

## Genesis (1 Moses)

1:1 Seven Epochs of Earth's Creation. 2:5 Creation of Man and Woman. 2:10 The River. 3:1 The sin in Eden.

1 In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness *was* upon *the* face of *the* deep: and *the* Spirit of God <sup>1</sup>moved upon *the* face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.<sup>2</sup> 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.<sup>3</sup>

6 And God said, Let there be a <sup>4</sup>sky in *the* midst of the waters, and let it divide *the* waters from *the* waters. 7 And God made the sky, and divided the waters which *are* under the sky from the waters which *are* above the sky:<sup>5</sup> and it was so. 8 And God called the sky Heavens. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.<sup>6</sup> 10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good. 11 And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein *is* the seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, wherein *is* the seed thereof, after their kind: and God saw that *it was* good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

<sup>1</sup> Or, was brooding upon *the* face of the waters.

<sup>2</sup> In each creative epoch there is first a command, or declaration of intention, followed by a confirmation of what was accomplished. (But see vss. 26-27 for a partial exception.) It may be inferred here that the atmosphere had been still too dense for sunlight to penetrate to the Earth's surface, but not so hot as to be self-luminous (i.e., <700°C).

<sup>3</sup> Or, Day one. or, a first day. Each day is reckoned as beginning and ending at noon, i.e., at its brightest, whether it be taken as literal or symbolic.

<sup>4</sup> Lit. expanse of air

<sup>5</sup> It is to be inferred that previously the atmospheric pressure at the solid surface of earth had not decreased to the critical pressure of water; so no vapor/liquid interface could form. (At the critical point of water the pressure, temperature, and density are: 22.06 MPa, 374°C, and 0.4 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>.)

<sup>6</sup> This statement could be considered the first expression of one original continent, Pan-gea, and the theory of subsequent continental drift.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in *the* sky of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs,<sup>7</sup> and for seasons, and for <sup>8</sup>days and years: 15 and let them be for lights in *the* sky of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.<sup>9</sup> 17 And God set them in *the* sky of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 And God said, <sup>10</sup>Let the waters swarm with swarms of <sup>11</sup>living souls, and let birds fly above the earth <sup>12</sup>in *the* open sky of the heavens. 21 And God created <sup>13</sup>the great sea-monsters, and every living soul that moveth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after their

<sup>7</sup> If this is the first mention of the reckoning of the signs of the Zodiac (Hb. Mazzaroth), it antedates the Babylonian concept by at least 17 centuries. If the Zodiac were first reckoned when the Sun at the summer solstice was in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree of Virgo, it would have been in the range BC 4300-4011, a little earlier than the Ussher chronology, which would place the creation of man at BC 4004.

<sup>8</sup> Hb. יום yom, day; the same word as in vs. 19. Yet there is an implied distinction between these days and the creative days.

<sup>9</sup> The characteristic optical-scattering depth of air is 10<sup>2</sup> (violet, at 0.4 μm) to 10<sup>3</sup> (deep red, at 0.7 μm) gmol/cm<sup>2</sup>. If the appearance of Sun, Moon and stars resulted from escape of hydrogen from the Earth's atmosphere, the corresponding difference in surface pressures would have been only from about 3 to 2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (0.3-0.2 MPa). The pressure reduction from unresolvable, to a blurred red Sun and Moon, to fully visible Sun, Moon and stars would be approximately 1 to 0.2 to 0.11 MPa. [Rayleigh scattering cross-sections are 1.7×10<sup>-26</sup> to 1.7×10<sup>-27</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/molecule (0.4 to 0.7 μm). Standard surface conditions today are 0.101325 MPa, 35 gmol/cm<sup>2</sup>, 15 °C, and 1.225 mg/cm<sup>3</sup>.]

<sup>10</sup> Attempts to explain the origin of life without a creator are failing. Evolution Theory has changed twice in a century and now looks similar to Creation Theory. Even so, physical features and DNA would require contradictory evolutionary trees.

<sup>11</sup> Or, living creatures, And similarly in vss. 21 and 24

<sup>12</sup> Hb. on the face of the expanse of the heavens.

<sup>13</sup> Quite possibly including the dinosaurs.

kind, and every winged bird after its kind:<sup>14</sup> and God saw that *it was good*. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on *the earth*. 23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth *the* living soul after its kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of *the earth* after their kind: and it was so. 25 And God made *the* beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that *it was good*. 26 And <sup>15</sup>God said, Let us make <sup>16</sup>man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over *the* fish of the sea, and over *the* birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And God created the man in his *own* image, in *the* image of God created he him;<sup>17</sup> male and female created he them.<sup>18</sup> 28 And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over *the* fish of the sea, and over *the* birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that <sup>19</sup>moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which *is* upon *the* face of all the earth, and every tree, in which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food: 30 and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* a living soul, *I have given* every green herb for food: and it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>14</sup> *After the herbs and trees had converted CO<sub>2</sub> to O<sub>2</sub> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, and the atmospheric composition had been stabilized in the 4<sup>th</sup> period, animate life could be created and sustained.*

<sup>15</sup> *Note: God (Elohim, plural) said (singular) Let us (plural)... The singular verb with a plural subject may be used to express that the plural individuals work in full harmony.*

<sup>16</sup> *Lit. Adam [red earth] Also in vs. 27.*

<sup>17</sup> *From the absence of mention that God also created man after our likeness one may infer that it was not then accomplished but remained for the future; similarly for the command about dominion. [But see ch. 5:1.]*

<sup>18</sup> *DNA measurements imply all women in the world are descended from a common female ancestor, and all men in the world are descended from a common male ancestor. Rebecca Cann, et. al., Nature 325, p. 31-36 (1Jan 1987); and Robert L. Dorit, et. al., Science 268, p. 1183-1185 (26 May 1995), including footnote 15.*

<sup>19</sup> *Or, creepeth*

2 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all *the* host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created toward making *it good*.<sup>20</sup> 4 *These are the* generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created,<sup>21</sup> in *the* day that Jehovah God made earth and *the* heavens.

5 And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and *there* was not a man to till the ground; 6 but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered *the* whole face of the ground. 7 And Jehovah God formed the <sup>22</sup>man of the <sup>23</sup>dust of the <sup>24</sup>ground, and breathed into his nostrils *the* breath of <sup>25</sup>life; and the man became a living soul. 8 And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree that is pleasant to *the* sight, and good for food; *the* tree of life also in *the* midst of the garden, and *the* tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 <sup>26</sup>And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. 11 *The* name of the first *is* Pishon: that *is it* which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there *is* gold; 12 and *the* gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the <sup>27</sup>onyx stone. 13 And *the* name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Cush. 14 And *the* name of the third river *is* <sup>28</sup>Hiddekel:

<sup>20</sup> *The absence of a statement, There was evening and there was morning, a seventh day, is considered significant in Hebrew expression. It may imply that its work is unfinished, and/or that the seventh day has not ended. Whether the creative work was interrupted temporarily or permanently is not stated or implied in the Hebrew.*

<sup>21</sup> *The description of the entire creative period as the day might imply that solar days are not intended in Chapter 1 either.*

<sup>22</sup> *Lit. Adam [red earth] (twice) And in vs. 8.*

<sup>23</sup> *Or, clay or perhaps, elements*

<sup>24</sup> *Hb. adamah [earth, ground, land] or, And Jehovah God formed the human of the dust of the humus, (The human body is composed of the naturally-occurring elements of the earth, most or all of which are essential to health.)*

<sup>25</sup> *Lit. lives (pl.) And the lives in vs. 9, ch. 3:22, 24.*

<sup>26</sup> *If vss. 10-14, which interrupt the context, are intended to parallel human history, then it may be inferred that Adam was created elsewhere in Eden before being put into the garden on the east side.*

<sup>27</sup> *Or, beryl.*

<sup>28</sup> *That is, Tigris:*

that *is it* which goeth <sup>29</sup>in front of Assyria. And the fourth river *is the* Euphrates. 15 And Jehovah God took the <sup>30</sup>man, and put him into *the* garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden <sup>31</sup>thou shalt surely *begin to* eat: 17 but of *the* tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in *the* day that thou eatest thereof <sup>32</sup>thou shalt surely *begin to* die.

18 And Jehovah God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him <sup>33</sup>a visible help. 19 And out of the ground Jehovah God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the heavens; and brought *them* unto the man to see what he would call them: and whatsoever the man called every living soul, that *was the* name thereof. 20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to *the* birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field; but for <sup>34</sup>man there was not found a visible help. 21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up *the* flesh instead thereof: 22 and the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the <sup>35</sup>man, <sup>36</sup>made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And the man said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called <sup>37</sup>Woman, because she was taken out of <sup>38</sup>Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of <sup>39</sup>every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, Of *the* fruit of *the* trees of the garden we may eat: 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 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall surely not *begin to* die: 5 for God doth know that in *the* day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as <sup>40</sup>God, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it

*was* a delight to the eyes, and that the tree *was* <sup>41</sup>to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of *the* fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. 7 And *the* eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves <sup>42</sup>aprons. 8 And they heard the <sup>43</sup>voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in *the* <sup>44</sup>cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from *the* face of Jehovah God amongst *the* trees of the garden.

9 And Jehovah God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and 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? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And Jehovah God said unto the woman, What *is* this thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14 And Jehovah God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, <sup>45</sup>cursed *art* thou <sup>46</sup>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 and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall <sup>47</sup>bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto *the* voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in <sup>48</sup>toil shalt thou eat of it all *the* days of thy life; 18 thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth unto thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 in *the* sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken; for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20 And the man called his wife's name <sup>49</sup>Eve; because she was *the* mother of all living. 21 And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

<sup>29</sup> *Or*, on the east side of

<sup>30</sup> *Lit.* Adam [red earth] *And many times elsewhere.*

<sup>31</sup> *Hb.* to eat thou shalt eat:

<sup>32</sup> *Hb.* to die thou shalt die. *And in ch. 3:4.*

<sup>33</sup> *Or*, a help answering to him.

<sup>34</sup> *Hb.* Adam

<sup>35</sup> *Hb.* Adam ... Isshah ... Adam.

<sup>36</sup> *Hb.* builded he into a woman,

<sup>37</sup> *Hb.* Isshah,

<sup>38</sup> *Hb.* Ish.

<sup>39</sup> *Or*, any tree

<sup>40</sup> *Or*, gods,

<sup>41</sup> *Or*, desirable to look upon

<sup>42</sup> *Or*, girdles.

<sup>43</sup> *Or*, sound

<sup>44</sup> *Hb.* wind of the day: *or*, dawning:

<sup>45</sup> *Hb.* אָרַר, arar; to curse, to execrate. *The strongest kind of curse. Also in vs. 17.*

<sup>46</sup> *Or*, from among (*both times*)

<sup>47</sup> *Or*, lie in wait for (*both times*) [Gesenius prefers; Tregelles disagrees. Cf. *Hb* word in Job 17:11 (broken off), Ps 139:11 (overwhelm).]

<sup>48</sup> *Or*, sorrow

<sup>49</sup> *Hb.* Chavvah, *that is*, Living; *or*, Life;

22 And Jehovah 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 for ever — 23 therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from *the* garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at *the* east of *the* garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of *the* tree of life.

4 And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have <sup>50</sup>gotten a man with *the help of* Jehovah. 2 And again she bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of *the* ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of *the* fruit of the ground an offering unto Jehovah. 4 And Abel, he also brought of *the* firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And Jehovah had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And Jehovah said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up? And if thou doest not well, sin coucheth at the door; and unto thee *shall be* its desire; but do thou rule over it. 8 And Cain <sup>51</sup>told Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And Jehovah said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *am* I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? *The* voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now cursed *art* thou from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee its strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto Jehovah, <sup>52</sup>My punishment is greater <sup>53</sup>than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from *the* face of the ground; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it *will* come to pass, *that* whosoever findeth me will slay me. 15 And Jehovah said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Jehovah appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should smite him.

16 And Cain went away from *the* face of Jehovah, and dwelt in *the* land of <sup>54</sup>Nod, <sup>55</sup>on *the* east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and

<sup>50</sup> *Hb.* kanah, *that is*, to get

<sup>51</sup> *Hb.* said unto

<sup>52</sup> *Or*, Mine iniquity

<sup>53</sup> *Or*, than can be forgiven.

<sup>54</sup> *That is*, Wandering,

<sup>55</sup> *Or*, in front of

bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called *the* name of the city, after *the* name of his son, Enoch. 18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael; and Mehujael begat Methushael; and Methushael begat Lamech. 19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: *the* name of the one *was* Adah, and *the* name of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was *the* father of such as dwell in tents and *have* cattle. 21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was *the* father of all such as handle *the* harp and pipe. 22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, *the* <sup>56</sup>forger of every cutting instrument of <sup>57</sup>copper and iron: and *the* sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah. 23 And Lamech said unto his wives:

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech:

For I have slain a man <sup>58</sup>to my wounding,

And a young man to my hurt:<sup>59</sup>

24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold,

Truly Lamech seventy and seven-fold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For, *said she*, God <sup>60</sup>hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew *him*. 26 And to Seth, *to* him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh. Then began men to call upon *the* name of Jehovah.

5 <sup>61</sup>This is *the* book of *the* generations of Adam. In *the* day that God created <sup>62</sup>man, 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 when they were created. 3 <sup>63</sup>And Adam lived a hundred thirty years, and begat a *son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4 and *the* days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. 5 And all *the* days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

<sup>56</sup> *Or*, an instructor of every artificer

<sup>57</sup> *Or*, bronze *or*, brass *And everywhere else*.

<sup>58</sup> *Or*, for my wounding, And a young man for my hurt:

<sup>59</sup> *Because there is no record of Lamech slaying anyone, it may be he is saying that he is the first of Cain's generations to recognize that the slaying of Abel was what had hurt their race.*

<sup>60</sup> *Hb.* shāth (*for* hath appointed)

<sup>61</sup> *This expression is typical of a colophon — a line at the end of a page (or tablet), which is repeated at the top of the next page to indicate continuity. It usually summarizes the preceding account, and often it introduces the next section. See ch. 2:4, 6:9, 10:1, 10:32, 11:10, 11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1.*

<sup>62</sup> *Lit.* Adam

<sup>63</sup> *The Septuagint adds +100 years to the ages when sons were born, from Adam to Mahalalel, and also to Enoch (and for Lamech to 188 from 182).*

6 And Seth lived a hundred five years, and begat Enosh: 7 and Seth lived after he begat Enosh eight hundred seven years, and begat sons and daughters: 8 and all *the* days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years: and he died.

9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan: 10 and Enosh lived after he begat Kenan eight hundred fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: 11 and all *the* days of Enosh were nine hundred five years: and he died.

12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalalel: 13 and Kenan lived after he begat Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and begat sons and daughters: 14 and all *the* days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years: and he died.

15 And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begat Jared: 16 and Mahalalel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: 17 and all *the* days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years: and he died.

18 And Jared lived a hundred sixty-two years, and begat Enoch: 19 and Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 20 and all *the* days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years: and he died.

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

25 And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and begat Lamech: 26 and Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and begat sons and daughters: 27 and all *the* days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years: and he died.

28 And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years, and begat a son: 29 and he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall <sup>64</sup>comfort us <sup>65</sup>in our work and in *the* toil of our hands, *which cometh* <sup>66</sup>because of the ground which Jehovah hath cursed. 30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and begat sons and daughters: 31 And all *the* days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years: and he died.

32 And <sup>67</sup>Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>64</sup> *Hb.* nahem, to comfort.

<sup>65</sup> *Hb.* from (*both times*)

<sup>66</sup> *Hb.* from

<sup>67</sup> *DNA studies show that there is one common ancestor each for all men and all women, and that the male ancestor is the more recent. [Noah is more recent than Eve.] It is suggested most ethnic groups "remained small throughout the last glaciation,*

6 And it came to pass, when man began to multiply on *the* face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, 2 that *the* sons of God saw the daughters of man that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. 3 And Jehovah said, <sup>68</sup>My Spirit shall not <sup>69</sup>strive in man for ever, <sup>70</sup>in their going astray they *are* flesh: his days shall be <sup>71</sup>yet a hundred twenty years. 4 The <sup>72</sup>Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when *the* sons of God came in unto *the* daughters of man, and they bare children to them: *the same were* the <sup>73</sup>mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

5 And Jehovah saw that *the* wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. 6 And it repenteth Jehovah that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And Jehovah said, I will <sup>74</sup>destroy man whom I have created from *the* face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; for it repented me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found favor in *the* eyes of Jehovah.

9 These *are the* <sup>75</sup>generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, and <sup>76</sup>perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 And the earth was corrupt before *the* face of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and, behold,

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*before they underwent roughly simultaneous expansions.*" [Population in the ark was small.] *Nature Genetics* 26, p. 358-361 (Nov. 2000).

[DNA analysis cannot distinguish "out of Africa" from "early into Africa." The estimated age of the most recent common male ancestor of all men, inversely proportional to the mutation rate (assumed 0.145/1000 years, but not experimentally measured), has shrunk already to ~60,000 years and may well be shrunk to the age of Noah. See Appendix 3.]

<sup>68</sup> *Or,* My spirits shall not rule among men for ever, *or,* ...among *the* race of Adam for ever, [Spirit and man may both be generic plurals.]

<sup>69</sup> *Or,* rule in *According to Gk. Septuagint, Aramaic, and Latin Vulgate,* abide in

<sup>70</sup> *Or,* for that he also is flesh:

<sup>71</sup> *Or,* therefore

<sup>72</sup> *Or,* giants *Compare* Nu 13:33.

<sup>73</sup> *Neanderthal mtDNA is not found in the DNA of modern humans, suggesting Neanderthal is among the possible remains of these progeny. Nature* 404, p. 490-492 (30 March 2000). [But "comparison with modern populations provides no evidence for the multiregional hypothesis of modern human evolution."]

<sup>74</sup> *Hb.* blot out

<sup>75</sup> *Or,* origins *or,* ancestors *or,* family history *Similarly in many places. Cf. footnote on ch. 2:4.*

<sup>76</sup> *Or,* blameless

it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, *The* end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; <sup>77</sup>rooms shalt thou make *in* the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is how thou shalt make it: *the* length of the ark three hundred cubits, *the* breadth of it fifty cubits, and *the* height of it thirty cubits. 16 A <sup>78</sup>light shalt thou make to the ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it <sup>79</sup>upward; and *the* door of the ark shalt thou set in *the* side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make *it*. 17 And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* *the* breath of life, from under heaven; everything that *is* in the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons wives with thee. 19 <sup>80</sup>And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring *into* the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; <sup>81</sup>they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7 And Jehovah said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 <sup>82</sup>Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee seven *and* seven, *the* male and his female; and of the beasts that *are* not clean two, *the* male and his female: 3 of *the* birds also of the heavens, seven *and* seven, male and female, to keep seed alive upon *the* face of all the earth. 4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made will I <sup>83</sup>destroy from off *the* face of the ground. 5 And Noah did according unto all that Jehovah commanded him.

<sup>77</sup> *Hb.* nests *Thus, stacking might be inferred.*

<sup>78</sup> *Or,* roof

<sup>79</sup> *Or,* from above;

<sup>80</sup> *Largest estimates of the number of land mammalia species are: 290 larger than a sheep, 757 from size of a sheep to size of a rat, and 1359 smaller than the size of a rat; with average about the size of a cat. [Estimate reportedly from Dr. Harry Rimmer.] Floor space might be 14,000 m<sup>2</sup> (±30%), or 6 m<sup>2</sup> per species, before accounting for any stacking.*

<sup>81</sup> *Thus, two pair seems to be implied.*

<sup>82</sup> *Assuring a larger gene pool for the clean animals.*

<sup>83</sup> *Hb.* blot out

6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And <sup>84</sup>Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of *the* waters of the flood. 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creepeth upon the ground, 9 there went in two *and* two unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after the seven days, that *the* waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11 In *the* six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day 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 selfsame day entered Noah, and 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 its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every *songbird* of every <sup>85</sup>sort. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two *and* two of all flesh wherein *is* *the* breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him: and Jehovah shut him in. 17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18 And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark <sup>86</sup>went upon *the* face of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that *were* under the whole heavens were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds, and cattle, and beasts, and every <sup>87</sup>creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22 <sup>88</sup>all which breathed in their nostrils *the* breath of life, of all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. 23 And every living thing was <sup>89</sup>destroyed that was upon *the* face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that *were* with him in

<sup>84</sup> *Even today, the Chinese character for boat is composed of: a vessel + 8 + mouths. See C.H. Kang and Ethel R. Nelson, "The Discovery of Genesis;" St. Louis: Concordia, 1979. [Also shown are characters implying one God, creation of man from the ground, and devil among the trees.]*

<sup>85</sup> *Hb.* wing.

<sup>86</sup> *That is,* floated.

<sup>87</sup> *Or,* swarming thing that swarmeth

<sup>88</sup> *Thus, fish and vegetation are not necessarily included; birds of the sea may be in question.*

<sup>89</sup> *Hb.* blotted out (*both times*)

the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; 2 *the* fountains also of *the* deep and *the* windows of the heavens were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3 and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after *the* end of a hundred fifty days the waters decreased. 4 And the ark rested in <sup>90</sup>the seventh month, on *the* seventeenth day of the month, upon *the* mountains of <sup>91</sup>Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on *the* first *day* of the month, were *the* tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at *the* end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: 7 and he sent forth *a* raven, and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8 And he sent forth *a* <sup>92</sup>dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off *the* face of the ground; 9 but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him to the ark; for *the* waters were on *the* face of the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. 10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; 11 and the dove came in to him toward eventide; and, lo, in her mouth <sup>93</sup>an olive-leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.<sup>94</sup> 12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in *the* six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, *the* first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, *the* face of the ground was dried. 14 And in the second month, on *the* twenty-seventh day of the month, was the earth dry. 15 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16 Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living *thing* that *is* with thee of all flesh, *both* birds, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird,

<sup>90</sup> Comparing with ch. 7:11, 5 months = 150 days; so there had evidently been 30 days to the month.

<sup>91</sup> Or, Urartu (archaeology).

<sup>92</sup> The flying range of a dove is short; that of the raven is relatively much longer.

<sup>93</sup> Or, a fresh olive-leaf

<sup>94</sup> It is thus evident that the window of the ark permitted no downward view.

whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah builded an altar unto Jehovah, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21 And Jehovah smelled the sweet savor; and Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's <sup>95</sup>sake, for that *the* imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done. 22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and <sup>96</sup>fill the earth. 2 And *the* fear of you and *the* dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the heavens; with all wherewith the ground <sup>97</sup>teemeth, and all *the* fishes of the sea, into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; as *the* green herb have I given you all. 4 But flesh with the <sup>98</sup>soul thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood, *the blood* of your souls, will I require; at *the* hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the soul of the man. 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in *the* image of God made he man. 7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 and with every living soul that *is* with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by *the* waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living soul that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: 13 <sup>99</sup>I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living soul of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember *the* everlasting covenant between

<sup>95</sup> Or, sake; for *the* imagination

<sup>96</sup> Or, replenish the earth.

<sup>97</sup> Or, creepeth,

<sup>98</sup> Hb. נִפְשׁ nephesh or, being and so elsewhere.

<sup>99</sup> Or, I have set my bow in the cloud,

God and every living soul of all flesh that *is* upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

18 And *the* sons of Noah, that went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of Canaan. 19 These three *were the* sons of Noah: and of these was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began *to be* a husbandman, and planted a vineyard: 21 and he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. 22 And Ham, *the* father of Canaan, saw *the* nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 23 And Shem and Japheth took *a* garment and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his <sup>100</sup>youngest son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan!

A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said,

Blessed *be* Jehovah, *the* God of Shem;

And let Canaan be <sup>101</sup>his servant.

27 God enlarge Japheth,

And <sup>102</sup>let him dwell in *the* tents of Shem;

And let Canaan be his servant.

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

**10** Now these *are the* generations of *the* sons of Noah, *namely*, of Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 *The* <sup>103</sup>sons of <sup>104</sup>Japheth: <sup>105</sup>Gomer, and <sup>106</sup>Magog, and <sup>107</sup>Madai, and <sup>108</sup>Javan, and <sup>109</sup>Tubal, and

<sup>100</sup> *Or*, younger son

<sup>101</sup> *Or*, their servant. *Also in vs. 27.*

<sup>102</sup> *Or*, he shall dwell in *the* tents of Shem;

<sup>103</sup> *Or*, tribes who broke away from Japheth: *And similarly many places.*

<sup>104</sup> *Associated with Jupiter? Lands to the North.*

<sup>105</sup> *Or*, Cimmer *or*, Kimmer (*in Herodotus*). *Great kingdom destroyed by Scythians ca. BC 640.*

<sup>106</sup> Ma – Gog = greater region of – *the high people or*, – Saka, *hence* Ma-Saka-Ta (=Massagetae) greater region of – *the Gog – hordes: ancient homeland around the Caspian Sea, incl. Volga River Valley; capital in the Caucasus mountains. Includes the Mongol, Kazakh (=Ka-Saka, English Cossack), Uzbek, Scythian, Sogdian (=Saka-Ta), Samoyed, Korean, Yakut (Sakha), Eskimo tribes. Anciently famous for breeding horses, especially for war.*

<sup>107</sup> Mede: *ancient homeland S. of Caucasus Mts. Includes the Mitanni, Mede, Persian (“Division” of the Medes) tribes.*

<sup>108</sup> Ionia. *The original Greeks.*

<sup>110</sup>Meshech, and <sup>111</sup>Tiras. <sup>112</sup> 3 And *the* sons of Gomer: <sup>113</sup>Ashkenaz, and <sup>114</sup>Riphath, and <sup>115</sup>Togarmah. 4 And *the* sons of Javan: <sup>116</sup>Elishah, and <sup>117</sup>Tarshish, <sup>118</sup>Kittim, and <sup>119</sup>Dodanim. 5 Of these were *the* coastlands of the <sup>120</sup>nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 And *the* sons of <sup>121</sup>Ham: <sup>122</sup>Cush, and <sup>123</sup>Mizraim, and <sup>124</sup>Put, and <sup>125</sup>Canaan. 7 And *the* sons of Cush: Seba, and <sup>126</sup>Havilah, and Sabtah, and <sup>127</sup>Raamah, and

<sup>109</sup> Kart'velian (Kara – Tubal, *the Rocky mountains of Warm Springs*): *S. side of Caucasus Mts.; capital Tbilisi, or, Tiflis. Anciently famous for metallurgy. Includes the Tibarene, Ibero, Alan (went to Spain).*

<sup>110</sup> Armenia. *Modern Kayseri = ancient Caesaria Mazaca. The Moschi, Armenian tribe.*

[Josephus says Cappadocia, SW of Caucasus Mts.]

<sup>111</sup> *Or*, Thrace. *Includes Troy, Troas; Etruscan, Tyrhennian Sea, Roman tribes; also colonized Tyre.*

<sup>112</sup> Targ<sup>J</sup> adds And the names of their provinces: Phrygia, Germania, Media, Macedonia, Bithynia, Asia, and Thrace [Thracia]. *So M. Maher.*

<sup>113</sup> Germanic tribes (Scanza, Scandanavia). *Includes the German (Allemani), Anglo-Saxon, Frank, Burgundian, Visigoth, Sueve, Vandal; Herule, Ostrogoth, Lombard subtribes. Went upstream along the Danube River to the Elbe, Rhine basins.*

<sup>114</sup> Slavic tribes. *Ancient homeland Kara – Riphath (Rocky Mts. of Riphath, or, Carpathian Mts.) Includes Byelorussian, Ukrainian; Pole, Czech, Slovak; Serbian, Croatian (Josephus adds Paphlagonian) tribes. Went upstream along the Dniepr, Dniestr, Prut rivers even to the Vistula.*

<sup>115</sup> Tocharian (Turkic) tribes. (*Sept. Thorgama = Turk.*) *Includes Turkey, Turkestan; Turk, Finn, Phrygian. Tocharian is an East European language, which died out in Sinkiang (NW China) in the 9<sup>th</sup> century.*

<sup>116</sup> Aeolian.

<sup>117</sup> Keltic (Celtic) tribes. *Went to westernmost Europe, but also colonized Tarsus in Cilicia. Includes Belgae, Britons, Celtiberians, Gauls (some of whom conquered Galatia in central Turkey) and Gaels.*

<sup>118</sup> Macedonia. Ma – Kittim – Na = greater – Kittim – homeland; colonized Cyprus. [*The goat was their emblem; whence the name, Aegean (Goat) Sea.*]

<sup>119</sup> Dorians, *or*, Spartans. (*Rodanim in 1Chr 1:7, whence the name, Rhodes.*)

<sup>120</sup> *Hb.* Goyim (*both times*) *And in vss. 20 and 31.*

<sup>121</sup> *Lands to the South.*

<sup>122</sup> Black Africa and S. India (Dravidian tribes). *The most numerous of Hamitic peoples.*

<sup>123</sup> *Lit.* the two Egypts (*the Nile Delta, and upstream Nile to the First Cataract*), and NE to Gaza.

<sup>124</sup> N. Africa, west of Egypt: Berber, Moor.

<sup>125</sup> *E. coast of Mediterranean Sea.*

<sup>126</sup> *Possibly along the Araxes River. Cf. ch. 2:11.*

<sup>127</sup> *Likely along the Red Sea.*

Sabteca; and *the* sons of Raamah: <sup>128</sup>Sheba and <sup>129</sup>Dedan. 8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he was first to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a <sup>130</sup>mighty hunter before Jehovah: wherefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Jehovah. 10 And *the* beginning of his kingdom was <sup>131</sup>Babel, and <sup>132</sup>Erech, and <sup>133</sup>Accad, and Calneh, in *the* land of <sup>134</sup>Shinar. 11 Out of that land <sup>135</sup>he went forth into Assyria, and builded Nineveh, and Rehoboth-Ir, and <sup>136</sup>Calah, 12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (the same *is* the great city). 13 And Mizraim begat <sup>137</sup>Ludim, and <sup>138</sup>Anamim, and <sup>139</sup>Lehabim, and <sup>140</sup>Naphtuhim, 14 and <sup>141</sup>Pathrusim, and <sup>142</sup>Casluhim <sup>143</sup>(whence went forth *the* <sup>144</sup>Philistines), and <sup>145</sup>Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan begat <sup>146</sup>Sidon his firstborn, and <sup>147</sup>Heth, 16 and the <sup>148</sup>Jebusite, and the <sup>149</sup>Amorite, and

<sup>128</sup> Yemen. *The greenest part of Arabia, in the SW. Some of Sheba and Dedan were descendants of Abraham. Ge 25:1-3.*

<sup>129</sup> Likely N. Arabia, from the Red Sea to Persian Gulf.

<sup>130</sup> Targ<sup>N</sup> reads giant in sin Targ<sup>J</sup> reads mighty man of rebellion

<sup>131</sup> Near the ancient great city of Kish (Cush), to which it appears to be closely related. Targ<sup>J</sup> reads

Babylon the Great, Edessa, Nisibis, and Ctesiphon, <sup>132</sup>Uruk (sometimes the ruling city). Modern Warka.

<sup>133</sup> Or, Akkad.

<sup>134</sup> Sumer (archaeology).

<sup>135</sup> Or, went forth Asshur, *Might imply Asshur was driven out.*

<sup>136</sup> Probably on the site of the ruins called Nimrud.

<sup>137</sup> Speculation: Colonized the coasts of Turkey; later subjected by, and absorbed into, Lydia. Cf. vs. 22.

<sup>138</sup> Possibly Cyrene in NW Libya.

<sup>139</sup> Libya.

<sup>140</sup> Possibly Noph (= Menfre, Gk. Memphis) and most of the Nile Delta (called Lower Egypt).

<sup>141</sup> Pathros, whose dominant city was Thebes, or Luxor.

<sup>142</sup> Meaning Fortified (so Wm. Smith). *Possibly the E. Delta. Bochart/Gesenius think they also colonized Colchis, on the E. coast of the Black Sea.*

<sup>143</sup> Or, (whence went forth the Philistines and Caphtorim). *per Rotherham and Companion Bible. T.J. Meek says and Caphtorim, from whom the Philistines sprang. (though A.R. Gordon differs in 1Chr 1:12; An American Translation, 1931).*

<sup>144</sup> Hb. Pelishtim), *Meaning sojourners, immigrants (so Wm. Smith). Already independent in Ge 26:1.*

<sup>145</sup> Crete. *Meaning a crown (so Wm. Smith). The Minoan civilization. The Peoples of the Sea, who came to Philistia and may have been absorbed. See Dt 2:23, Jr 47:4, Am 9:7.*

<sup>146</sup> Modern Saïda, in Lebanon.

<sup>147</sup> Hatti Land (archaeology). *The Hittite. (Not related to the misnamed Anatolian "Hittite.")*

<sup>148</sup> Jebus, later renamed Jerusalem.

the <sup>150</sup>Girgashite, 17 and the <sup>151</sup>Hivite, and the <sup>152</sup>Arkite, and the Sinite, 18 and the <sup>153</sup>Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the <sup>154</sup>Hamathite: and afterward were *the* families of the Canaanite spread abroad. 19 And *the* border of the Canaanite was from Sidon, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest toward <sup>155</sup>Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, unto <sup>156</sup>Lasha. 20 These *are the* sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations.

21 And unto Shem, *the* father of all *the* children of Eber, *the* <sup>157</sup>brother of Japheth the elder, to him also were *children* born. 22 *The* sons of <sup>158</sup>Shem: <sup>159</sup>Elam, and <sup>160</sup>Asshur, and <sup>161</sup>Arpachshad, and <sup>162</sup>Lud, and <sup>163</sup>Aram. 23 And *the* sons of Aram: <sup>164</sup>Uz, and <sup>165</sup>Hul, and <sup>166</sup>Gether, and <sup>167</sup>Mash. 24 And Arpachshad begat Shelah; and Shelah begat <sup>168</sup>Eber. 25 And unto Eber

<sup>149</sup> *In the hill-country W. of the Dead Sea, and Gilead and Bashan E. of the Jordan River; also Amurru in N. Lebanon (archaeology).*

<sup>150</sup> *Probably on the S. and E. of the Sea of Galilee. Compare footnotes of GNT for Lk 8:26, 37.*

<sup>151</sup> *In the hill country N. of Jerusalem, toward Hamath. Includes Gibeon; see Josh 9:3-15, 11:19.*

<sup>152</sup> Arce, *or, Acre, in Lebanon.*

<sup>153</sup> Ruad Island, 4 km off SW Syrian coast, S. of Tartus.

<sup>154</sup> Hamath. *Modern Hama, Syria.*

<sup>155</sup> *Four cities now underwater in the SE Dead Sea. Compare ch. 14:8, 19:24-25.*

<sup>156</sup> *Possibly Laish (later Dan), SE of Sidon.*

<sup>157</sup> *Or, the elder brother of Japheth, But compare ch. 5:32; 7:6; 9:22, 24; 11:10. Thus Shem appears to be the middle son in age two years younger than Japheth.*

<sup>158</sup> *Territory between Japheth and Ham.*

<sup>159</sup> *Like Hb. olam (per Encycl. Judaica), meaning to a vanishing point; hence the most distant of peoples. Chinese (the most numerous of Semites), with a smaller contingent in SW Iran.*

<sup>160</sup> *Assyria, with its capital Ninevah along the Tigris R. Compare. vs. 11, and Jonah 3:3-4.*

<sup>161</sup> *Chaldeans, both W. of Assyria and S. in Sumer.*

<sup>162</sup> *Lydia, in W. Turkey.*

<sup>163</sup> *In Syria and SE Turkey. Aram Naharaim (Aram between the two Rivers) and Padan Aram (Field of Aram) are the portion N. of the Euphrates.*

<sup>164</sup> *Damascus and Trachonitis (per Josephus).*

*Compare Job 1:1.*

<sup>165</sup> *Possibly around Lake Huleh, in the upper Jordan R.*

<sup>166</sup> *Probably Gedrosia and Bactria.*

<sup>167</sup> *Meshech in 1Chr 1:17. Likely absorbed by the Armenian Kingdom.*

<sup>168</sup> *From which the word Hebrew, meaning crossed over [the River]; i.e., W. of the Euphrates River. The word Hebrew can include more Semites than the word Israelite (from Jacob).*

were born two sons: *the* name of the one was <sup>169</sup>Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was <sup>170</sup>Joktan. 26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and <sup>171</sup>Hazarmaveth, and <sup>172</sup>Jerah, 27 and <sup>173</sup>Hadoram, and <sup>174</sup>Uzal, and <sup>175</sup>Diklah, 28 and <sup>176</sup>Obal, and Abimael, and <sup>177</sup>Sheba, 29 and <sup>178</sup>Ophir, and <sup>179</sup>Havilah, and <sup>180</sup>Jobab: all these *were the* sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling was from <sup>181</sup>Mesha, as thou goest toward <sup>182</sup>Sephar, a <sup>183</sup>mountain of the east. 31 These *are the* sons of Shem, after their families, <sup>184</sup>after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

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

**11** And the whole earth was of <sup>185</sup>one language and of one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they

<sup>169</sup> *That is, Division;*

<sup>170</sup> *Meaning small. Oceanic islands and coastlands from S. Africa to the Americas.*

<sup>171</sup> Hadramawt. Aden or, S. Yemen.

<sup>172</sup> *In S. Arabia (per Gesenius and Wm. Smith).*

<sup>173</sup> *Possibly in S. Arabia (per Gesenius).*

<sup>174</sup> Awzál. *Modern San'a in Yemen.*

<sup>175</sup> *Meaning palm grove (per Wm. Smith).*

<sup>176</sup> *Meaning stripped bare (per Wm. Smith). Likely desert land therefore. In 1Chr 1:22, Ebal,*

<sup>177</sup> *Probably one of three ethnic groups comprising Sheba (N. Yemen). Cf. vs. 7; ch. 25:3.*

<sup>178</sup> *S. Africa which was originally Semitic (Nama or, Hottentot). Cf. 1Ki 9:28; 1Chr 29:4.*

<sup>179</sup> *Same nation as in vs. 7. Two ethnic groups. Possibly identified with Chwalla by the Caspian Sea.*

<sup>180</sup> *Meaning a desert (per Wm. Smith).*

<sup>181</sup> *In Greek, Josephus says Cophen, a river in India. (Antiquities of the Jews I, vi, 4.) Major Semitic ethnic and linguistic groups not yet identified with names above include: Austroasiatic, Polynesian, Amerind, and Na-Dene (incl. Navajo).*

<sup>182</sup> *Possibly the Himalaya mountains.*

<sup>183</sup> *Or, hill-country of the east.*

<sup>184</sup> *The Semitic languages appear to best preserve word meanings and phonetics, although Indo-European has slightly better preserved meanings, and Georgian (Gruzian, Kart'velian) preserves phonetics almost as well. See V. Shevoroshkin and P.J. Sidwell, Historical Linguistics & Lexicostatistics; Melbourne: Association for the History of Language, 1999; p. 105-110.*

<sup>185</sup> *Hb. one lip and of one words. Most, if not all, languages appear to stem from one. [See V. Shevoroshkin, ed., Materials from the first International Interdisciplinary Symposium on Language and Prehistory, Ann Arbor, 8-12 November, 1988, 5 vols; Bochum, Germany: N. Brockmeyer, 1989-1992. See Reconstruction sections in vols. BPX 20, 23, 25 and 32,*

journeyed from the East, that they found a plain in *the* land of <sup>186</sup>Shinar; and they dwelt there. 3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. <sup>187</sup> And they had brick for stone, and <sup>188</sup>slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Come, let us build a city, and a tower, whose top *may look* unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon *the* face of the whole earth. 5 And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which *the* children of man builded. 6 And Jehovah said, Behold, they *are* one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do: and now nothing will be withholden from them, which they purpose to do. 7 Come, let us go down, and there <sup>189</sup>confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So Jehovah <sup>190</sup>scattered them abroad from thence upon *the* face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore was *the* name of it called Babel; because Jehovah did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did Jehovah scatter them abroad upon *the* face of all the earth.

10 These *are the* generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old, and begat Arpachshad two years after the flood: 11 and Shem lived after he begat Arpachshad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 <sup>191</sup>And Arpachshad lived <sup>192</sup>thirty-five years, and begat <sup>193</sup>Shelah: 13 and Arpachshad lived after he

*and The 'Mother Tongue' section in BPX 33.*

*Classification of five thousand modern languages is given in M. Ruhlen, A Guide to the World's Languages, Vol. 1; Stanford Univ. Press, 1987. Fewer than ten cannot (as yet) be classified; Sumerian is among them.]*

<sup>186</sup> Sumer (archaeology).

<sup>187</sup> *Apparently silt at 1185 °C, cooled for 20-40 hours.*

<sup>188</sup> *That is, bitumen*

<sup>189</sup> *Hb. balah, meaning to confound*

<sup>190</sup> *Whether the scattering caused the confounding, or vice-versa, remains to be decided. Possibly the Sumerian language was invented at Babel (Kish) as the world's first clandestine language; and then the consequent scattering of other ethnic groups caused divergence of the original language into all other languages, as historical linguistics seems to imply.*

<sup>191</sup> *The Septuagint adds +100 years to the ages when sons were born, from Arpachshad to Serug (and +50 years to that of Nahor), which is supported by the Samaritan Pentateuch and mostly by Josephus (but he also says Abraham was the tenth from Noah, and was born in the 292<sup>nd</sup> year after the Deluge, which from the Massoretic text is the year Terah's oldest son was born). The Massoretic Hebrew text is supported by the Aramaic (except it says Terah was 75, not 70) and the Latin Vulgate (except it says Arpachshad lived another 303 years,*

begat Shelah <sup>194</sup>four hundred three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and begat Eber: 15 and Shelah lived after he begat Eber four hundred three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And <sup>195</sup>Eber lived thirty-four years, and begat Peleg: 17 and Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu: 19 and Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And <sup>196</sup>Reu lived thirty two years, and begat Serug: 21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And <sup>197</sup>Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor: 23 and Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And <sup>198</sup>Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begat Terah: 25 and Nahor lived after he begat Terah one hundred nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat <sup>199</sup>Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 Now these *are the* generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah *in the* land

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*not 403). The Qumran scrolls for chs. 9-16 are missing (and only one word is preserved in ch. 5).*

<sup>192</sup> *With seven consecutive generations having been 29-35 years old, it is likely many of these sons were firstborn.*

<sup>193</sup> *The Septuagint inserts a Kainan as the great grandson of Noah (just as ch. 5:9 gives Kainan as the great grandson of Adam), and gives Kainan a chronology identical to Shelah. The Massoretic, Samaritan, Aramaic, Latin Vulgate, and Josephus omit this Kainan, although Lk 3:36 copies the Septuagint even to the addition of Kainan (Cainam).*

<sup>194</sup> *Aramaic Targums alone read 430 years,*

<sup>195</sup> *A royal name Ebrum is well attested at Ebla, an ancient major city west of the Euphrates River.*

<sup>196</sup> *Gk. Ragau per Josephus, Antiquities I, vi, 5.*

*Association with modern Ar Raqqa is uncertain.*

<sup>197</sup> *The name is preserved in Sürüc, a city near Edessa (modern Urfa, Turkey).*

<sup>198</sup> *A city of Nahor is anciently attested several times. E.g., "The writer [of a letter to the king of Mari, Zimri-Lim, ca. BC 1700] is known both as the governor of Nahur (cf. Nahor, Gen. 11:26) on the upper Habur, and as an official at the court of Mari." The Ancient Near East, ed. James B. Pritchard; Princeton, 1975. p. 174. (Others think Nahor was in the Balikh River valley.)*

<sup>199</sup> *Abram was apparently not born before Terah was 130 years old (vs. 32, ch. 12:4, Ac 7:4). Therefore Haran must be the firstborn. Thus Noah overlapped Haran by 49 years but died 11 years before Abram was born; Shem overlapped Abram by 141 years.*

of his nativity, in Ur of *the* Chaldees. 29 And 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 And Sarai was barren; she *had* no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot *the* son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of *the* Chaldees, to go into *the* land of Canaan; and they came unto <sup>200</sup>Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And *the* days of Terah were two hundred five years: and Terah died in Haran.

**12** Now Jehovah 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 I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing: 3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that despiseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all *the* families of the land be blessed. 4 So Abram went, as Jehovah had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he <sup>201</sup>departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into *the* land of Canaan; and into *the* land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto *the* place of Shechem, unto *the* <sup>202</sup>oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land. 7 And Jehovah appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto Jehovah, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto the mountain on *the* east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on *the* west, and Ai on *the* east: and there he builded an altar unto Jehovah, and called upon *the* name of Jehovah. 9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the <sup>203</sup>South.

10 And there was a <sup>204</sup>famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* sore in the land. 11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon: 12 and it will come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they will say,

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<sup>200</sup> *Modern Harran, downstream of Urfa, Turkey, remains a significant city. Evidently Terah built the city and named it after his firstborn, as Haran apparently never lived there (vs. 28). (It remains to be discovered why Terah had moved from Upper Mesopotamia to Ur before Haran was born.)*

<sup>201</sup> *Apparently on Nisan 15. Cf. Ex 12:41.*

<sup>202</sup> *Or, terebinth*

<sup>203</sup> *Hb. Negeb. the southern tract of Judah.*

<sup>204</sup> *Unusually hot dry weather would cause a famine to be progressively more severe in going south.*

this *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live because of thee. 14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair. 15 And *the* princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And he dealt well with Abram for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. 17 And Jehovah plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife? 19 why saidst thou, She *is* my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way. 20 And <sup>205</sup>Pharaoh gave men charge concerning him: and they brought him on the way, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. 2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journeys from *the* South even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 unto *the* place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on *the* name of Jehovah. 5 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a strife between *the* herdsmen of Abram's cattle and *the* herdsmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we *are* brethren. 9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? Separate thy self, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left *hand*, then I will go to *the* right; or if *thou take* the right *hand*, then I will go to *the* left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the <sup>206</sup>Plain of the Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere, before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like *the* garden of Jehovah, like *the* land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar. 11 So Lot chose him all the Plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves *the* one from *the* other. 12 Abram dwelt in *the* land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in *the* <sup>207</sup>cities of the Plain, and moved

<sup>205</sup> *If* Nebhepetre Ment'hotpe II (ca. BC 2055-2005), he had an unusually long reign.

<sup>206</sup> *Or*, Circle

<sup>207</sup> *These cities had already been tributaries to Elam for at least five years. See ch. 14:1-5. The West was first conquered by Lugal-zaggesi, king of*

*his* tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now *the* men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly.

14 And Jehovah said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: 15 for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as *the* dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* may thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in *the* length of it and in *the* breadth of it; for unto thee will I give it. 18 And Abram moved *his* tent, and came and dwelt by *the* <sup>208</sup>oaks of Mamre, which *are* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto Jehovah.

14 And it came to pass in *the* days of <sup>209</sup>Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of <sup>210</sup>Ellasar, <sup>211</sup>Kedorlaghomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of <sup>212</sup>Goiim, 2 *that* <sup>213</sup>*they* 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 (the same *is* Zoar). 3 All these

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*Umma and Uruk (Erech). Sargon, king of Akkad, subdued him and became the first of five kings of Akkad to put the West to tribute. Gutium then conquered Akkad and Sumer; thence Utu-khegel, king of Uruk, conquered all and took the West, and then Ur-Nammu, king of Ur, came to power.*

<sup>208</sup> *Or*, terebinths

<sup>209</sup> *A Sumerian king who conquered the West, and 14 years later is killed in battle, points uniquely to Ur-Nammu, king of Sumer (founder of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dynasty of Ur). Chronologies proposed for his reign are:*

Chronology	BC Dates (1 <sup>st</sup> - last year of reign)
High	2173-2156
Middle	2117-2100
Low	2053-2036
Very low	2029-2012
[Revisionist	centuries later]

*Of these, the 2036, and possibly 2012, dates for his death are consistent with possible dates of Joseph.*

<sup>210</sup> *Likely* Larsa, being more closely associated with Ur.

<sup>211</sup> *Or perhaps*, Kutir-Laghamar (meaning, Servant of [the god] Laghamar).

<sup>212</sup> *Or*, nations, *or*, Gutium (archaeology).

<sup>213</sup> *It would appear Ur-Nammu put together an alliance with Sumer's traditional enemies, Elam and Gutium, which gave Canaan to Elam, the mountains SE of the Dead Sea to Gutium (Hurrians, Horites), Aram (Syria) to Ur, and perhaps Mari or Lebanon to Larsa. There might be a connection between the first war and Abram's departure to Haran; Abram would have known their military tactics and weaknesses. These two wars together may have ended the Early Bronze Age.*

<sup>214</sup>joined together in the vale of Siddim (the same *is now* the Salt Sea). 4 Twelve years they served Kedorlaghomer, and in *the* thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 And in *the* fourteenth year came Kedorlaghomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in <sup>215</sup>Shaveh-kiriathaim, 6 and the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness. 7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat (the same *is* Kadesh), and smote all the <sup>216</sup>country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazazon-tamar. 8 And there 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 (the same *is* Zoar); and they set *the* battle in array against them in the vale of Siddim; 9 against Kedorlaghomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five. 10 Now the vale of Siddim *was full of* <sup>217</sup>slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and they that remained fled to *the* mountain. 11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And they took <sup>218</sup>Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: now he dwelt by *the* <sup>219</sup>oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these *were* confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained *men*, born in his house, <sup>220</sup>three hundred eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them <sup>221</sup>by night, he and his servants, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on *the* <sup>222</sup>left hand of Damascus. 16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

<sup>214</sup> Or, joined themselves together against

<sup>215</sup> Or, in the plain of Kiriathaim,

<sup>216</sup> Hb. field

<sup>217</sup> That is, bitumen pits;

<sup>218</sup> Except for this tactical mistake, the eastern kings would likely not have encountered Abram.

<sup>219</sup> Or, terebinths

<sup>220</sup> Written as alphabetic numerics, שׁיח, chiysh, to make haste,

<sup>221</sup> Witness to this surprise attack is borne by a Sumerian tablet, saying, [Ur-Nammu] "had been abandoned on the battlefield like a crushed vessel." Samuel Noah Kramer, "The Sumerians;" Univ. Chicago Press, 1963; p. 68, 131.

<sup>222</sup> Or, north of Damascus.

17 And *the* king of Sodom went out to meet him, <sup>223</sup>after his return from *the* slaughter of Kedorlaghomer and the kings that *were* with him, at *the* vale of Shaveh (the same *is* the King's Vale). 18 And <sup>224</sup>Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* priest of <sup>225</sup>God Most High. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of God Most High, <sup>226</sup>acquirer of heaven and earth: 20 and blessed *be* God Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tenth of all. 21 And *the* king of Sodom said unto Abram, give me the souls, and take the goods to thyself. 22 And Abram said to *the* king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto Jehovah, God Most High, acquirer of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not *take* a thread nor a shoe-latchet nor aught that *is* thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich: 24 <sup>227</sup>save only that which the young men have eaten, and *the* portion of the men that went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

**15** After these things *the* word of Jehovah came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, <sup>228</sup>and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, O Lord Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I <sup>229</sup>go childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, *the* word of Jehovah *came* unto him, saying, This man shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in Jehovah; and he reckoned it to him *for* righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, I *am* Jehovah that brought thee out of Ur of *the* Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. 8 And he said, O Lord Jehovah, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And he said unto him, Take me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. 10 And he took him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other: but the

<sup>223</sup> Likely not before the eighth month (about the modern May), as Spring began the fighting season, and the Elamite army travelled 2000 km to Dan, and there were at least eight days of battle.

<sup>224</sup> Whether Melchizedek was an Elamite or a Jebusite (Canaanite) is not stated, but he is apparently the one through whom tribute had been paid.

<sup>225</sup> Hb. El Elyon Also in vss. 19, 20, 22.

<sup>226</sup> That is, whether by making or buying and in vs. 22

<sup>227</sup> Or, let there be nothing for me; only that etc.

<sup>228</sup> Or, thy reward shall be exceeding great.

<sup>229</sup> Or, go hence,

birds divided he not. 11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. 13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be sojourners in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out with great substance. 15 But thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. 16 And in *the* fourth generation they shall come hither again: for *the* iniquity of the Amorite *is* not yet full. 17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces. 18 In that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from <sup>230</sup>*the* river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 the Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite, 20 and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Rephaim, 21 and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Gergashite, and the Jebusite.

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. 2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, Jehovah hath restrained me from bearing; go in, I pray thee, unto my handmaid; it may be that I shall <sup>231</sup>obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to *the* voice of Sarai. 3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, <sup>232</sup>took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in *the* land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. 4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. 5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I gave my handmaid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: Jehovah judge between me and <sup>233</sup>her. 6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her that which is good in thine eyes. And Sarai dealt hardly with her, and she fled from her face.

7 And *the* angel of Jehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in *the* way to Shur. 8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's handmaid,

<sup>230</sup> *Contrasted with the great river (Euphrates), the river of Egypt would be the Wadi el Arish, not the Nile.*

<sup>231</sup> *Hb. be builded by her.*

<sup>232</sup> *Apparently no earlier than the 4<sup>th</sup> month. Compare vs. 16. So Hagar's flight was not in the winter. If Melchizedek's blessing was a year earlier, then Sarah's decision took 8-17 months; if the same year, then < 5 months; if two years earlier, then 20-29 months. 1(±½) year would seem reasonable.*

<sup>233</sup> *Sopherim changed to thee. See Companion Bible note and Appendix 31.*

whence camest thou? And whither goest thou? And she said, I am fleeing from *the* face of my mistress Sarai. 9 And *the* angel of Jehovah said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And *the* angel of Jehovah said unto her, I will greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And *the* angel of Jehovah said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name <sup>234</sup>Ishmael, because Jehovah hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he shall be *as* a wild ass among men; his hand *shall be* against every *man*, and every *man's* hand against him; and he shall dwell <sup>235</sup>over against all his brethren. 13 And she called *the* name of Jehovah that spake unto her, <sup>236</sup>Thou art <sup>237</sup>a God that seeth: for she said, Have I even here looked after him that seeth me? 14 Wherefore the well was called <sup>238</sup>Beerlahairoi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called *the* name of his son, whom Hagar bare, Ishmael. 16 And Abram *was* eighty-six years old, <sup>239</sup>when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

17 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* <sup>240</sup>God Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be *the* father of a multitude of nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called <sup>241</sup>Abram, but thy name shall be <sup>242</sup>Abraham; for *the* father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 And God said unto Abraham, And as for thee, thou shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. 10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall be circumcised in the flesh of your

<sup>234</sup> *That is, God heareth,*

<sup>235</sup> *Or, to the east of*

<sup>236</sup> *Or, Thou God seest me:*

<sup>237</sup> *Hb. El roi: that is, God of seeing:*

<sup>238</sup> *That is, The well of the living one who seeth me;*

<sup>239</sup> *Probably not later than the 9<sup>th</sup> month. Cf. vs. 3.*

<sup>240</sup> *Hb. El Shaddai;*

<sup>241</sup> *That is, exalted father,*

<sup>242</sup> *That is, father of a multitude;*

foreskin; and it shall be a token of a covenant betwixt me and you. 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner that is not of thy seed. 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And *the* uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but <sup>243</sup>Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and moreover I will give thee a son of her: yes, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of peoples shall be 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 a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? 18 And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ishmael might live before thee! 19 And God said, No, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name <sup>244</sup>Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

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

18 And Jehovah appeared unto him by *the* <sup>245</sup>oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in *the* <sup>246</sup>heat of the day; 2 and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to *the* earth, 3 and said, <sup>247</sup>O Jehovah,

<sup>243</sup> *That is, Princess*

<sup>244</sup> Yitz'chaq. *The Hb. word meaning shall laugh:*

<sup>245</sup> *Or, terebinth*

<sup>246</sup> *Or, afternoon (Contrast with ch. 3:8.)*

<sup>247</sup> *Or, My Jehovah, Sopherim changed to lord,*

if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: 4 let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and strengthen ye your heart; *and* after that ye shall pass on: <sup>248</sup>forasmuch as ye are come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto the servant; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 And they said unto him, <sup>249</sup>Where is Sarah thy wife? But he *interrupted and* said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee when the season <sup>250</sup>cometh round; 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* well stricken in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after *the* manner of women. 12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13 And Jehovah said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old? 14 Is anything too <sup>251</sup>hard for Jehovah? At the set time I will return unto thee, when the season cometh round, and Sarah shall have a son. 15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, No; but thou didst laugh.

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on *the* way. 17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all *the* nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep *the* way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken to him. 20 And Jehovah said, <sup>252</sup>Because *the* cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

<sup>248</sup> *Or, for therefore*

<sup>249</sup> *Or with the Sopherim extraordinary points, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, etc.*

<sup>250</sup> *Hb. liveth; or, reviveth; i.e., Spring And in vs. 14.*

<sup>251</sup> *Or, extraordinary or, wonderful*

<sup>252</sup> *Or, Truly (both times).*

22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom: but <sup>253</sup>Jehovah stood yet before Abraham. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume *the* righteous with *the* wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay *the* righteous with *the* wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto <sup>254</sup>Jehovah, *who am* but dust and ashes: 28 peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, I will not destroy *it*, if I find there forty-five. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake. 30 And he said, Oh let not Jehovah be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there. 31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto Jehovah: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. 32 And he said, Oh let not Jehovah be angry, and I will speak yet but *this* once: peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for the ten's sake. 33 And Jehovah went his way, as soon as he had left off communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening; and Lot <sup>255</sup>sat in *the* gate of Sodom: and Lot saw *them*, and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to *the* earth; 2 and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, No; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 But before they lay down, *the* men of the city, *even the* men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 5 and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men that came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man; let me, I pray

<sup>253</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Abraham stood yet before Jehovah. See Companion Bible note.

<sup>254</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord, Also in vss. 30-32.

<sup>255</sup> A *high civic office*. See Dan 2:49.

you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing, <sup>256</sup>forasmuch as they are come under *the* shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. 11 And they smote the men that *were at the* door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of the place: 13 for we will <sup>257</sup>destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxed great before Jehovah; and Jehovah hath sent us to destroy it. 14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, who <sup>258</sup>married his daughters, and said, *Get* up, get you out of this place; for Jehovah will destroy the city. But he seemed unto his sons-in-law as one that mocked. 15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are here, lest thou be consumed in *the* <sup>259</sup>iniquity of the city. 16 But he lingered; and the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon *the* hand of his wife, and upon *the* hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. 17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy soul; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the Plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, <sup>260</sup>O Jehovah: 19 behold now, thy servant hath found favor in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy lovingkindness, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my soul; but I cannot escape to the mountain, lest <sup>261</sup>evil overtake me, and I die: 20 behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one. Oh let me escape thither (*is* it not a little one?), and my soul shall live. 21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which thou hast spoken. 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore *the* name of the city was called <sup>262</sup>Zoar.

<sup>256</sup> Or, for therefore they are come *etc.*

<sup>257</sup> Only 15 years *after Abram had freed the Sodomites*.

<sup>258</sup> Or, were to marry

<sup>259</sup> Or, punishment

<sup>260</sup> Or, my Jehovah: Sopherim *changed to* lord:

<sup>261</sup> Lit. the evil

<sup>262</sup> That is, Little. See vs. 20; ch. 14:8.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot came unto Zoar. 24 Then Jehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah <sup>263</sup>brimstone and fire from Jehovah out of heaven; 25 and he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Jehovah: 28 and he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all *the* land of the Plain, and beheld, and, lo, *the* smoke of the land went up as *the* smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of *the* midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in *a* cave, he and his two daughters. 31 And the first-born 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 of all the earth: 32 come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he knew not when she lay down; <sup>264</sup>he *did* know when she arose. 34 And it came to pass on *the* morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he knew not when she lay down; he *did* know when she arose. 36 Thus were both *the* daughters of Lot with child by their father. 37 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name <sup>265</sup>Moab: the same *is* the father of *the* Moabites unto this day. 38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name <sup>266</sup>Ben-ammi: the same *is* the father of *the* children of Ammon unto this day.

**20** And Abraham journeyed from thence toward *the* land of the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art* but a dead man, because of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife. 4 Now Abimelech had not come near her: and he said,

<sup>263</sup> *That is, sulfur*

<sup>264</sup> *Sopherim changed to nor when she arose.*

*According to Companion Bible. Also in vs. 35.*

<sup>265</sup> *That is, Progeny of a father:*

<sup>266</sup> *That is, Son of my people:*

<sup>267</sup>Jehovah, wilt thou slay even a righteous nation? 5 Said he not himself unto me, She *is* my sister? And she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother: in *the* integrity of my heart and *the* innocency of my hands have I done this. 6 And God said unto him in the dream, Yes, I know that in *the* integrity of thy heart thou hast done this, and I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. 7 Now therefore restore the man's wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely *begin* to die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

8 And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? And wherein have I sinned against thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. 10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? 11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely *the* fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. 12 And moreover *she is* indeed my sister, *the* daughter of my father, but not *the* daughter of my mother; and she became my wife: 13 and it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This *is* thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He *is* my brother. 14 And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and men-servants and women-servants, and gave *them* unto Abraham and restored him Sarah his wife. 15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. 16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver: behold, <sup>268</sup>it *is* for thee a covering of *the* eyes to all that *are* with thee; and <sup>269</sup>in respect of all thou art righted. 17 And Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare *children*. 18 For Jehovah had fast closed up all *the* wombs of *the* house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

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

<sup>267</sup> *So some Hb. mss. Sopherim changed to Lord,*

<sup>268</sup> *Or, he is*

<sup>269</sup> *Or, before all men thou art righted.*

him. 6 And Sarah said, God hath <sup>270</sup>made me to laugh; every one that heareth will laugh with me. 7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should give children suck? For I have borne *him* a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast on *the* day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne unto Abraham, <sup>271</sup>mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this handmaid and her son: for *the* son of this handmaid shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac. 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy handmaid; in all that Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the handmaid will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a <sup>272</sup>bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and gave *her* the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in *the* wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not look upon *the* death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and *the* angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, *as he grew up*, 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 it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol *the* captain of his host 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 deal falsely with me, nor with <sup>273</sup>my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. 24 And Abraham said, I will swear. 25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of the well of water, which Abimelech's

<sup>270</sup> *Or*, prepared laughter for me;

<sup>271</sup> *Or*, playing.

<sup>272</sup> *Or*, skin *And in* vs. 15.

<sup>273</sup> *Or*, my offspring, nor with my posterity:

servants had violently taken away. 26 And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it*, but today. 27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and they two made a covenant. 28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? 30 And he said, *These* seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that it may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. 31 Wherefore he called that place <sup>274</sup>Beersheba; because there they sware both of them. 32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba: and Abimelech rose up, and Phicol *the* captain of his host, and they returned into *the* land of *the* Philistines. 33 And *Abraham* planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and called there on the name of Jehovah, *the* Everlasting God. 34 And Abraham sojourned in *the* land of *the* Philistines many days.

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham; and he said, Here *am* I. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son*, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he clave *the* wood for *the* burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt-offering? 8 And Abraham said, God will <sup>275</sup>provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and said the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And *the* angel of Jehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I. 12 And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy

<sup>274</sup> *That is*, Well of *the* oath; *or possibly*, Seven wells;

<sup>275</sup> *Hb.* see for himself

son, thine only *son*, from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called *the* name of that place <sup>276</sup>Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In *the* mount of Jehovah <sup>277</sup>it shall be provided. 15 And *the* angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*, 17 that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as *the* stars of the heavens, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 and in thy seed shall all *the* nations of the earth <sup>278</sup>bless themselves; because thou hast obeyed my voice. 19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nahor: 21 Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel *the* father of Aram, 22 and Kesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bare Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maacah.

**23** And *the* life of Sarah was a hundred twenty-seven years: *these were the* years of *the* life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (the same *is* Hebron), in *the* land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spake unto *the* children of Heth, saying, 4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. 5 And *the* children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, 6 Hear us, my lord; thou *art* a prince of God among us: in *the* choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. 7 And Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to *the* people of the land, *even to the* children of Heth. 8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your soul that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron *the* son of Zohar, 9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in *the* end of his field; for *the* full price let him give it to me in *the* midst of you for a possession of a burying-place. 10 Now

<sup>276</sup> *That is*, Jehovah will see: *Or*, ...will provide:

<sup>4</sup>QGen<sup>a</sup> reads Elohim-jireh: (So Abegg).

<sup>277</sup> *Or*, he shall be seen.

<sup>278</sup> *Reflexive tense*, as in ch. 26:4, but not in ch. 12:3.

Ephron was sitting in *the* midst of *the* children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in *the* audience of *the* children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at *the* gate of his city, saying, 11 No, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in *the* presence of *the* children of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. 12 And Abraham bowed himself down before *the* people of the land. 13 And he spake unto Ephron in *the* audience of *the* people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give *the* price of the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. 14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, 15 My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? Bury therefore thy dead. 16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in *the* audience of *the* children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 So *the* field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all *the* border thereof round about, were made sure 18 unto Abraham for a possession in *the* presence of *the* children of Heth, before all that went in at *the* gate of his city. 19 And after this Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of *the* field of Machpelah before Mamre (the same *is* Hebron), in *the* land of Canaan. 20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by *the* children of Heth.

**24** And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his servant, *the* elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3 and I will make thee swear by Jehovah, the God of heavens and *the* God of the earth, that thou wilt not take a wife for my son of *the* daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: 4 but thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac. 5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. 7 Jehovah, the God of heavens, who took me from my father's house, and from *the* land of my nativity, and who spake unto me, and who sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he will send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife for my son from thence. 8 And if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only thou shalt not bring my son thither again. 9 And the servant put his hand under *the* thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning this matter.

10 And the servant took ten camels, of *the* camels of his master, and departed, <sup>279</sup>*having* all goodly things of his master's in his hand: and he arose, and went to <sup>280</sup>Mesopotamia, unto *the* city of Nahor. 11 And he made the camels to kneel down without the city by the well of water at *the* time of evening, *the* time that women go out to draw *water*. 12 And he said, O Jehovah, *the* God of my master Abraham, send me, I pray thee, good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and *the* daughters of *the* men of the city are coming out to draw water: 14 and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be* she *that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel *the* son of Milcah, *the* wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man looked stedfastly on her, holding his peace, to know whether Jehovah had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ring of <sup>281</sup>half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold, 23 and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? Tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I *am* *the* daughter of Bethuel *the* son of Milcah, whom she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. 26 And the man bowed his head, and worshipped Jehovah. 27 And he said, Blessed *be* Jehovah, *the* God of my master Abraham, who hath not forsaken his lovingkindness and his truth toward my master: as for me, Jehovah hath led me in the way to *the* house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told her mother's house according to these words. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out

<sup>279</sup> *Or*, for all *the* goods of his master *were* in his hand:

<sup>280</sup> *Hb.* Aram-naharaim, *that is*, Aram of *the* 2 rivers,

<sup>281</sup> *Hb.* a beka. *See* Ex 38:26.

unto the man, unto the fountain. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he was standing by the camels at the fountain. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of Jehovah; wherefore standest thou without? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came *into* the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and *the* feet of the men that *were* with him. 33 And there was set *food* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. 34 And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant. 35 And Jehovah hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife for 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 for my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give *her* not to thee, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the fountain, and said, O Jehovah, *the* God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that the maiden that cometh forth to draw, to whom I shall say, give me, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher to drink; 44 and she shall say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let the same be* the woman whom Jehovah hath appointed for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the fountain, and drew: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, *The* daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed my head and worshipped Jehovah, and blessed Jehovah, *the* God of my master Abraham, who had led me in *the* right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son.

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

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from Jehovah: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as Jehovah hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he *bowed himself* down to *the* earth unto Jehovah. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing Jehovah hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. 59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of ten thousands, and let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them.

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 And Isaac came from *the* way of Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in *the* land of the South. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at *the* eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there *were* camels coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. 65 And she said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It *is* my master: and she took the veil, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

25 And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba and Dedan. And *the* sons of Dedan were Assurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. 4 And *the* sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoah, and Abida, and El-daah. All these *were* the children of Keturah. 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. 6 But unto *the* sons of the concubines, that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto *the* east country. 7 And these *are*

*the* days of *the* years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred seventy-five years. 8 And Abraham gave up *the* breath, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of *years*, and was gathered to his people. 9 And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in *the* field of Ephron *the* son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre; 10 the field which Abraham purchased of the children of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it came to pass after *the* death of Abraham, that 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, bare unto Abraham: 13 and these *are* *the* names of *the* sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: *the* firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, and Adbael, and Mibsam, 14 and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, 15 Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: 16 these *are* *the* sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations. 17 And these *are* *the* years of *the* life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years: and he gave up *the* breath and died, and was gathered unto his people. 18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: he <sup>282</sup>abode over against all his brethren.

19 And these *are* *the* generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: 20 and Isaac was forty years old <sup>283</sup>when he took Rebekah *the* daughter of Bethuel the <sup>284</sup>Syrian of Paddan-aram, *the* sister of Laban the Syrian, *to be* his wife. 21 And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she *was* barren: and Jehovah was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived, 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, <sup>285</sup>wherefore do I live? And she went to inquire of Jehovah. 23 And Jehovah said unto her,

Two nations *are* in thy womb,

And two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels:

And *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people;

And *the elder* shall serve *the younger*.

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb. 25 And the first came forth <sup>286</sup>red all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. 26 And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called <sup>287</sup>Jacob: and Isaac *was* sixty years old when she bare them.

<sup>282</sup> Or, settled Hb. fell

<sup>283</sup> Apparently 3 years after the death of his mother.

<sup>284</sup> Hb. Aramean (both times). And so elsewhere.

<sup>285</sup> Or, wherefore am I thus?

<sup>286</sup> Or, ruddy

<sup>287</sup> That is, He shall take by the heel: or, ...supplant:

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of *the* field; and Jacob *was* a <sup>288</sup>quiet man, dwelling in tents. 28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: and Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 And Jacob boiled pottage: and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* faint: 30 and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with <sup>289</sup>that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called <sup>290</sup>Edom. 31 And Jacob said, Sell me <sup>291</sup>first thy birthright. 32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* about to die: and what profit shall *the* birthright do to me? 33 And Jacob said, Swear to me first; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: so Esau despised the birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in *the* days of Abraham. And Isaac <sup>292</sup>went unto Abimelech king of *the* Philistines, unto Gerar. 2 And Jehovah appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: 3 sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 and I will multiply thy seed as *the* stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in thy seed shall all *the* nations of the earth bless themselves; 5 because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: 7 and *the* men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, <sup>293</sup>*She is* my sister: for he feared to say, My wife; lest, *said he*, *the* men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon. 8 And it came to pass when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of *the* Philistines looked out at the window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife. 9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her. 10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? One of the people might easily have lain with thy wife, and thou wouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. 11 And Abimelech charged all the people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

<sup>288</sup> Or, harmless Hb. perfect (as a perfect gentleman)

<sup>289</sup> Hb. the red *pottage*. or, this red *pottage*.

<sup>290</sup> That is, Red.

<sup>291</sup> Hb. today And in vs. 33.

<sup>292</sup> If drought was the cause of famine in the South, then it would likely be less severe going towards Gerar, nearer the coast.

<sup>293</sup> She was his first cousin once removed. Ge 24:24.

12 And Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year a hundredfold: and Jehovah blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and grew more and more until he became very great: 14 and he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a great household: and *the* Philistines envied him. 15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, *the* Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. 16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac departed thence, and encamped in *the* valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again 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 called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of <sup>294</sup>springing water. 20 And *the* herdsmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water *is* ours: and he called *the* name of the well <sup>295</sup>Esek, because they contended with him. 21 And they digged another well, and they strove for that also: and he called *the* name of it <sup>296</sup>Sitnah. 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called *the* name of it <sup>297</sup>Rehoboth; and he said, For now Jehovah hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. 24 And Jehovah 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 multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon *the* name of Jehovah, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol *the* captain of his host. 27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore are ye come unto me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28 And they said, We saw plainly that Jehovah was with thee: and we said, Let there now be an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee, 29 that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou *art* now *the* blessed of Jehovah. 30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. 31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him

<sup>294</sup> Hb. living water.

<sup>295</sup> That is, Contention,

<sup>296</sup> That is, Enmity. (Cf. satan, attacker, adversary.)

<sup>297</sup> That is, Broad places; or, Room;

concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. 33 And he called it <sup>298</sup>Shibah: therefore *the* name of the city *is* Beer-<sup>299</sup>sheba unto this day.

34 And when Esau was forty years old he took to wife Judith *the* daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath *the* daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 and they were <sup>300</sup>a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

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

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring it. 6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 7 Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless thee before Jehovah before my death. 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. 9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of *the* goats; and I will make them savory food for thy father, such as he loveth: 10 and thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, so that he may bless thee before his death. 11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man. 12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a <sup>301</sup>deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. 13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*. 14 And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. 15 And Rebekah took the goodly garments of Esau her elder son, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; 16 and she put the skins of *the* kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon *the* smooth of his neck: 17 and she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into *the* hand of her son Jacob.

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son? 19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. 20 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou

<sup>298</sup> *That is, Seven: or if differently pointed, Oath:*

<sup>299</sup> *See footnote on ch. 21:31.*

<sup>300</sup> *Hb.* a bitterness of spirit unto

<sup>301</sup> *Or, mocker;*

hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah thy God <sup>302</sup>sent me good speed. 21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not. 22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are the* hands of Esau. 23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*. 25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said,

See, *the* smell of my son

*Is as the* smell of a field which Jehovah hath blessed:

28 And God give thee of the dew of heaven,

And of *the* fatness of the earth,

And plenty of grain and new wine:

29 Let peoples serve thee,

And nations bow down to thee:

Be lord over thy brethren,

And let thy mother's sons bow down to thee:

Cursed *be* every one that curseth thee,

And blessed *be* every one that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from *the* presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And he also made savory food, and brought it unto his father; and he said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. 32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy firstborn, Esau. 33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who then *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? Yes, *and* he shall be blessed. 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. 35 And he said, Thy brother came with guile, and hath taken away thy blessing. 36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? 37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with grain and new wine have I sustained him: and what then shall I do for thee, my son? 38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father?

<sup>302</sup> *Or, made it come to me.*

Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him,

Behold, <sup>303</sup>of *the* fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling,

And of *the* dew of the heavens from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thou shalt serve thy brother;

And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt break loose,

That thou shalt shake his yoke from off thy neck.

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, *The* days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. 42 And the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; 44 and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; 45 until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be bereaved of you both *in* one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of *the* daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of *the* daughters of Heth, such as these, of *the* daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

**28** And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of *the* daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to *the* house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of *the* daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. 3 And <sup>304</sup>God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a company of peoples; 4 and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojournings, which God gave unto Abraham. 5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Paddan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the <sup>305</sup>Syrian, *the* brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of *the* daughters of Canaan; 7 and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan-aram: 8 and Esau saw that *the* daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; 9 and Esau went unto Ishmael,

<sup>303</sup> *Or possibly, away from (both times) And in vs 28.*

<sup>304</sup> *Hb. El Shaddai*

<sup>305</sup> *Hb. Aramean,*

and took, besides *the* wives that he had, Mahalath *the* daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, *the* sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. 11 And he lighted upon *a certain* place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took *one* of the stones of the place, and put *it* under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed; and, behold, a ladder set up on *the* earth, and *the* top of it reached to heaven; and, behold, *the* angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, Jehovah stood <sup>306</sup>above it, and said, *I am* Jehovah, *the* God of Abraham thy father, and *the* God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 and thy seed shall be as *the* dust of the earth, and thou shalt <sup>307</sup>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 land be blessed. 15 And, behold, *I am* with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of. 16 And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jehovah is in this place; and I knew *it* not. 17 And he was afraid, and said, How awesome *is* this place! *this is* none other than *the* house of God, and *this is* *the* gate of the heavens.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon *the* top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place <sup>308</sup>Bethel: but *the* name of the city *was* Luz at the first. 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, <sup>309</sup>and Jehovah will be my God, 22 then this stone, which I have set up *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give a tenth unto thee.

**29** Then Jacob <sup>310</sup>went on his journey, and came to *the* land of *the* <sup>311</sup>sons of *the* east. 2 And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field, and, lo, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the well's mouth was great. 3 And thither 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 its place. 4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *are* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we. 5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban *the*

<sup>306</sup> *Or, beside him,*

<sup>307</sup> *Hb. break forth to the west,*

<sup>308</sup> *That is, the house of God:*

<sup>309</sup> *Or, then shall Jehovah be my God, and this stone,*

<sup>310</sup> *Hb. lifted up his feet,*

<sup>311</sup> *Or perhaps, Arabs. Cf. ch. 25:6.*

son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*. 6 And he said unto them, *Is it* well with him? And they said, *It is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7 And 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 *and* feed *them*. 8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. 9 While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. 10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel *the* daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 14 And Laban said to him, Surely <sup>312</sup>thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him *the* space of a month. 15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? Tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*? 16 And Laban had <sup>313</sup>two daughters: *the* name of the elder *was* Leah, and *the* name of the younger *was* Rachel. 17 And Leah's eyes *were* tender; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for *the* love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid unto his daughter Leah *for* a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did I not serve thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? 26 And Laban said, <sup>314</sup>It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfil *the* week of this one, and we will give thee the other also

<sup>312</sup> *This expression is readily understandable today, in that DNA is found in both flesh and bones.*

<sup>313</sup> *It is not stated whether his sons had yet been born.*

<sup>314</sup> *There is a similar custom today among men in India.*

for *the* service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 And Jehovah saw that Leah *was* hated, and he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren. 32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name <sup>315</sup>Reuben: for she said, Because Jehovah hath looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and said, Because Jehovah <sup>316</sup>hath heard that I *am* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name <sup>317</sup>Simeon. 34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be <sup>318</sup>joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, This time will I <sup>319</sup>praise Jehovah: therefore she called his name <sup>320</sup>Judah; and she left off bearing.

**30** And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee *the* fruit of *the* womb? 3 And she said, Behold, my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may <sup>321</sup>obtain children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to <sup>322</sup>wife: and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And Rachel said, God hath <sup>323</sup>judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. 8 And Rachel said, With <sup>324</sup>mighty wrestlings have I <sup>325</sup>wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. 10 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bare Jacob a son. 11 And Leah said, <sup>326</sup>Fortunate! and she called his

<sup>315</sup> *That is, See, a son:*

<sup>316</sup> *Hb. shama*

<sup>317</sup> *Hb. Shimeon.*

<sup>318</sup> *From the root lavah*

<sup>319</sup> *From the Hb. hodah*

<sup>320</sup> *Hb. Jehudah;*

<sup>321</sup> *Hb. be builded by her.*

<sup>322</sup> *See footnote on ch. 16:3.*

<sup>323</sup> *Hb. dan, he judged*

<sup>324</sup> *Hb. wrestlings of God*

<sup>325</sup> *Hb. niphtal, he wrestled*

<sup>326</sup> *So Hb<sup>txt</sup> Sept. Vg. Lit. With fortune! Hb<sup>mg</sup> Aram. read Fortune is come.*

name <sup>327</sup>Gad. 12 And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bare Jacob a second son. 13 And Leah said, <sup>328</sup>Happy am I! for the daughters will call me happy: and she called his name <sup>329</sup>Asher.

14 And Reuben went in *the* days of wheat harvest, and found <sup>330</sup>mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. 15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken away my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son's mandrakes. 16 And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me, for I have surely hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. 17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob a fifth son. 18 And Leah said, God hath given me my <sup>331</sup>hire, because I gave my handmaid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. 19 And Leah conceived again, and bare a sixth son to Jacob. 20 And Leah said, God hath endowed me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband <sup>332</sup>dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. 21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. 22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son: and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 and she called his name Joseph, saying, Jehovah <sup>333</sup>add to me another son.

25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own 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 my service wherewith I have served thee. 27 And Laban said unto him, If now I have found favor in thine eyes, *tarry*: for I have divined that Jehovah hath blessed me for thy sake. 28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*. 29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle have fared with me. 30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it hath <sup>334</sup>increased unto a multitude; and Jehovah hath blessed thee <sup>335</sup>whithersoever I turned: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? 31 And he said,

<sup>327</sup> *That is*, Fortune.

<sup>328</sup> *Hb.* With my happiness!

<sup>329</sup> *That is*, Happy.

<sup>330</sup> *Or*, love apples (*both times*) *And in* vss. 15, 16.

<sup>331</sup> *Hb.* sachar,

<sup>332</sup> *Hb.* zabal, he dwelt

<sup>333</sup> *Hb.* joseph

<sup>334</sup> *Hb.* broken forth

<sup>335</sup> *Hb.* at my foot

What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me aught: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed thy flock *and* keep it. 32 I will pass through all thy flock today, removing from thence every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and *the* spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire. 33 So shall my righteousness answer for me hereafter, when thou shalt come concerning my hire that is before thee: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that, *if found* with me, shall be counted stolen. 34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. 35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ringstreaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all *the* black ones among the sheep, and gave *them* into *the* hand of his sons; 36 and he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 And Jacob took him rods of fresh <sup>336</sup>poplar, and of *the* almond and of *the* plane-tree; and peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he had peeled over against the flocks in the gutters in *the* watering-troughs where the flocks came to drink; and they conceived when they came to drink. 39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and set *the* faces of the flocks toward *the* ringstreaked and all *the* black in *the* flock of Laban: and he put his own droves apart, and put them not unto Laban's flock. 41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger of the flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before *the* eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; 42 but when the flock were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's. 43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maid-servants and men-servants, and camels and asses.

**31** And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this <sup>337</sup>glory. 2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as beforetime. 3 And Jehovah said unto Jacob, Return unto *the* land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. 4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, 5 and said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not toward me as beforetime; but *the* God of my father hath been with me. 6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. 7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times;

<sup>336</sup> *Or*, storax tree,

<sup>337</sup> *Or*, wealth.

but God suffered him not to hurt me. 8 If he said thus, *The speckled shall be thy wages*; then all the flock bare speckled: and if he said thus, *The ringstreaked shall be thy wages*; then bare all the flock ringstreaked. 9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given *them* to me. 10 And it came to pass at *the* time that the flock conceive, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the he-goats which leaped upon the flock *were* ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled. 11 And *the* angel of God said unto me in *the* dream, Jacob: and I said, Here *am* I. 12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see: all the he-goats which leap upon the flock *are* ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. 13 I *am* the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto *the* land of thy nativity. 14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 15 Are we not accounted by him as foreigners? for he hath sold us, and hath also quite devoured <sup>338</sup>our money. 16 For all the riches which God hath taken away from our father, that *is* ours and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels; 18 and he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered, *the* cattle of his getting, which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to Isaac his father unto *the* land of Canaan. 19 Now Laban was gone to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the teraphim that *were* her father's. 20 And Jacob <sup>339</sup>stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. 21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over <sup>340</sup>the River, and set his face *toward* the mountain of Gilead.

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and he overtook him in the mountain of Gilead. 24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said unto him, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 25 And Laban came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Laban with his brethren encamped in the mountain of Gilead. 26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters as captives of *the* sword? 27 Wherefore didst thou flee secretly, and <sup>341</sup>steal away from me, and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs, with tabret and with harp; 28 and didst not suffer me to kiss my sons

<sup>338</sup> *Or, the price* paid for us.

<sup>339</sup> *Hb.* stole the heart of Laban the Aramean,

<sup>340</sup> *That is,* the Euphrates,

<sup>341</sup> *Hb.* didst steal me,

and my daughters? Now hast thou done foolishly. 29 It is in *the* power of my hand to do you hurt: but *the* God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my <sup>342</sup>gods? 31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Lest thou shouldest take thy daughters from me by force. 32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

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

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin, that thou hast hotly pursued after me? 37 Whereas thou hast felt about all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us two. 38 These twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and *the* rams of thy flocks have I not eaten. 39 That which was torn *of* *beasts* I brought not unto thee; I bare *the* loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night. 40 *Thus* I was; in the day *the* drought consumed me, and *the* frost by night; and my sleep fled from mine eyes. 41 These twenty years have I been in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flock: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42 Except *the* God of my father, *the* God of Abraham, and *the* Awe of Isaac, had been with me, surely now hadst thou sent me away empty. God hath seen mine affliction and *the* labor of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight.

43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, the daughters *are* my daughters, and the children *are* my children, and the flocks *are* my flocks, and all that thou seest *is* mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children whom they have borne? 44 And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar. 46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather

<sup>342</sup> *Hb.* elohim *Also in* vs. 32.

stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there by the heap. 47 And Laban called it <sup>343</sup>Jegar-saha-dutha: but Jacob called it <sup>344</sup>Galeed. 48 And Laban said, This heap *is* witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was *the* name of it called Galeed: 49 and <sup>345</sup>Mizpah, for he said, Jehovah watch between me and thee, when we are <sup>346</sup>absent one from another. 50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, and if thou shalt take wives besides my daughters, no man *is* with us; see, God *is* witness betwixt me and thee. 51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar, which I have set betwixt me and thee. 52 This heap *be* witness, and the pillar *be* witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. 53 *The* God of Abraham, and *the* God of Nahor, *the* <sup>347</sup>God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by *the* Awe of his father Isaac. 54 And Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mountain. 55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

32 And Jacob went on his way, and *the* angels of God met him. 2 And Jacob said when he saw them, This *is* God's host: and he called *the* name of that place <sup>348</sup>Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto *the* land of Seir, *the* field of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say unto my lord Esau: Thus saith thy servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now: 5 and I have oxen, and asses, *and* flocks, and men-servants, and maid-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in thy sight. 6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and moreover he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed: and he divided the people that *were* with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; 8 and he said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the company which is left shall escape. 9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Jehovah, who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good: 10 <sup>349</sup>I am *not* worthy of the least of all the lovingkindnesses, and of all the truth, which thou hast

<sup>343</sup> *That is*, The heap of witness: *in Aramaic*.

<sup>344</sup> *That is*, The heap of witness: *in Hebrew*.

<sup>345</sup> *That is*, The watch tower,

<sup>346</sup> *Hb.* hidden

<sup>347</sup> *Or*, gods

<sup>348</sup> *That is*, Two hosts. *or*, Companies.

<sup>349</sup> *Hb.* I am less than all the lovingkindnesses,

showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies. 11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from *the* hand of my brother, from *the* hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, *the* mother with *the* children. 12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as *the* sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 And he lodged there that night, and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother: 14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals. 16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. 17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee? 18 then thou shalt say, *They are* thy servant Jacob's; *it is* a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, he also *is* behind us. 19 And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him; 20 and ye shall say, Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me. 21 So the present passed over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven <sup>350</sup>children, and passed over the ford of *the* Jabbok. 23 And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until *the* breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched *the* hollow of his thigh; and *the* hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but <sup>351</sup>Israel: for thou hast <sup>352</sup>striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of the place <sup>353</sup>Peniel: for, *said* *he*, I have seen God face to face, and my soul *is*

<sup>350</sup> *Or*, sons,

<sup>351</sup> *That is*, He who striveth with God: *or*, God striveth:

<sup>352</sup> *Or*, had power with

<sup>353</sup> *That is*, The face of God:

preserved. 31 And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Penueel, and he limped upon his thigh. 32 Therefore *the* children of Israel eat not the sinew of the hip which *is* upon *the* hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched *the* hollow of Jacob's thigh in *the* sinew of the hip.

**33** And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau was coming, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. 2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. 3 And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to *the* ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck,<sup>354</sup> and they wept. 5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* these with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy servant. 6 Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 And Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this company which I met? And he said, To find favor in *the* sight of my lord. 9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; let that which thou hast be thine. 10 And Jacob said, No, I pray thee, if now I have found favor in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand;<sup>355</sup> forasmuch as I have seen thy face, as one seeth *the* face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I pray thee, my <sup>356</sup>gift that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have <sup>357</sup>enough. And he urged him, and he took *it*. 12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. 13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and that the flocks and herds with me *have* their young; and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. 14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on gently, according to *the* pace of the cattle that are before me and according to *the* pace of the children, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. 15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find favor in *the* sight of my lord. 16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Sukkoth, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore *the* name of the place is called <sup>358</sup>Sukkoth.

<sup>354</sup> Sopherim *added* and kissed him: See Companion Bible note on this verse.

<sup>355</sup> *Or*, for therefore have I seen

<sup>356</sup> *Hb.* blessing

<sup>357</sup> *Hb.* all.

<sup>358</sup> *That is*, Booths.

18 And Jacob came <sup>359</sup>in peace to *the* city of Shechem, which *is* in *the* land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram; and encamped before the city. 19 And he bought the parcel of ground, where he had spread his tent, at *the* hand of *the* children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred <sup>360</sup>pieces of money. 20 And he erected there an altar, and called it <sup>361</sup>El-Elohe-Israel.

**34** And Dinah *the* daughter of Leah, whom she bare unto Jacob, went out to see *the* daughters of the land. 2 And Shechem *the* son of Hamor the Hivite, *the* prince of the land, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and humbled her. 3 And his soul clave unto Dinah *the* daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake <sup>362</sup>kindly unto the damsel. 4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. 5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; and his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they came. 6 And Hamor *the* father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. 7 And *the* sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard *it*: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. 8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, *The* soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you, give her unto him to wife. 9 And make ye marriages with us; give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. 10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. 11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. 12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. 13 And *the* sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with guile, and spake, because he had defiled Dinah their sister, 14 and said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto us. 15 Only on this condition will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we are, that every male of you *be* circumcised; 16 then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. 19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* honored above all *the* house of

<sup>359</sup> *Or*, to Shalem, a city

<sup>360</sup> *Hb.* q'sitah *Elsewhere only in* Josh 24:32, Job 42:11

<sup>361</sup> *That is*, God, *the* God of Israel.

<sup>362</sup> *Hb.* to *the* heart of the damsel.

his father. 20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto *the* gate of their city, and communed with *the* men of their city, saying, 21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for, behold, the land *is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only on this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised. 23 *Shall* not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts *be* ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. 24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of *the* gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of *the* gate of his city. 25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of *the* sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city <sup>363</sup>unawares, and slew all the males. 26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with *the* edge of *the* sword, and took Dinah our of Shechem's house, and went forth. 27 *The* sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks and their herds and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field; 29 and all their wealth, and all their little ones and their wives, took they captive and made a prey, even all that *was* in the house. 30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me, to make me odious to *the* inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and, I *being* few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and smite me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. 31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from *the* face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the foreign gods that *are* among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: 3 and let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in *the* day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign gods which *were* in their hand, and the rings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the <sup>364</sup>oak which *was* by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed: and a terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after *the* sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in *the* land of Canaan (the same *is* Bethel), he and all the people that *were* with him.

<sup>363</sup> *Or*, boldly,

<sup>364</sup> *Or*, terebinth *Also in vs. 8.*

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place <sup>365</sup>El-beth-el; because there God was revealed unto him, when he fled from *the* face of his brother. 8 And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried below Bethel under *the* oak: and *the* name of it was called <sup>366</sup>Allon-bacuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I *am* <sup>367</sup>God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13 And God went up from him in the place where he spake with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spake with him, a pillar of stone: and he poured out a drink-offering thereon, and poured oil thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was still some distance to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for now thou shalt have another son. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name <sup>368</sup>Ben-oni: but his father called him <sup>369</sup>Benjamin. 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in *the* way to Ephrath (the same *is* Beth-lehem). 20 And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave: the same *is* *the* Pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. 21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond *the* tower of Eder. 22 And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard *of* it.

Now *the* sons of Jacob were twelve: 23 *the* sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; 24 *the* sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin; 25 and *the* sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali; 26 and *the* sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher: these *are* *the* sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Paddan-aram. 27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriath-arba (the same *is* Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And *the* days of Isaac were a hundred eighty years. 29 And Isaac gave up *the* breath, and died, and

<sup>365</sup> *That is, the* God of *the* house of God;

<sup>366</sup> *That is, The* oak of weeping.

<sup>367</sup> *Hb.* El Shaddai:

<sup>368</sup> *That is, The* son of my sorrow:

<sup>369</sup> *That is, The* son of *the* right hand.

was gathered unto his people, old and full of days: and <sup>370</sup>Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

**36** Now these are *the* generations of Esau (the same *is* Edom). 2 Esau took his wives of *the* daughters of Canaan: Adah *the* daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah *the* daughter of Anah, *the* daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, 3 and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bare Reuel; 5 and Oholibamah bare Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah: these *are the* sons of Esau, that were born unto him in *the* land of Canaan. 6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in *the* land of Canaan; and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. 7 For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and *the* land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle. 8 And Esau dwelt in mount Seir: Esau *is* Edom.

9 And these *are the* generations of Esau *the* father of <sup>371</sup>*the* Edomites in mount Seir: 10 these *are the* names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz *the* son of Adah *the* wife of Esau, Reuel *the* son of Basemath *the* wife of Esau. 11 And *the* sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, <sup>372</sup>Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these *are the* sons of Adah, Esau's wife. 13 And these *are the* sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were *the* sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14 And these were *the* sons of Oholibamah *the* daughter of Anah, *the* daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah.

15 These *are the* chiefs of *the* sons of Esau: *the* sons of Eliphaz *the* firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, 16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek: these *are the* chiefs that came of Eliphaz in *the* land of Edom; these *are the* sons of Adah. 17 And these *are the* sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these *are the* chiefs that came of Reuel in *the* land of Edom; these *are the* sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18 And these *are the* sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah: these *are the* chiefs that came of Oholibamah *the* daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These *are the* sons of Esau, and these are their chiefs: the same *is* Edom.

20 These *are the* sons of Seir *the* <sup>373</sup>Horite, *the* inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, 21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan: these *are the* chiefs that came of the Horites, *the* children of Seir in *the* land of Edom. 22 And *the* children of Lotan

<sup>370</sup> Esau and Jacob were thus each 120 years old.

<sup>371</sup> Hb. Edom Also in vs. 43.

<sup>372</sup> In 1Chr 1:36, Zephi,

<sup>373</sup> Or, Hurrians (archaeology). A Caucasian people who likely came with Tidal, king of Gutium (ch. 14)

were Hori and <sup>374</sup>Heman; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 And these *are the* children of Shobal: <sup>375</sup>Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, <sup>376</sup>Shepho and Onam. 24 And these *are the* children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; this *is* Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. 25 And these *are the* children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah *the* daughter of Anah. 26 And these *are the* children of <sup>377</sup>Dishon: <sup>378</sup>Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Keran. 27 These *are the* children of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and <sup>379</sup>Akan. 28 These *are the* children of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29 These *are the* chiefs that came of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, 30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan: these *are the* chiefs that came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in *the* land of Seir.

31 And these *are the* kings that reigned in *the* land of Edom, before there reigned any king over *the* children of Israel. 32 And Bela *the* son of Beor reigned in Edom; and *the* name of his city was Dinhabah. 33 And Bela died, and Jobab *the* son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead, 34 And Jobab died, and Husham of *the* land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 35 And Husham died, and Hadad *the* son of Bedad, who smote Midian in *the* field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and *the* name of his city was Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 37 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. 38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan *the* son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 39 And Baal-hanan *the* son of Achbor died, and <sup>380</sup>Hadar reigned in his stead: and *the* name of his city was <sup>381</sup>Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, *the* daughter of Matred, *the* daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are the* names of *the* chiefs that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: chief Timna, chief <sup>382</sup>Alvah, chief Jetheth, 42 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 43 chief Magdiel, chief Iram: these *are the* chiefs of Edom according to their habitations in *the* land of their possession. This *is* Esau, *the* father of *the* Edomites.

**37** And Jacob dwelt in *the* land of his father's sojournings, in *the* land of Canaan. 2 These *are the* generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and he was a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of

<sup>374</sup> In 1Chr 1:39, Homan;

<sup>375</sup> In 1Chr 1:40, Aliah

<sup>376</sup> In 1Chr 1:40, Shephi

<sup>377</sup> Hb. Dishan:

<sup>378</sup> In 1Chr 1:41, Hamran

<sup>379</sup> In 1Chr 1:42, Jaakan.

<sup>380</sup> In 1Chr 1:50, Hadad

<sup>381</sup> In 1Chr 1:50, Pai;

<sup>382</sup> In 1Chr 1:51, Aliah,

Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought *an* evil report of them unto their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was the* son of his old age: and he made him <sup>383</sup>a coat of *many* colors. 4 And his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren; and they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it to his* brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 for, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves came round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told *it to his* father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and <sup>384</sup>thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to *the* earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying in mind.

12 And his brethren went to feed <sup>385</sup>and make merry in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Are not thy brethren feeding *the flock* in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am* I. 14 And he said to him, Go now, see whether it is well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of *the* vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I am seeking my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they are feeding *the flock*. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this <sup>386</sup>dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And Reuben heard *it*, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, Let us

<sup>383</sup> *Or*, a long garment. A coat such as worn by high officials.

<sup>384</sup> *That is*, Leah (Joseph's mother Rachel had died.)

<sup>385</sup> Sopherim changed to their father's flock in Shechem. See Companion Bible note.

<sup>386</sup> *Hb.* master of dreams

not kill his soul. 22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of *his* coat, the coat of *many* colors that *was* on him; 24 and they took him, and cast him into the pit: and the pit was empty, *there was* no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing <sup>387</sup>spicery and <sup>388</sup>balm and <sup>389</sup>myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt. 26 And <sup>390</sup>Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother, our flesh. And his brethren hearkened unto him. 28 And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty *pieces* of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not; and I, whither shall I go? 31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32 and they sent the coat of *many* colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: know now whether it *is* thy son's coat or not. 33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. 34 And Jacob rent his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son mourning. And his father wept for him. 36 And the <sup>391</sup>Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *the* <sup>392</sup>captain of the guard.

**38** And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah. 2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name

<sup>387</sup> *Or*, gum tragacanth *or*, storax

<sup>388</sup> *Or*, mastic

<sup>389</sup> *Or*, ladanum,

<sup>390</sup> *With the 1<sup>st</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-born trying to deliver Joseph from death, Simeon and Levi again appear guilty; ch. 42:24 points to Simeon as the ringleader.*

<sup>391</sup> *So Gk. Septuagint, Aramaic, and Latin Vulgate. Hb. Medanites Among the sons of Keturah (see ch. 25:2); Medan means Contention. Possibly the auctioneers.*

<sup>392</sup> *Hb.* chief of the executioners. *And so elsewhere.*

was Shua; and he took her, and went in unto her. 3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. 4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. 5 And she yet again bare a son, and called his name Shelah: and he was at Kezib, when she bare him. 6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in *the* sight of Jehovah; and Jehovah slew him. 8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and perform *the* duty of a husband's brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy brother. 9 And Onan knew that *the* seed would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on *the* ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. 10 And *the* thing which he did was evil in *the* sight of Jehovah: and he slew him also. 11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow in thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown up; for he said, Lest he also die, like his brethren. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 And in process of time Shua's daughter, *the* wife of Judah, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14 And she put off from her *the* garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in *the* gate of Enaim, which *is* by *the* way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought her *to be* a harlot; for she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Come, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee: for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17 And he said, I will send *thee* a kid of *the* goats from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge, till thou send *it*? 18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that *is* in thy hand. And he gave *them* to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on *the* garments of her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the kid of the goats by *the* hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. 21 Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where *is* the <sup>393</sup>prostitute, that *was* at Enaim by the wayside? And they said, There hath been no prostitute here. 22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I have not found her; and also *the* men of the place said, There hath been no prostitute

<sup>393</sup> *Hb.* qedeshah, *that is, a woman dedicated to impure heathen worship.* See Dt 23:17; Hos 4:14. (*both times, and also in vs. 22.*)

here. 23 And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we be put to shame: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played *the* harlot; and moreover, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25 When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By *the* man, whose these *are, am* I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and the cords, and the staff. 26 And Judah acknowledged *them*, and said, She is more righteous than I, forasmuch as I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. 27 And it came to pass in *the* time of her travail, that, behold, twins *were* in her womb. 28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that *one* put out a hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, <sup>394</sup>Wherefore hast thou made a breach for thyself? therefore his name was called <sup>395</sup>Perez. 30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah.

39 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; <sup>396</sup>and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *the* captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of *the* hand of the Ishmaelites, that had brought him down thither. 2 And Jehovah was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in *the* house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that Jehovah *was* with him, and that Jehovah made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found favor in his sight, and he ministered unto him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from *the* time *that* he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Jehovah blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and *the* blessing of Jehovah was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and <sup>397</sup>he knew not aught *that was* with him, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was comely, and well-favored.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master <sup>398</sup>knoweth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand: 9 *he is* not greater in this house than I;

<sup>394</sup> *Or,* How hast thou made a breach? a breach be upon thee!

<sup>395</sup> *That is,* A breach. (*Cf.* Dan 5:28.)

<sup>396</sup> *In the reign of Sesostris III.* [*Cf. note on ch. 41:46.*]

<sup>397</sup> *Or,* with him he knew not,

<sup>398</sup> *Or,* knoweth not with me what is in the house,

neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and *there was* none of *the* men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 that she called unto *the* men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15 and it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got him out. 16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. 17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: 18 and it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard *the* words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, <sup>399</sup>*the* place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison. 21 But Jehovah was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him, and gave him favor in *the* sight of *the* keeper of the prison. 22 And *the* keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was *the* doer of it. 23 *The* keeper of the prison looked not to anything *that was* under his hand, because Jehovah was with him; and *that* which he did, Jehovah made it to prosper.

**40** And it came to pass after these things, *that the* butler of *the* king of Egypt and *his* baker offended their lord *the* king of Egypt. 2 And <sup>400</sup>Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against *the* chief of the butlers, and against *the* chief of the bakers. 3 And he put them in ward in *the* house of *the* captain of the guard, into the prison, *the* place where Joseph *was* bound. 4 And *the* captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered unto them: and they continued a season in ward. 5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to *the* interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of *the* king of Egypt, who *were* bound in the prison. 6 And Joseph came in unto them in the

<sup>399</sup> *Here he could learn the details of government.*

<sup>400</sup> *Food poisoning would cause the chief baker and the chief butler to be the prime suspects.*

morning, and saw them, and behold they *were* sad. 7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in ward in his master's house, saying, Wherefore look ye *so* sad today? 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell *it* me, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me; 10 and in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* its blossoms shot forth; *and the* clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: 11 and Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. 12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is the* interpretation of it: *the* three branches *are* three days; 13 within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head, and restore thee unto thine office: and thou shalt give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 14 But have me in thy remembrance when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: 15 for indeed I was stolen away out of *the* land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, three baskets of white bread *were* on my head: 17 and in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of baked food for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. 18 And Joseph answered and said, This *is the* interpretation thereof: the three baskets *are* three days; 19 within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. 20 And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants. 21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: 22 but he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**41** And it came to pass at *the* end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the <sup>401</sup>river. 2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven <sup>402</sup>kine, well-favored and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass. 3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed, and stood by the *other* kine upon *the* brink of the river. 4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favored and fat

<sup>401</sup> *Hb.* Yeor. *That is,* Nile. [*Bohairic* iapo, Iaro.]

<sup>402</sup> *Or,* heifer, *or,* cow,

kine. So Pharaoh awoke. 5 And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, <sup>403</sup>rank and good. 6 And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with *the* east wind, sprung up after them. 7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream. 8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the <sup>404</sup>magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I <sup>405</sup>do remember my faults this day: 10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in *the* house of *the* captain of the guard, me and the chief baker: 11 and we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to *the* interpretation of his dream. 12 And *there was* with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to *the* captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. 13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; <sup>406</sup>me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that when* thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it. 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, <sup>407</sup>*It is* not in me: God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. 17 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon *the* brink of the river: 18 and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favored; and they fed in the reed-grass: 19 and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favored; and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all *the* land of Egypt for badness: 20 and the lean and ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: 21 and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good. 23 and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with *the* east wind, sprung up after them: 24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told *it* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

<sup>403</sup> *Hb.* fat *Also in vs. 7.*

<sup>404</sup> *Or,* sacred scribes of Egypt,

<sup>405</sup> *Or,* will make mention of my faults

<sup>406</sup> *Or,* I was restored ... and he was hanged.

<sup>407</sup> Sept., Samaritan, (4QGen<sup>j</sup>) *read* Apart from God, the welfare of Pharaoh shall receive no answer. (So Abegg).

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, *The* dream of Pharaoh *is* one: what God *is* about to do he hath declared unto Pharaoh. 26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: *the* dream *is* one. 27 And the seven lean and ill-favored kine that came up after them *are* seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine. 28 That *is* the thing which I spake unto Pharaoh: what God *is* about to do he hath showed unto Pharaoh. 29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all *the* land of Egypt: 30 and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in *the* land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31 and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which followeth; for it *shall be* very grievous. 32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh, *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over *the* land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and <sup>408</sup>take up *the* fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under *the* hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. 36 And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in *the* land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in *the* eyes of Pharaoh, and in *the* eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *the* spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou: 40 thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people <sup>409</sup>be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all *the* land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of <sup>410</sup>fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, <sup>411</sup>Bow the knee: and he set him over all *the* land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all *the* land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's

<sup>408</sup> *Years of abundant crops see farm prices fall, and farmers go bankrupt; so careful farm policy was required in the good years also.*

<sup>409</sup> *Or,* order themselves: *or,* do homage:

<sup>410</sup> *Or,* cotton,

<sup>411</sup> Abrech: *probably an Egyptian word, similar in sound to the Hebrew word meaning to kneel.*

name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath, *the* daughter of Potiphera priest of On. And Joseph went out over *the* land of Egypt.

46 And Joseph *was* thirty years old <sup>412</sup>when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from *the* presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all *the* land of Egypt. 47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of *the* seven years <sup>413</sup>which were in *the* land of Egypt, and laid up *the* food in the cities: *the* food of *the* field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in *the* same. 49 And Joseph laid up grain as *the* sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering; for *it was* without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, *the* daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bare unto him. 51 And Joseph called *the*

<sup>412</sup> *Joseph's exaltation in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Ammenemes III explains the more mysterious features of his reign:*

*The basalt quarries at Hammamat were closed from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> years: The year Joseph came to power put top priority on food management, followed by 7 years of bumper crops and 7 years of failed crops. The making of monuments was deferred.*

*90 km<sup>2</sup> of new farmland was opened up in the Fayum district by draining swampland: Food production was maximized in preparation for famine.*

*Two 18-meter high statues of Ammenemes III mark the road to the Fayum district: Ammenemes receives the credit for developing the Fayum in time to help survive the famine.*

*The nomarchs (regional rulers) were wealthy early in Ammenemes' reign but were later impoverished (yet without sign of civil unrest): During the years of plenty, Pharaoh's treasury flowed out to the farmers and their overlords; during the failing-crop years, the people became poor, but there was food enough to keep them alive.*

*The Middle Kingdom reached the apex of its glory, yet without battles and great victories; Ammenemes' statues are found as far away as Byblos (north of Beirut, Lebanon): Egypt rescued the entire region with food in time of famine.*

*Dates proposed for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Ammenemes III are:*

BC 1853 Ulrich Luft, "Ilahun studien IV;" 1989.  
1842 Richard A. Parker, "Calendars of Ancient Egypt;" 1950.  
1817 Rolf Krauss, "Sothis- und Monddaten;" 1985.  
1682 David Rohl, "Pharaoh's and Kings;" 1995.

*There were 195 years from the birth of Ishmael to the exaltation of Joseph in Egypt. [ch. 16:16; 21:5; 25:26; 41:46-47; 45:6; 47:9: -86 +100 +60 -7 -2 +130 = 195 years.] Comparing with footnotes on ch. 14:1 and 16:3, the most probable date for the exaltation of Joseph is BC 1839 (though less likely, 1814 is not ruled out). The corresponding date for the battle of the kings (ch. 14) is BC 2036.*

<sup>413</sup> Sept. reads in which was the plenty in *the* land

name of the firstborn <sup>414</sup>Manasseh: For, *said he*, God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And *the* name of the second called he <sup>415</sup>Ephraim: For God hath made me fruitful in *the* land of my affliction. 53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in *the* land of Egypt, came to an end. 54 And <sup>416</sup>the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and there was famine in all lands; but in all *the* land of Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all *the* land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all *the* Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all *the* face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and <sup>417</sup>sold unto *the* Egyptians; and the famine was sore in *the* land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy *grain*, because the famine was sore in all the earth.

**42** Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. 3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure harm befall him. 5 And *the* sons of Israel came to buy among those that came: for the famine was in *the* land of Canaan. 6 And Joseph *was* the <sup>418</sup>governor over the land; he *it was* that sold to all *the* people of the land. And Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves to him *with* their faces to *the* earth. 7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly with them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From *the* land of <sup>419</sup>Canaan to buy food. 8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye *are* come. 10 And they said unto him, No, my lord, but to buy food *are* thy servants come. 11 We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* <sup>420</sup>true men, thy servants *are* no spies. 12 And he said unto them, No, but to see *the* nakedness of the land ye *are* come. 13 And they said, We thy servants *are* twelve brethren, *the* sons of one man in *the* land of

<sup>414</sup> *That is, Making to forget:*

<sup>415</sup> *From a Hb. word signifying to be fruitful*

<sup>416</sup> *There are indications BC 1830 (±50) was abnormally warm.*

<sup>417</sup> *The outflow from Pharaoh's treasury for reserves, and farm price support, began to reverse.*

<sup>418</sup> Or, vizier

<sup>419</sup> *Apparently under Egyptian dominance, ever since Sesostris III warred at Sekmem [probably Shechem].*

<sup>420</sup> Or, truthful men, *And so everywhere.*

Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not. 14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies: 15 hereby ye shall be proved: *by the* life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether *there be* truth in you: or else *by the* life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies. 17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God: 19 if ye be true *men*, let one of your brethren be bound in your prison-house; but go ye, carry grain for *the* famine of your houses: 20 and bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. 21 And they said one to another, <sup>421</sup>We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw *the* distress of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. 22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore also, behold, his blood is required. 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for there was <sup>422</sup>*an* interpreter between them. 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spake to them, and took <sup>423</sup>Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. 25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus was it done unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with their grain, and departed thence. 27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the lodging place, he espied his money; and, behold, it *was* in *the* mouth of his sack. 28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them*, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us? 29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto *the* land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them, saying, 30 The man, *the* lord of the land, spake roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. 31 And we said unto him, We *are* true *men*; we are no spies: 32 we *are* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in *the* land of Canaan. 33 And the man, *the* lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true

<sup>421</sup> *A recognition of guilt, though short of confession.*

<sup>422</sup> *There is no hint that Abram used an interpreter in Egypt; so the languages may have become mutually unintelligible in the 200 years between.*

<sup>423</sup> *Suggesting Simeon had been the ringleader in urging the slaying of Joseph.*

*men*: leave one of your brethren with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way; 34 and bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that ye are* true *men*: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land.

35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of *my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things are <sup>424</sup>against me. 37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. 38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left: if harm befall him by the way in which ye go, then will ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.

43 And the famine *was* sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you. 4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5 but if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down; for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you. 6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? 7 And they said, The man asked straitly concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we in any wise know that he would say, Bring your brother down? 8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones. 9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then <sup>425</sup>let me bear *the* blame for ever: 10 for except we had lingered, surely we had now returned a second time. 11 And their father Israel said unto them, If *it be* so now, do this: take of *the* choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and myrrh, <sup>426</sup>pistachio nuts, and almonds; 12 and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in *the* mouth of your sacks carry again in your hand; peradventure it

<sup>424</sup> *Or, upon*

<sup>425</sup> *Hb.* I shall have sinned against thee for ever:

<sup>426</sup> *Pistachio nuts grow abundantly in Israel and Syria, but are not known to grow in Egypt. So W. Wilson.*

was an oversight: 13 take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: 14 and <sup>427</sup>God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release unto you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I be bereaved *of my children*, I am bereaved. 15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to *the* steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and slay, and make ready; for the men shall dine with me at noon. 17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may <sup>428</sup>seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. 19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spake unto him at *the* door of the house, 20 and said, Oh, my lord, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: 21 and it came to pass, when we came to the lodging-place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money was in *the* mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. 22 And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food: we know not who put our money in our sacks. 23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and *the* God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. 24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. 25 And they made ready the present against Joseph's coming at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed down themselves to him to *the* earth. 27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive? 28 And they said, Thy servant our father *is* well, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed *the* head, and made obeisance. 29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your *youngest* brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. 30 And Joseph made haste; for his heart yearned over his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there. 31 And he washed his face, and came out; and he refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. 32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, that did eat with him, by themselves:

<sup>427</sup> *Hb.* El Shaddai

<sup>428</sup> *Hb.* roll himself upon us,

because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto *the* Egyptians. 33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the *youngest* according to his youth: and the men marvelled one with another. 34 And <sup>429</sup>he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and <sup>430</sup>were merry with him.

44 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. 2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in *the* sack's mouth of the *youngest*, and his grain money. And he did according to *the* word that Joseph had spoken. 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. 4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* were not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, *Get* up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? 5 *Is* not this *that* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby he indeed divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. 6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these words. 7 And they said unto him, Wherefore speaketh my lord such words as these? Far be it from thy servants that they should do such a thing. 8 Behold, *the* money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of *the* land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? 9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. 10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my bondman; and ye shall be blameless. 11 Then they hasted, and took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. 12 And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left off at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; and he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on *the* ground. 15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? Know ye not that such a man as I can indeed divine? 16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's bondmen, both we, and *he* also in whose hand the cup is found. 17 And he said, Far be it from me that I should do so: the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my bondman; but as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

<sup>429</sup> *Or,* messes were taken unto them

<sup>430</sup> *Hb.* drank largely with him.

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant; for thou *art* even as Pharaoh. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? 20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loveth him. 21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. 22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die. 23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. 24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said, Go again, buy us a little food. 26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us. 27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two *sons*: 28 and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: 29 and if ye take this one also from me, and harm befall him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with <sup>431</sup>sorrow to Sheol. 30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that <sup>432</sup>his soul *is* bound up in *the lad's* soul; 31 it will come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear *the* blame to my father for ever. 33 Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad *be* not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. 2 And he <sup>433</sup>wept aloud: and the Egyptians heard, and *the* house of Pharaoh heard. 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, *I am* Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, *I am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 And now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did

<sup>431</sup> *Hb.* evil

<sup>432</sup> *Or*, his life *is* knit with *the lad's* life; See 1Sa 18:1.

<sup>433</sup> *Hb.* gave forth his voice in weeping:

send me before you to preserve life. 6 <sup>434</sup>For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and *there are* yet five years, in which *there shall be* neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive <sup>435</sup>by a great deliverance. 8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler over all *the* land of Egypt. 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not; 10 and thou shalt dwell in *the* land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 11 and there will I nourish thee; for *there are* yet five years of famine; lest thou come to poverty, thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast. 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and *the* eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you. 13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen: and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. 14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the report thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye: lade your beasts, and go, get you unto *the* land of Canaan; 18 and take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of *the* land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye: take you wagons out of *the* land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also regard not your stuff; for *the* good of all *the* land of Egypt *is* yours.

21 And *the* sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to *the* commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. 22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment. 23 And to his father he sent after this *manner*: ten asses laden with *the* good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. 24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by *the* way. 25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into *the* land of Canaan unto Jacob their father. 26 And they told him,

<sup>434</sup> *Consistent with the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Ammenemes III in BC 1842, the seven years of famine would have been BC 1831-1825.*

<sup>435</sup> *Or*, to be a great company that escape.

saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* ruler over all *the* land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he believed them not. 27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, *the* spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28 and Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto *the* God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spake unto Israel in *the* visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I. 3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and *the* sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in *the* land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him: 7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 And these *are the* names of *the* children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 9 And *the* sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10 And *the* sons of Simeon: <sup>436</sup>Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and <sup>437</sup>Jachin, and <sup>438</sup>Zohar, and Shaul *the* son of *a* Canaanitish woman. 11 And *the* sons of Levi: <sup>439</sup>Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 And *the* sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in *the* land of Canaan. And *the* sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. 13 And *the* sons of Issachar: Tola, and <sup>440</sup>Puvah, and Job, and Shimron. 14 And *the* sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15 These *are the* sons of Leah, whom she bare unto Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all *the* souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty-three. 16 And *the* sons of Gad: <sup>441</sup>Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and <sup>442</sup>Ezbon, Eri, and <sup>443</sup>Arodi, and Areli. 17 And *the* sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister; and *the* sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel. 18 these *are the* sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bare unto

<sup>436</sup> In Nu 26:12, 1Chr 4:24, Nemuel,

<sup>437</sup> In 1Chr 4:24, Jarib,

<sup>438</sup> In Nu 26:13, 1Chr 4:24, Zerah,

<sup>439</sup> In Ex 2:22, 1Chr 6:16, Gershon,

<sup>440</sup> In 1Chr 7:1, Puvah, Jashub, See Nu 26: 23, 24.

<sup>441</sup> In Nu 26:15, Zephon,

<sup>442</sup> In Nu 26:16, Ozni, Sept. reads Thasoban,

<sup>443</sup> In Nu 26:17, Arod,

Jacob, *even* sixteen souls. 19 *The* sons of Rachel Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20 And unto Joseph in *the* land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, *the* daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bare unto him. 21 And *the* sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, <sup>444</sup>Ehi, and Rosh, <sup>445</sup>Muppm, and <sup>446</sup>Huppm, and Ard. 22 These *are the* sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: all *the* souls *were* fourteen. 23 And *the* sons of Dan: <sup>447</sup>Hushim. 24 And *the* sons of Naphtali: <sup>448</sup>Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and <sup>449</sup>Shillem. 25 These *are the* sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob: all *the* souls *were* seven. 26 All the <sup>450</sup>souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all *the* souls *were* sixty-six; 27 and *the* sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, *were* two souls: all the souls of *the* house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, *were* seventy.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to show *the* way before him unto Goshen; and they came into *the* land of Goshen. 29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and <sup>451</sup>went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou *art* yet alive. 31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, who *were* in *the* land of Canaan, are come unto me; 32 and the men *are* shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation? 34 that ye shall say, Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers: that ye may dwell in *the* land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination unto *the* Egyptians.

47 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of *the* land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in *the* land of Goshen. 2 And from among his brethren he took five men, and

<sup>444</sup> In Nu 26:38, Ahiram,

<sup>445</sup> In Nu 26:39, Shephupham, In 1Chr 7:12, Shuppm

<sup>446</sup> In Nu 26:39, Hupham,

<sup>447</sup> In Nu 26:42, Shuham.

<sup>448</sup> In 1Chr 7:13, Jahziel,

<sup>449</sup> In 1Chr 7:13, Shallum.

<sup>450</sup> Or, souls belonging to Jacob that came into Egypt,

<sup>451</sup> *The Egyptian capital (throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> Dynasty) was at It-towē, 45 km south of modern Cairo (and near the Fayum district), while Goshen is a broad fertile region about 80 km NE of Cairo.*

presented them unto Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we and our fathers. 4 And they said unto Pharaoh, to sojourn in the land are we come; for there is no pasture for thy servants' flocks; for the famine *is* sore in *the* land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in *the* land of Goshen. 5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: 6 *the* land of Egypt *is* before thee; in *the* best of the land make thy father and thy brethren to dwell; in *the* land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any* <sup>452</sup>able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How many *are the* days of *the* years of thy life? 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, *The* days of *the* years of my <sup>453</sup>pilgrimage *are* a hundred thirty years: few and evil have been *the* days of *the* years of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of *the* years of *the* life of my fathers in *the* days of their pilgrimage. 10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from *the* presence of Pharaoh. 11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in *the* land of Egypt, in *the* best of the land, in *the* land of <sup>454</sup>Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, *with* bread, <sup>455</sup>according to *their* families.

13 And *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that *the* land of Egypt and *the* land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in *the* land of Egypt, and in *the* land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15 And when the money was all spent in *the* land of Egypt, and in *the* land of Canaan, all *the* Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for *our* money faileth. 16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. 17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the horses, and for <sup>456</sup>the flocks, and for the herds, and for the asses: and he <sup>457</sup>fed them with bread in exchange for all their cattle for that year. 18 And when

<sup>452</sup> *Or*, men of activity among them,

<sup>453</sup> *Or*, sojournings (*both times*)

<sup>454</sup> *Evidently an intentional anachronism, as also in Ex 1:11, 12:37, for the city and district earlier called Hatwaret, or Avaris, in the E. Delta.*

<sup>455</sup> *Or*, according to the number of their little ones.

<sup>456</sup> *Hb.* the cattle of the flocks, and for *the* cattle of the herds,

<sup>457</sup> *Hb.* led them as a shepherd

that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide from my lord, how that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are my lord's; there is nought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 19 wherefore should we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land be not desolate.

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for <sup>458</sup>*the* Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was sore upon them: and the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And *as for* the people, <sup>459</sup>he removed them <sup>460</sup>to the cities from *one* end of *the* border of Egypt even to *the other* end thereof. 22 Only *the* land of the priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they sold not their land. 23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. 24 And it shall come to pass at the ingatherings, that ye shall give a fifth unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. 25 And they said, <sup>461</sup>Thou hast saved our lives: let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. 26 And Joseph made it a statute concerning *the* land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth; only *the* land of the priests alone became not Pharaoh's.

27 And Israel dwelt in *the* land of Egypt, in *the* land of Goshen; and they gat them possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 28 And <sup>462</sup>Jacob lived in *the* land of Egypt seventeen years: so *the* days of Jacob, *the* years of his life, were a hundred forty-seven years. 29 And *the* time drew near that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me: bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt; 30 but when I sleep with my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 31 And he said, Swear unto me: and he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

<sup>458</sup> *Hence the poverty of even the nomarchs began before the middle of the reign of Ammenemes III.*

<sup>459</sup> *According to Sept. and Vulgate (but not Aramaic), he made bondmen of them, from etc.*

<sup>460</sup> *Or*, according to their cities

<sup>461</sup> *Thus, Joseph was the savior of the world then, and specially of his brethren.*

<sup>462</sup> *Consistent with the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Ammenemes III in BC 1842, Jacob's death would have been BC 1813.*

**48** And it came to pass after these things, that *one* said to Joseph, Behold, thy father *is* sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. **2** And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. **3** And Jacob said unto Joseph, <sup>463</sup>God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in *the* land of Canaan, and blessed me, **4** and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a company of peoples, and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession. **5** And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in *the* land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine. **6** And thy issue, that thou <sup>464</sup>begettest after them, shall be thine; they shall be called after *the* name of their brethren in their inheritance. **7** And as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died <sup>465</sup>by me in *the* land of Canaan in the way, when *there was* still some distance to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in *the* way to Ephrath (the same *is* Bethlehem).

**8** And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these? **9** And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me here. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. **10** Now *the* eyes of Israel were dim for age, *so that* he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. **11** And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath let me see thy seed also. **12** And Joseph brought them out from between his knees; and he bowed himself with his face to *the* earth. **13** And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him. **14** And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, <sup>466</sup>guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. **15** And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath fed me all my life long unto this day, **16** the angel who hath ransomed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in *the* midst of the earth. **17** And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon *the* head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. **18** And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn;

<sup>463</sup> *Hb.* El Shaddai

<sup>464</sup> *Or,* hast begotten after them,

<sup>465</sup> *Or,* to my sorrow

<sup>466</sup> *Or,* crossing his hands;

put thy right hand upon his head. **19** And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become <sup>467</sup>a multitude of nations. **20** And he blessed them that day, saying, <sup>468</sup>In thee will Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. **21** And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God will be with you, and bring you again unto *the* land of your fathers. **22** Moreover I have given to thee one <sup>469</sup>portion above thy brethren, which I took out of *the* hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

**49** And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the latter days.

**2** Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; And hearken unto Israel your father.

**3** Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and *the* <sup>470</sup>beginning of my strength;

The pre-eminence of dignity, and *the* pre-eminence of power.

**4** Boiling over as water, <sup>471</sup>thou shalt not have *the* pre-eminence;

Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed Then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

**5** Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; Weapons of violence *are* their <sup>472</sup>swords.

**6** O my soul, come not thou into their <sup>473</sup>council; Unto their assembly, my glory, be not thou united; For in their anger they slew <sup>474</sup>a man, And in their self-will they hocked <sup>475</sup>an ox.

**7** Cursed *be* their anger, for *it* was fierce;

And their wrath, for it was cruel: I will <sup>476</sup>divide them in Jacob,

And scatter them in Israel.

**8** Judah, thee shall thy brethren praise:

Thy hand *shall be* on *the* neck of thine enemies; Thy father's sons shall bow down before thee.

**9** Judah *is* a lion's whelp;

From *the* prey, my son, thou art gone up: He stooped down, he couched as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?

<sup>467</sup> *Hb.* fulness of *the* nations.

<sup>468</sup> *Or,* By

<sup>469</sup> *Or,* mountain slope *Hb.* shechem, shoulder

<sup>470</sup> *Or,* firstfruits of my strength;

<sup>471</sup> *Or,* have not thou

<sup>472</sup> *Or,* compacts.

<sup>473</sup> *Or,* secret;

<sup>474</sup> *Or,* men, *Hb.* ish (*singular, but could be generic*)

<sup>475</sup> *Or,* oxen. *Hb.* shor (*singular, but could be generic*)

<sup>476</sup> *Simeon received towns scattered in the territory of Judah (hence, no contiguous territory), and Levi forty-eight towns scattered in all Israel. Josh 20-21*

- 10 *The* sceptre shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor <sup>477</sup>*the* ruler's staff from between his feet,  
<sup>478</sup>Until Shiloh come;  
And unto him *shall the* obedience of *the* peoples  
*be*.
- 11 Binding his foal unto the vine,  
And his ass's colt unto *the* choice vine;  
He hath washed his garments in wine,  
And his vesture in *the* blood of grapes:
- 12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine,  
And his teeth white with milk.
- 13 Zebulun shall dwell at *the* <sup>479</sup>haven of the seas;  
And he *shall be* for a haven of ships;  
And his border *shall be* <sup>480</sup>unto Sidon.
- 14 Issachar *is* a strong ass,  
Couching down between the two sheepfolds:
- 15 And he saw <sup>481</sup>a resting-place that *it was* good,  
And the land that *it was* pleasant;  
And he bowed his shoulder to bear,  
And became a servant under task-work.
- 16 Dan shall judge his people,  
As one of *the* tribes of Israel.
- 17 Dan shall be a serpent in *the* way,  
An <sup>482</sup>adder in *the* path,  
That biteth *the* horse's heels,  
So that his rider falleth backward.
- 18 I have waited for thy salvation, O Jehovah.
- 19 Gad, <sup>483</sup>a troop <sup>484</sup>shall press upon him;  
But he shall press upon their heel.
- 20 Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat,  
And he shall yield royal dainties.
- 21 Naphtali *is* a hind let loose:  
He giveth goodly words.
- 22 Joseph *is* <sup>485</sup>a fruitful bough,  
A fruitful bough by a fountain;  
*His* <sup>486</sup>branches run over *the* wall.
- 23 *The* archers have sorely grieved him,  
And shot *at him*, and persecuted him:
- 24 But his bow abode in strength,  
And *the* arms of his hands were made <sup>487</sup>strong,  
By *the* hands of *the* Mighty One of Jacob  
(<sup>488</sup>From thence *is the* shepherd, *the* stone of  
Israel),

<sup>477</sup> *Or*, a lawgiver

<sup>478</sup> *Or*, Till he come to Shiloh, having *the* obeisance of  
*the* peoples. Aramaic reads Till he come whose  
it is; *etc. or, ...whose the sceptre is;*

<sup>479</sup> *Hb.* beach (*both times*)

<sup>480</sup> *Or*, by Sidon. Severin, versions read unto Sidon.

<sup>481</sup> *Or*, rest

<sup>482</sup> *Or*, horned snake

<sup>483</sup> *Hb.* gedud, a marauding band

<sup>484</sup> *Hb.* gad, to press

<sup>485</sup> *Hb.* *the* son of a fruitful tree,

<sup>486</sup> *Hb.* daughters

<sup>487</sup> *Or*, active,

25 *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help  
thee,

And *by* the Almighty, who shall bless thee,  
With *the* blessings of heaven above,  
Blessings of *the* deep that coucheth beneath,  
Blessings of *the* breasts, and of *the* womb.

26 *The* blessings of thy father

Have prevailed above *the* blessings of my  
progenitors

Unto *the* utmost bound of the everlasting hills:

They shall be on *the* head of Joseph,

And on *the* crown of *the* head of him <sup>489</sup>that was  
separate from his brethren.

27 Benjamin is a wolf that raveneth:

In the morning he shall devour *the* prey,

And towards evening he shall divide *the* spoil.

28 All these *are the* twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is*  
*it* that their father spake unto them and blessed them;  
every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to  
be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers  
in the cave that *is* in *the* field of Ephron the Hittite, 30  
in the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is*  
before Mamre, in *the* land of Canaan, which Abraham  
bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a  
possession of a burying-place. 31 There they buried  
Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac  
and Rebekah his wife; and there I <sup>490</sup>buried Leah –  
32 the field and the cave that *is* therein, *which was*  
purchased from *the* children of Heth. 33 And when  
Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he gathered up  
his feet into the bed, and yielded up *the* breath, and was  
gathered unto his people.

**50** And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept  
upon him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded  
his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and  
the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 And forty days were  
fulfilled for him, for so are fulfilled the days of  
embalming: and *the* Egyptians wept for him seventy  
days.

4 And when *the* days of weeping for him were past,  
Joseph <sup>491</sup>spake unto *the* house of Pharaoh, saying, If  
now I have found favor in your eyes, speak, I pray you,  
in *the* ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 My father made me  
swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I <sup>492</sup>have  
dugged for me in *the* land of Canaan, there shalt thou

<sup>488</sup> *Or*, From thence, *from the* shepherd,

*Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads By the name of *the* shepherd,

<sup>489</sup> *Or*, that is prince among his brethren.

<sup>490</sup> *Perhaps in one of the first two years of the famine,*  
*though possibly any time after Joseph came to*  
*power. Compare ch. 37:9-10.*

<sup>491</sup> *Due to mourning (and the distance between Goshen*  
*and It-towě, the capital); Joseph was still in office,*  
*likely for 16 years more. See vss. 16-21.*

<sup>492</sup> *Or*, bought

bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. 6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. 7 And Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all *the* servants of Pharaoh, *the* elders of his house, and all *the* elders of *the* land of Egypt, 8 and all *the* house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in *the* land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was *a* very great company. 10 And they came to *the* threshing-floor of Atad, which *is* beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11 And when *the* inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in *the* floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous<sup>493</sup> mourning to *the* Egyptians: wherefore *the* name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond the Jordan. 12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: 13 for his sons carried him into *the* land of Canaan, and buried him in *the* cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, for a possession of a burying-place, of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. 14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a message unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, *the* transgression of thy brethren, and their sin, for that they did unto thee evil. And now, we pray thee, forgive *the* transgression of *the* servants of *the* God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *are* thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in *the* place of God? 20 And as for you, ye meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake<sup>494</sup> kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and<sup>495</sup> Joseph lived a hundred ten years. 23 And

Joseph saw Ephraim's children of *the* third generation: *the* children also of Machir *the* son of Manasseh were born upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die; but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. 26 So Joseph died, *being* a hundred ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in *a* coffin in Egypt.

*End of the Book of Genesis*

<sup>493</sup> *Hb.* ebel

<sup>494</sup> *Hb.* to their heart.

<sup>495</sup> *Thus, Joseph lived thirty-eight years after the death of Ammenemes III, and about twenty-seven years after Egypt's great 12<sup>th</sup> Dynasty was overthrown. Nymare Ammenemes III (1842-1797) was ultimately succeeded by his daughter Queen Sobkneferu, who was overthrown ca. 1786 and replaced by the 13<sup>th</sup> Dynasty. The new dynasty*

*would be expected to be estranged from Joseph, and therefore from all of Israel.*