, four hundred years, and shall serve them: and they shall entreat [deal with] them evil.

14 Notwithstanding the nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 But thou shalt go unto thy fathers in peace, and shalt be buried in a good age.

16 And in the fourth generation they shall come hither [here] again: for the wickedness of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 Also when the sun went down, there was a darkness: and behold, a smoking furnace, and a firebrand, which went between those pieces.

18 In that same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizites, and the Kadmonites,

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

21 The Amorites also, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Chapter 16

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bear him no children, and she had a maid an Egyptian, Hagar by name.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold [observe] now, the Lord hath restrained me from child bearing. I pray thee go in unto my maid: it may be that I shall receive a child by her. And Abram obeyed the voice of Sarai.

3 Then Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelled ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram for his wife.

4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her dame [mistress] was despised in her eyes.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, Thou doest me wrong. I have given my maid into thy bosom, and she seeth that she hath conceived, and I am despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee.

6 Then Abram said to Sarai, Behold [observe], thy maid is in thine hand: do with her as it pleaseth thee. Then Sarai dealt roughly with her: wherefore [therefore] she fled from her.

7 But the angel of the Lord found her beside a fountain of water in the wilderness by the fountain in the way to Shur,

8 And he said, Hagar Sarai's maid, whence [from where] comest thou? And whither [where, to what place] wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from my dame [mistress] Sarai.

9 Then the angel of the Lord said to her, Return to thy dame [mistress], and humble thyself under her hands.

10 Again the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will so greatly increase thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 Also the angel of the Lord said unto her, See, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael: for the Lord hath heard thy tribulation.

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

13 Then she called the name of the Lord, that spake unto her, Thou God lookest on me: for she said, Have I not also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore [therefore] the well was called, Beerlahairoi. Lo, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

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

16 And Abram was four score and six years old, when Hagar bear him Ishmael.

Chapter 17

1 When Abram was ninety year old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am God all sufficient. walk before me, and be thou upright,

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

4 Behold [observe], I make my covenant with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations,

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham: for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 Also I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and will make nations of thee: yea, kings shall proceed of thee.

7 Moreover I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God unto thee and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give thee and thy seed after thee the land, wherein thou art a stranger, even all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

9 Again God said unto Abraham, Thou also shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you, and thy seed after thee, Let every man child among you be circumcised:

11 That is, ye shall circumcise the foreskin of your flesh, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

12 And every man child of eight days old among you, shall be circumcised in your generations, as well he that is born in thine house, as he that is bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thine house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: so my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 But the uncircumcised man child, in whose flesh the foreskin is not circumcised, even that

person shall be cut off from his people, because he hath broken my covenant.

15 Afterward God said unto Abraham, Sarai thy wife shalt thou not call Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

16 And I will bless her, and will also give thee a son of her, yea, I will bless her and she shall be the mother of nations: kings also of people shall come of her.

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

18 And Abraham said unto God, Oh, that Ishmael might live in thy sight.

19 Then God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20 And as concerning Ishmael, I have heard thee: lo, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes shall he beget [produce], and I will make a great nation of him.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee, the next year at this season.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all that were born in his house, and all that was bought with his money, that is, every man child among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the foreskin of their flesh in that self same day, as God had commanded him.

24 Abraham also himself was ninety year old and nine, when the foreskin of his flesh was circumcised.

25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen year old, when the foreskin of his flesh was circumcised.

26 The self same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son:

27 And all the men of his house, both born in his house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Chapter 18

1 Again the Lord appeared unto him in the plain of Mamre, as he sat in his tent door about the heat of the day.

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

3 And he said, Lord, if I have now found favor in thy sight, go not, I pray thee, from thy servant.

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may comfort your hearts, afterward ye shall go your ways: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, Do even as thou hast said.

6 Then Abraham made haste into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready at once three measures of fine meal: knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran to the beasts, and took a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to make it ready.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf, which he had prepared, and set before them, and stood himself by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 Then they said to him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he answered, Behold [look], she is in the tent.

10 And he said, I will certainly come again unto thee according to the time of life: and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. and Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 (Now Abraham and Sarah were old and stricken in age, and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner [custom] of women)

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed [become] old, and my lord also, shall I have lust?

13 And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore [why] did Sarah thus laugh, saying, Shall I certainly bear a child, which am old?

14 (Shall anything be hard to the Lord? At the time appointed will I return unto thee, even according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.)

15 But Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not: for she was afraid. And he said, It is not so: for thou laughedst.

16 Afterward the men did rise up from thence [there] and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do,

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

19 For I know him that he will command his sons and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that he hath spoken unto him.

20 Then the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is exceeding grievous [burdensome].

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to that cry which is come unto me: and if not, that I may know.

22 And the men turned thence [from there] and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 Then Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 If there be fifty righteous within the city, wilt thou destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 Be it far from thee from doing this thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be even as the wicked, be it far from thee. Shall not the judge of all the world do right?

26 And the Lord answered, If I shall find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then will I spare all the place for their sakes.

27 Then Abraham answered and said, Behold [observe] now, I have begun to speak unto my Lord, and I am but dust and ashes.

28 If there shall lack five of fifty righteous, wilt thou destroy all the city for five? And he said, If I find there five and forty, I will not destroy it.

29 And he yet spake to him again, and said, What if there shall be found forty? Then he answered, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 Again he said, Let not my Lord now be angry, that I speak, What if thirty be found there? Then he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 Moreover he said, Behold [observe], now I have begun to speak unto my Lord, What if twenty be found there? And he answered, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 Then he said, Let not my Lord be now angry, and I will speak but this once, What if ten be found there? And he answered, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the Lord went his way when he had left communing [speaking] with Abraham, and Abraham returned unto his place.

Chapter 19

1 And in the evening there came two angels to Sodom: and Lot sat at the gate of Sodom, and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, See my Lords, I pray you turn in now into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early and go your ways. Who said, Nay, but we will abide [stay] in the street all night.

3 Then he pressed upon them earnestly, and they turned in to him, and came to his house, and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they went to bed, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom compassed [surrounded] the house round about from the young to the old, all the people from all quarters.

5 Who crying unto Lot said to him, Where are the men, which came to thee this night? Bring them out unto us that we may know them.

6 Then Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold [observe] now, I have two daughters, which have not known man: them will I bring out now unto you, and do to them as seemeth you

good: only unto these men do nothing: for therefore are they come under the shadow of my roof.

9 Then they said, Away hence [from here], and they said, He is come alone as a stranger, and shall he judge and rule? We will now deal worse with thee than with them. So they pressed sore [greatly] upon Lot himself, and came to break the door.

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

11 Then they smote [struck] the men that were at the door of the house with blindness both small and great, so that they were weary in seeking the door.

12 Then the men said unto Lot, Whom hast thou yet here? Either son-in-law, or thy sons, or thy daughters, or whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring it out of this place.

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is great before the Lord, and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 Then Lot went out and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Arise, get you out of this place: for the Lord will destroy the city: but he seemed to his sons-in-law as though he had mocked.

15 And when the morning arose, the angels hasted Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife and thy two daughters which are here, lest thou be destroyed in the punishment of the city.

16 And as he prolonged the time, the men caught both him and his wife, and his two daughters by the hands (the Lord being merciful unto him) and they brought him forth, and set him without [outside] the city.

17 And when they had brought them out, the angel said, Escape for thy life: look not behind thee, neither tarry thou in all the plain: escape into the mountain, lest thou be destroyed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Not so, I pray thee, my Lord.

19 Behold [observe] now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified [exalted] thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life: and I cannot escape in the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die.

20 See now this city hereby to flee unto, which is a little one: Oh let me escape thither [there]: is it not a little one, and my soul shall live?

21 Then he said unto him, Behold [observe], I have received thy request also concerning this thing, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, save thee there: for I can do nothing till thou be come thither [there]. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun did rise upon the earth, when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone [sulfur], and fire from the Lord out of heaven,

25 And overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities; and that that grew upon the earth.

26 Now his wife behind him looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

27 And Abraham rising up early in the morning went to the place, where he had stand before the Lord, and looking toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the plain:

28 Behold [observe], he saw the smoke of the land mounting up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 But yet when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God thought upon Abraham, and sent Lot out from the midst of the destruction, when he overthrew the cities, wherein Lot dwelled.

30 Then Lot went up from Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain with his two daughters: for he feared to tarry in Zoar, but dwelt in a cave, he, and his two daughters.

31 And the elder said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner [custom] of all the earth.

32 Come, we will make our father drink wine, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the elder went and lay with her father: but he perceived [understood] not, neither when she lay down, neither when she rose up.

34 And on the morrow the elder said to the younger, Behold [look], yester night lay I with my

father: let us make him drink wine this night also, and go thou and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose, and lay with him, but he perceived [understood] not, when she lay down, neither when she rose up.

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

37 And the elder bear a son, and she called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger bear a son also, and she called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the Ammonites unto this day.

Chapter 20

1 Afterward Abraham departed thence [from there] toward the south country and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned [stayed for a while] in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold [look], thou art but dead, because of the woman, which thou hast taken: for she is a man's wife.

4 (Notwithstanding Abimelech had not yet come near her) And he said, Lord, wilt thou slay even the righteous nation?

5 Said not he unto me, She is my sister? Yea, and she herself said, He is my brother: with an upright mind, and innocent hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him by a dream, I know that thou didst this even with an upright mind, and I kept thee also that thou shouldest not sin against me: therefore suffered [permitted] I thee not to touch her.

7 Now then deliver the man his wife again: for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee that thou mayest live: but if thou deliver her not again, be sure that thou shalt die the death, thou, and all that thou hast.

8 Then Abimelech rising up early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things unto them, and the men were sore [greatly] afraid.

9 Afterward Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? And what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom this great sin? Thou hast done things unto me that ought not to be done.

10 So Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou that thou hast done this thing?

11 Then Abraham answered, Because I thought thus, Surely the fear [respect] of God is not in this place, and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 Yet in very deed she is my sister: for she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she is my wife.

13 Now when God caused me to wander out of my father's house, I said then to her, This is thy kindness that thou shalt show unto me in all places where we come, Say thou of me, He is my brother.

14 Then took Abimelech sheep and beeves, and men servants, and women servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold [observe], my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 Likewise to Sarah he said, Behold [observe], I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold [observe], he is the veil [coverage] of thine eyes to all that are with thee, and to all others: and she was thus reprov'd [reprimanded].

17 Then Abraham prayed unto God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his women servants: and they bear children.

18 For the Lord had shut up every womb of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

Chapter 21

1 Now the Lord visited Sarah, as he had said, and did unto her according as he had promised.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bear Abraham a son in his old age, at the same season that God told him.

3 And Abraham called his son's name that was born unto him, which Sarah bear him, Isaac.

4 Then Abraham circumcised Isaac his son, when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 So Abraham was an hundred year old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 Then Sarah said, God hath made me to rejoice: all that hear will rejoice with me.

7 Again she said, Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? For I have born him a son in his old age.

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

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian (which she had born unto Abraham) mocking.

10 Wherefore [therefore] she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.

11 And this thing was very grievous [painful] in Abraham's sight, because of his son.

12 But God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous [painful] in thy sight for the child, and for thy bondwoman: in all that Sarah shall say unto thee, hear her voice: for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 As for the son of the bondwoman, I will make him a nation also, because he is thy seed.

14 So Abraham arose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child also, and sent her away: who departing wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 And when the water of the bottle was spent, she cast the child under a certain tree.

16 Then she went and sat her over against him afar off about a bow shoot: for she said, I will not see the death of the child. And she sat down over against him, and lift up her voice and wept.

17 Then God heard the voice of the child, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not, for God hath heard the voice of the child where he is.

18 Arise, take up the child, and hold him in thine hand: for I will make of him a great people.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water, so she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave the boy drink.

20 So God was with the child, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and was an archer.

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

22 And at that same time Abimelech and Phichol his chief captain spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest.

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not hurt me, nor my children, nor my children's children: thou shalt deal with me, and with the country, where thou hast been a stranger, according unto the kindness that I have showed thee.

24 Then Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham rebuked Abimelech for a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: also thou toldest me not, neither heard I of it but this day.

27 Then Abraham took sheep and beeves, and gave them unto Abimelech: and they two made a covenant.

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

29 Then Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven lambs, which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he answered, Because thou shalt receive of mine hand these seven lambs, that it may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore [therefore] the place is called Beer-sheba, because there they both swear.

32 Thus made they a covenant at Beer-sheba: afterward Abimelech and Phichol his chief captain rose up, and turned again unto the land of the Philistines.

33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.

34 And Abraham was a stranger in the Philistines' land a long season.

Chapter 22

1 And after these things God did prove [test] Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham. Who answered, Here am I.

2 And he said, Take now thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest, and get thee unto the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains, which I will show thee.

3 Then Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his servants with him, and Isaac his son, and clove wood for the burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place, which God had told him.

4 Then the third day Abraham lift up his eyes, and saw the place afar off,

5 And said unto his servants, Abide [stay] you here with the ass: for I and the child will go yonder and worship, and come again unto you.

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

7 Then spake Isaac unto Abraham his father, and said, My father. And he answered, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold [look] the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

8 Then Abraham answered, My son, God will provide him a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both together.

9 When they came to the place which God had showed him, Abraham builded an altar there, and couched [laid] the wood, and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretching forth his hand, took the knife to kill his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called unto him from heaven, saying, Abraham, Abraham. And he answered, Here am I.

12 Then he said, Lay not thine hand upon the child, neither do anything unto him: for now I know that

thou fearest God, seeing for my sake thou hast not spared thine only son.

13 And Abraham lifting up his eyes, looked: and behold [saw], there was a ram behind him caught by the horns in a bush. Then Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead [place] of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place, Jehovah-jireh. As it is said this day, In the mount will the Lord be seen.

15 And the angel of the Lord cried unto Abraham from heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn (saith the Lord) because thou hast done this thing, and hast not spared thine only son,

17 Therefore will I surely bless thee, and will greatly multiply thy seed, as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore, and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19 Then turned Abraham again unto his servants, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba: and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 And after these things one told Abraham, saying, Behold [observe] Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor:

21 To wit [that is to say], Huz his eldest son, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

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

23 And Bethuel begat [fathered] Rebekah: these eight did Milcah bear to Nahor Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine called Reumah, she bear also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash and Maachah.

Chapter 23

1 When Sarah was an hundred twenty and seven year old (so long lived she)

2 Then Sarah died in Kirjath-arba: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose up from the sight of his corpse, and talked with the Hittites, saying,

4 I am a stranger, and a foreigner among you, give me a possession of burial with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 Then the Hittites answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou art a prince of God among us: in the chiefest of our sepulchers bury thy dead: none of us shall forbid thee his sepulcher, but thou mayest bury thy dead therein.

7 Then Abraham stood up, and bowed himself before the people of the land of the Hittites.

8 And he communed [spoke] with them, saying, If it be your mind, that I shall bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat [plead] for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,

9 That he would give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath in the end of his field: that he would give it me for as much money as it is worth, for a possession to bury in among you.

10 (For Ephron dwelt among the Hittites) Then Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of all the Hittites that went in at the gates of his city, saying,

11 No, my Lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave, that therein is, I give it thee: even in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee, to bury thy dead.

12 Then Abraham bowed himself before the people of the land,

13 And spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the country, saying, Seeing thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me, I will give the price of the field: receive it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 Ephron then answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver: what is that between me and thee? Bury therefore thy dead.

16 So Abraham hearkened unto Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named, in the audience of the Hittites, even four hundred silver shekels of current money among merchants.

17 So the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, and over against Mamre, even the field and the cave that was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, which were in all the borders round about, was made sure

18 Unto Abraham for a possession, in the sight of the Hittites, even of all that went in at the gates of his city.

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

20 Thus the field and the cave, that is therein, was made sure unto Abraham for a possession of burial by the Hittites.

Chapter 24

1 Now Abraham was old, and stricken in years, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 Therefore Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, which had the rule over all that he had, Put now thine hand under my thigh,

3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord God of the heaven, and God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites among who I dwell.

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said to him, What if the woman will not come with me to this land? Shall I bring thy son again unto the land from whence [where] thou camest?

6 To whom Abraham answered, Beware that thou bring not my son thither [there] again.

7 The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land where I was born, and that spake unto me, and that swear unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land, he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence [that place].

8 Nevertheless if the woman will not follow thee, then shalt thou be discharged of this mine oath: only bring not my son thither [there] again.

9 Then the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swear to him for this matter.

10 So the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed: for he had all his master's goods in his hand: and so he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels to lie down without [outside] the city by a well of water, at even about the time that the women come out to draw water.

12 And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I beseech [urge] thee, send me good speed this day, and show mercy unto my master Abraham.

13 Lo, I stand by the well of water, whiles the men's daughters of this city come out to draw water.

14 Grant that the maid, to whom I say, Bow down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink: if she say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: may be she that thou hast ordained [appointed] for thy servant Isaac: and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed mercy on my master.

15 Now yer [when] he had left speaking, behold, Rebekah came out, the daughter of Bethuel, son of Milcah the wife of Nahor Abraham's brother, and her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 (And the maid was very fair to look upon, a virgin and unknown of man) and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me drink, I pray thee a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink sir: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand and gave him drink.

19 And when she had given him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also until they have drunken enough.

20 And she poured out her pitcher into the trough speedily; and ran again unto the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels.

21 So the man wondered at her, and held his peace, to wit [that is to say] whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 And when the camels had left drinking, the man took a golden habiliment [earring] of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands, of ten shekels weight of gold:

23 And he said, Whose daughter art thou? Tell me, I pray thee, Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 Then she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah whom she bear unto Nahor.

25 Moreover she said unto him, We have litter [straw] also and provender [food] enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed himself and worshiped the Lord,

27 And said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, which hath not withdrawn his mercy and his truth from my master: for when I was in the way, the Lord brought me to my master's brethren's house.

28 And the maid ran and told them of her mother's house according to these words.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother called Laban, and Laban ran unto the man to the well.

30 For when he had seen the earrings and the bracelets in his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus said the man unto me, then he went to the man, and lo, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in thou blessed of the Lord: wherefore [why] standest thou without [outside], seeing I have prepared the house, and room for the camels?

32 Then the man came into the house, and he unsaddled the camels, and brought litter [straw] and provender [food] for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

33 Afterward the meat [food] was set before him: but he said, I will not eat, until I have said my message: And he said, Speak on.

34 Then he said, I am Abraham's servant,

35 And the Lord hath blessed my master wonderfully, that he is become great: for he hath given him sheep, and beeves, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my master's wife hath born a son to my master, when she was old, and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 Now my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

39 Then I said unto my master, What if the woman will not follow me?

40 Who answered me. The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy journey, and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred and my father's house.

41 Then shalt thou be discharged of mine oath, when thou comest to my kindred: and if they give thee not one, thou shalt be free from mine oath.

42 So I came this day to the well, and said, O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if thou now prosper my journey which I go,

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water: when a virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink,

44 And she say to me, Drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels, let her be the wife, which the Lord hath prepared for my master's son.

45 And before I had made an end of speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth, and her pitcher on her shoulder, and she went down unto the well, and drew water. Then I said unto her, Give me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and took down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also. So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also.

47 Then I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she answered, The daughter of Bethuel Nahor's son, whom Milcah bear unto him. Then I put the habiliment [earring] upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands:

48 And I bowed down and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had brought me the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 Now therefore, if ye will deal mercifully and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me that I may turn me to the right hand or to the left.

50 Then answered Laban and Bethuel, and said, This thing is proceeded of the Lord: we cannot therefore say unto thee, neither evil nor good.

51 Behold [observe], Rebekah is before thee, take her and go, that she may be thy master's son's wife, even as the Lord hath said.

52 And when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself toward the earth unto the Lord.

53 Then the servant took forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave to Rebekah: also unto her brother and to her mother he gave gifts.

54 Afterward they did eat and drink, both he, and the men that were with him, and tarried all night. And when they rose up in the morning, he said, Let me depart unto my master.

55 Then her brother and her mother answered, Let the maid abide [stay] with us, at the least ten days: then shall she go.

56 But he said unto them, Hinder you me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my journey: send me away, that I may go to my master.

57 Then they said, We will call the maid, and ask her consent.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she answered, I will go.

59 So they let Rebekah their sister go, and her nurse, with Abraham's servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, grow into thousand thousands, and thy seed possess the gate of his enemies.

61 Then Rebekah arose, and her maids, and rode upon the camels, and followed the man. and the servant took Rebekah, and departed.

62 Now Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi, (for he dwelt in the south country)

63 And Isaac went out to pray in the field toward the evening: who lift up his eyes and looked, and behold [observed], the camels came.

64 Also Rebekah lift up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted down from the camel.

65 (For she had said to the servant, Who is yonder man, that cometh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master) So she took a veil, and covered her.

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

67 Afterward Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and he took Rebekah, and she was his wife, and he loved her: So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Chapter 25

1 Now Abraham had taken him another wife called Keturah,

2 Which bear him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan begat [fathered] Sheba, and Dedan: And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

4 Also the sons of Midian were Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. all these were the sons of Keturah.

5 And Abraham gave all his goods to Isaac,

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

7 And this is the age of Abraham's life, which he lived, an hundred seventy and five year.

8 Then Abraham yielded the spirit, and died in a good age, an old man, and of great years, and was gathered to his people.

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

10 Which field Abraham bought of the Hittites, where Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.

11 And after the death of Abraham God blessed Isaac his son, and Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian Sarah's handmaid bear unto Abraham.

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, name by name, according to their kindreds; the eldest son of Ishmael was Nebajoth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,
15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns and by their castles: to wit [that is to say], twelve princes of their nations.

17 (And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred thirty and seven year, and he yielded the spirit, and died, and was gathered unto his people)

18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is towards Egypt, as thou goest to Assyria. Ishmael dwelt in the presence of all his brethren.

19 Likewise these are the generations of Isaac Abraham's son Abraham begat [fathered] Isaac,

20 And Isaac was forty year old, when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramite [Syrian] of Padan-aram, and sister to Laban the Aramite [Syrian].

21 And Isaac prayed unto the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated [begged] of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived,

22 But the children strove [fought] together within her: therefore she said, Seeing it is so, why am I thus? Wherefore [therefore] she went to ask the Lord.

23 And the Lord said to her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner [kinds] of people shall be divided out of thy bowels, and the one people shall be mightier than the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 Therefore when her time of deliverance was fulfilled, behold [observe], twins were in her womb.

25 So he that came out first was red, and he was all over as a rough garment, and they called his name Esau.

26 And afterward came his brother out, and his hand held Esau by the heel: therefore his name was called Jacob. Now Isaac was threescore year old when Rebekah bear them.

27 And the boys grew, and Esau was a cunning [skillful] hunter, and lived in the fields: but Jacob was a plain man, and dwelt in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, for venison was his meat [food], but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 Now Jacob sod [boiled] pottage, and Esau came from the field and was weary.

30 Then Esau said to Jacob, Let me eat, I pray thee, of that pottage so red, for I am weary. Therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me even now thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Lo, I am almost dead, what is then this birthright to me?

33 Jacob then said, Swear to me even now. And he swear to him, and sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils: and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: So Esau contemned [despised] his birthright.

Chapter 26

1 And there was a famine in the land besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. Wherefore [therefore] Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 For the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt, but abide [remain] in the land which I shall show unto thee.

3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee: for to thee, and to thy seed I will give all these countries: and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father.

4 Also I will cause thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries: and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice and kept mine ordinance, my commandments, my statutes, and my Laws.

6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

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

8 So after he had been there long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and lo, he saw Isaac sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Lo, she is of a surety [certainty] thy wife, and why sayest thou, She is my sister? To whom Isaac answered, Because I thought this, It may be that I shall die for her.

10 Then Abimelech said, Why hast thou done this unto us? One of the people had almost lain by thy wife, so shouldest thou have brought sin upon us.

11 Then Abimelech charged [commanded] all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man, or his wife, shall die the death.

12 Afterward Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year an hundred fold by estimation: and so the Lord blessed him.

13 And the man waxed [became] mighty, and still increased, till he was exceeding great.

14 For he had flocks of sheep, and herds of cattle, and a mighty household: therefore the Philistines had envy at him.

15 In so much that the Philistines stopped and filled up with earth all the wells, which his father's servants digged in his father Abraham's time.

16 Then Abimelech said unto Isaac, Get thee from us, for thou art mightier than we a great deal.

17 Therefore Isaac departed thence [from there] and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac returning, digged the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father: for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham, and he gave them the same names, which his father gave them.

19 Isaac's servants then digged in the valley, and found there a well of living water.

20 But the herdsmen of Gerar did strive [fight] with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: therefore called he the name of the well Esek, because they were at strife [dispute] with him.

21 Afterward they digged another well, and strove [fought] for that also, and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 Then he removed thence [from there], and digged another well, for the which they strove [fought] not: therefore called he the name of it Rehoboth, and said, Because the Lord hath now made us room, we shall increase upon the earth.

23 So he went up thence [from there] to Beer-sheba.

24 And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and will multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 Then he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and there spread his tent: where also Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 Then came Abimelech to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the captain of his army.

27 To whom Isaac said, Wherefore [why] come ye to me, seeing ye hate me and have put me away from you?

28 Who answered, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee, and we thought thus, Let there be now an oath between us, even between us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee.

29 Thou shalt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and sent thee away in peace: thou now, the blessed of the Lord, do this.

30 Then he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they rose up betimes [early] in the morning, and swear one to another: then Isaac let them go, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And that same day Isaac's servants came and told him of a well, which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 So he called it Shibah: therefore the name of the city is called Beer-sheba unto this day.

34 Now when Esau was forty years old, he took to wife Judith, the daughter of Beeri an Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon an Hittite also.

35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and to Rebekah.

Chapter 27

1 And when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim (so that he could not see) he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son. And he answered him, I am here.

2 Then he said, Behold [look], I am now old, and know not the day of my death:

3 Wherefore [therefore] now, I pray thee take thine instruments, thy quiver and thy bow, and get thee to the field, that thou mayest take me some venison.

4 Then make me savory [tasty] meat [food], such as I love, and bring it me that I may eat, and that my soul may bless thee, before I die.

5 (Now Rebekah heard, when Isaac spake to Esau his son) and Esau went into the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

6 Then Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold [look], I have heard thy father talking with Esau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and make me savory [tasty] meat [food], that I may eat and bless thee before the Lord, afore [before] my death.

8 Now therefore, my son, hear my voice in that which I command thee.

9 Get thee now to the flock, and bring me thence [from there] two good kids of the goats, that I may make pleasant meat [food] of them for thy father, such as he loveth.

10 Then thou shalt bring it to thy father, and he shall eat, to the intent that he may bless thee before his death.

11 But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold [look], Esau my brother is rough, and I am smooth.

12 My father may possibly feel me, and I shall seem to him to be a mocker: so shall I bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 But his mother said unto him, upon me be thy curse, my son: only hear my voice, and go and bring me them.

14 So he went and set them, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made pleasant meat [food], such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took fair clothes of her elder son Esau, which were in her house, and clothed Jacob her younger son:

16 And she covered his hands and the smooth of his neck with the skins of the kids of the goats.

17 Afterward she put the pleasant meat [food] and bread, which she had prepared, in the hand of her son Jacob.

18 And when he came to his father, he said, My father. Who answered, I am here: who art thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau thy first born, I have done as thou badest [asked] me, arise, I pray thee: sit up and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 Then Isaac said unto his son, How hast thou found it so quickly my son? Who said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to mine hand.

21 Again said Isaac unto Jacob, Come near now, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be that my son Esau or not.

22 Then Jacob came near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23 (For he knew him not, because his hands were rough as his brother Esau's hands: wherefore [therefore] he blessed him)

24 Again he said, Art thou that my son Esau? Who answered, Yea.

25 Then said he, Bring it me hither [here], and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it to him, and he ate: also he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 Afterward his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near and kissed him. Then he smelled the savor [smell, odor] of his garments, and blessed him, and said, Behold [look], the smell of my son is as the smell of a field, which the Lord hath blessed.

28 God give thee therefore of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of wheat and wine.

29 Let people be thy servants, and nations bow unto thee: be Lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's children honor thee. Cursed be he that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 And when Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, then came Esau his brother from his hunting,

31 And he also prepared savory [tasty] meat [food] and brought it to his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 But his father Isaac said unto him, Who art thou? And he answered, I am thy son, even thy first born Esau.

33 Then Isaac was stricken with a marvelous great fear, and said, Who and where is he that hunted venison, and brought it me, and I have eat of all before thou camest? And I have blessed him, therefore he shall be blessed.

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with a great cry and bitter, out of measure, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, my father.

35 Who answered, Thy brother came with subtlety [trickery], and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 Then he said, Was he not justly called Jacob? For he hath deceived [fooled] me these two times: he took my birthright, and lo, now hath he taken my blessing. Also he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37 Then Isaac answered, and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I made his servants: also with wheat and wine have I furnished him, and unto thee now what shall I do, my son?

38 Then Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing my father? Bless me, even me also, my father: and Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 Then Isaac his father answered, and said unto him, Behold, the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling place, and thou shalt have of the dew of heaven from above.

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt be thy brother's servant. But it shall come to pass,

when thou shalt get the mastery [full command], that thou shalt break his yoke from thy neck.

41 Therefore Esau hated Jacob, because of the blessing, wherewith his father blessed him. And Esau thought in his mind, The days of mourning for my father will come shortly, then I will slay my brother Jacob.

42 And it was told to Rebekah of the words of Esau her elder son, and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau is comforted against thee, meaning to kill thee:

43 Now therefore my son, hear my voice, arise, and flee thou to Haran to my brother Laban,

44 And tarry with him a while until thy brother's fierceness be swagged [turned away],

45 And till thy brother's wrath [anger] turn away from thee, and he forget the things, which thou hast done to him: then will I send and take thee from thence [that place]: why should I be deprived of you both in one day?

46 Also Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life, for the daughters of Heth. If Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth like these of the daughters of the land, what availeth it me to live?

Chapter 28

1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged [commanded] him, and said unto him, Take not a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, get thee to Padan-aram to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father, and thence [from there] take thee a wife of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

3 And God all sufficient bless thee, and make thee to increase, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people,

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, even to thee and to thy seed with thee, that thou mayest inherit the land (wherein thou art a stranger,) which God gave unto Abraham.

5 Thus Isaac sent forth Jacob, and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban son of Bethuel the Aramite [Syrian], brother to Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him to Padan-aram, to fetch him a wife thence [from there], and given him a charge [command] when he blessed him, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan,

7 And that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram:

8 Also Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan displeased Isaac his father,

9 Then went Esau to Ishmael, and took unto the wives, which he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nabajoth, to be his wife.

10 Now Jacob departed from Beer-sheba, and went to Haran,

11 And he came unto a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was down, and took of the stones of the place, and laid under his head and slept in the same place.

12 Then he dreamed, and behold, there stood a ladder upon the earth, and the top of it reached up to heaven: and lo, the angels of God went up and down by it.

13 And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land, upon the which thou sleepest, will I give thee and thy seed.

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south, and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And lo, I am with thee, and will keep thee whither [where] so ever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not forsake thee until I have performed that, that I have promised thee.

16 Then Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 Then Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had laid under his head, and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: notwithstanding the name of the city was at the first called Luz.

20 Then Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this journey which I go, and will give me bread to eat, and clothes to put on:

21 So that I come again unto my father's house in safety, then shall the Lord be my God.

22 And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me, will I give the tenth unto thee.

Chapter 29

1 Then Jacob lift up his feet and came into the east country.

2 And as he looked about, behold there was a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lay thereby (for at that well were the flocks watered) and there was a great stone upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither [there] were all the flocks gathered, and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence [from where] be ye? And they answered, We are of Haran.

5 Then he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? Who said, We know him.

6 Again he said unto them, Is he in good health? And they answered, He is in good health, and behold [observe], his daughter Rachel cometh with the sheep.

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

8 But they said, We may not until all the flocks be brought together, and till that men roll the stone from the well's mouth, that we may water the sheep.

9 While he talked with them, Rachel also came with her father's sheep, for she kept them.

10 And as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, then came Jacob near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lift up his voice and wept.

12 (For Jacob told Rachel, that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son) then she ran and told her father.

13 And when Laban heard tell of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house: and he told Laban all these things.

14 To whom Laban said, Well, thou art my bone and my flesh. and he abode with him the space of a month.

15 For Laban said unto Jacob, Though thou be my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for naught [nothing]? Tell me, what shall be thy wages?

16 Now Laban had two daughters, the elder called Leah, and the younger called Rachel.

17 And Leah was tender eyed, but Rachel was beautiful and fair.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 Then Laban answered, It is better that I give her thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide [stay] with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed unto him but a few days, because he loved her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, that I may go in to her: for my term is ended.

22 Wherefore [therefore] Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 But when the evening was come, he took Leah his daughter and brought her to him, and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah, to be her servant.

25 But when the morning was come, behold, it was Leah. Then said he to Laban, Wherefore

[why] hast thou done thus to me? Did not I serve thee for Rachel? Wherefore [why] then hast thou beguiled [deceived, cheated] me?

26 And Laban answered, It is not the manner [custom] of this place, to give the younger before the elder.

27 Fulfill seven years for her, and we will also give thee this for the service, which thou shalt serve me yet seven years more.

28 Then Jacob did so, and fulfilled her seven years, so he gave him Rachel his daughter to be his wife.

29 Laban also gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his maid to be her servant.

30 So entered he in to Rachel also, and loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served him yet seven years more.

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was despised, he made her fruitful: but Rachel was barren.

32 And Leah conceived and bear a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Because the Lord hath looked upon my tribulation, now therefore mine husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again and bear a son, and said, Because the Lord heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also, and she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again and bear a son, and said, Now at this time will my husband keep me company, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

35 Moreover she conceived again and bear a son, saying, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah, and left bearing.

Chapter 30

1 And when Rachel saw that she bear Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2 Then Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, Am I in God's stead [place], which hath withholden [with held] from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold [look] my maid Bilhah, go in to her, and she shall bear upon my knees, and I shall have children also by her.

4 Then she gave him Bilhah her maid to wife, and Jacob went in to her.

5 So Bilhah conceived and bear Jacob a son.

6 Then said Rachel, God hath given sentence on my side, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name, Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bear Jacob the second son.

8 Then Rachel said, With excellent wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have gotten the upper hand: and she called his name, Naphtali.

9 And when Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bear Jacob a son.

11 Then said Leah, A company cometh: and she called his name, Gad.

12 Again Zilpah Leah's maid bear Jacob another son.

13 Then said Leah, Ah, blessed am I, for the daughters will bless me. And she called his name, Asher.

14 Now Reuben went in the days of the wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then said Rachel to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15 But she answered her, Is it a small matter for thee to take mine husband, except thou take my son's mandrakes also? Then said Rachel, Therefore he shall sleep with thee this night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Come in to me, for I have bought and paid for thee with my son's mandrakes: and he slept with her that night.

17 And God heard Leah and she conceived, and bear unto Jacob the fifth son.

18 Then said Leah, God hath given me my reward, because I gave my maid to my husband, and she called his name Issachar.

19 After, Leah conceived again, and bear Jacob the sixth son.

20 Then Leah said, God hath endued [provided] me with a good dowry: now will mine husband

dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.

21 After that, she bear a daughter, and she called her name Dinah.

22 And God remembered Rachel, and God heard her, and opened her womb.

23 So she conceived and bear a son, and said, God hath taken away my rebuke.

24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, The Lord will give me yet another son.

25 And as soon as Rachel had born Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, Send me away that I may go unto my place and to my country.

26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest what service I have done thee.

27 To whom Laban answered, If I have now found favor in thy sight, tarry: I have perceived [become aware] that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.

28 Also he said, Appoint unto me thy wages, and I will give it thee.

29 But he said unto him, Thou knowest, what service I have done thee, and in what taking thy cattle hath been under me.

30 For the little, that thou hadst before I came, is increased into a multitude: and the Lord hath blessed thee by my coming: but now when shall I travel for mine own house also?

31 Then he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob answered, Thou shalt give me nothing at all: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will return, feed, and keep thy sheep.

32 I will pass through all thy flocks this day, and separate from them all the sheep with little spots and great spots, and all black lambs among the sheep, and the great spotted, and little spotted among the goats: and it shall be my wages.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me hereafter, when it shall come for my reward before thy face, and everyone that hath not little or great spots among the goats, and black among the sheep, the same shall be theft with me.

34 Then Laban said, Go to [good], would God it might be according to thy saying.