

THE FIRST BOOK OF MŌ-ŠĚŠ, CALLED ĞĚN-Ě-SĪS

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

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

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 the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

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 bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it* was good.

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

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

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

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the

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light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good*.

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

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

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

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our

likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

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

2 And on the seventh day God ended 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 sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

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

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, 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 the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Ē'děn; and

there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD 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 knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Ē'děn to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pī'sōn: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Hāv'ī-lāh, where *there* is gold;

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

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gī'hōn: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ē-thī-ō'pī-ă.

14 And the name of the third river *is* Hīd'dě-kěl: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Ās-sŷr'ī-ă. And the fourth river *is* Ēu-phrā'tēs.

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Ē'děn to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely 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 thou shalt surely die.

18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Ād'ām to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Ād'ām called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Ād'ām gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Ād'ām there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Ād'ām, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

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

23 And Ād'ām said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

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.

CHAPTER 3

NOW the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

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

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

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, *Ye shall not surely die:*

5 *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and 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 aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Ād'ām and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Ād'ām, 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 the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat

all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Ād'ām 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 sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

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

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it *wast* thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Ād'ām called his wife's name Ēve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Ād'ām also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said,

Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Ē'dĕn, 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 Ē'dĕn Chĕr'ū-bĭms, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAPTER 4

AND Ād'ām knew Ēve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a mān from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Ā'bĕl. And Ā'bĕl 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 the LORD.

4 And Ā'bĕl, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Ā'bĕl 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 the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

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

8 And Cain talked with Ā'bĕl his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Ā'bĕl his brother, and slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Ā'bĕl 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 *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the

earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nöd, on the east of Ē'děn.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Ē'nöch; and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Ē'nöch.

18 And unto Ē'nöch was born Ī-räd: and Ī-räd begat Mě-hū-jā-ěl: and Mě-hū-jā-ěl begat Mě-thū-sā-ěl: and Mě-thū-sā-ěl begat Lā'měch.

19 ¶ And Lā'měch took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Ā'däh, and the name of the other Zil-läh.

20 And Ā'däh bare Jā'bäl: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jū'bäl: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zil-läh, she also bare Tū'bäl-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tū'bäl-cain was Nā-ă-mäh.

23 And Lā'měch said unto his wives, Ā'däh and Zil-läh, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lā'měch, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lā'měch seventy and sevenfold.

25 ¶ And Ād'ăm knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Sěth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Ā'běl, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Sěth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Ē'nös: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

THIS is the book of the generations of Ād'ăm. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Ād'ăm, in the day when they were created.

3 ¶ And Ād'ăm lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his

image; and called his name Sĕth:
 4 And the days of Ād'ām after he had begotten Sĕth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Ād'ām lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 And Sĕth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Ē'nōs:

7 And Sĕth lived after he begat Ē'nōs eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Sĕth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 ¶ And Ē'nōs lived ninety years, and begat Cā-ī'nān:

10 And Ē'nōs lived after he begat Cā-ī'nān eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11 And all the days of Ē'nōs were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 ¶ And Cā-ī'nān lived seventy years, and begat Mă-hăl'ă-lēel:

13 And Cā-ī'nān lived after he begat Mă-hăl'ă-lēel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

14 And all the days of Cā-ī'nān were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 ¶ And Mă-hăl'ă-lēel lived sixty

and five years, and begat Jâr'ĕd:

16 And Mă-hăl'ă-lēel lived after he begat Jâr'ĕd eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

17 And all the days of Mă-hăl'ă-lēel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 ¶ And Jâr'ĕd lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Ē'nōch:

19 And Jâr'ĕd lived after he begat Ē'nōch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20 And all the days of Jâr'ĕd were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21 ¶ And Ē'nōch lived sixty and five years, and begat Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh:

22 And Ē'nōch walked with God after he begat Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Ē'nōch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Ē'nōch walked with God: and he was nōt; for God took him.

25 And Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lă'mĕch:

26 And Mĕ-thū'sĕ-lăh lived after he begat Lă'mĕch seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Mě-thū-sě-lāh were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 ¶ And Lā'měch lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

29 And he called his name Nō'āh, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lā'měch lived after he begat Nō'āh five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

31 And all the days of Lā'měch were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32 And Nō'āh was five hundred years old: and Nō'āh begat Shēm, Hām, and Jā-phēth.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth

in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

5 ¶ And GOD 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 repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Nō'āh found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 ¶ These *are* the generations of Nō'āh: Nō'āh was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Nō'āh walked with God.

10 And Nō'āh begat three sons, Shēm, Hām, and Jā-phēth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Nō'āh, 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 gō-phēr wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

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

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; 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, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

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

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them*

alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his 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 thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Nō'āh; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAPTER 7

AND the LORD said unto Nō'āh, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the 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 substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Nō'āh did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Nō'āh was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 ¶ And Nō'āh 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 fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Nō'āh into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Nō'āh.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Nō'āh's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, 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 Nō'āh, and Shēm, and Hām, and Jā'phēth, the sons of Nō'āh, and Nō'āh's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Nō'āh 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 had commanded him: and the LORD 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 lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, 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 of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the

breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Nō'āh only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

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

CHAPTER 8

AND God remembered Nō'āh, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

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

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ār'ā-rāt.

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 Nō'āh opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a 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 into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled 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 in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Nō'āh knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the

first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Nō'āh removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

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

15 ¶ And God spake unto Nō'āh, saying,

16 Go forth of 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* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Nō'āh went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 ¶ And Nō'āh builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing 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.

CHAPTER 9

AND God blessed Nō'āh and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at

the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God 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 Nō'ăh, 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 creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to 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 a 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 creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 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 creature 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 God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Nō'ăh, 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 Nō'ăh, that went forth of the ark, were Shēm, and Hăm, and Jā'phĕth: and Hăm *is* the father of Cā'nă-ăn.

19 These *are* the three sons of Nō'ăh: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Nō'ăh began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Hăm, the father of

Cā-nā-ān, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shēm and Jā-phēth 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 Nō-āh awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Cā-nā-ān; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shēm; and Cā-nā-ān shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Jā-phēth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shēm; and Cā-nā-ān shall be his servant.

28 ¶ And Nō-āh lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Nō-āh were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAPTER 10

NOW these *are* the generations of the sons of Nō-āh, Shēm, Hām, and Jā-phēth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Jā-phēth; Gō-mēr,

and Mā-gōg, and Mā-dai, and Jā-vān, and Tū-bāl, and Mē-shēch, and Tī-rās.

3 And the sons of Gō-mēr; Āsh-kē-nāz, and Rī-phāth, and Tō-gār-māh.

4 And the sons of Jā-vān; Ē-lī-shāh, and Tār-shīsh, Kīt-tīm, and Dō-dā-nīm.

5 By these were the isles of the Ĝēn-tileš divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ And the sons of Hām; Cūsh, and Mīz-rā-īm, and Phūt, and Cā-nā-ān.

7 And the sons of Cūsh; Sē-bā, and Hāv-ī-lāh, and Sāb-tāh, and Rā-ā-māh, and Sāb-tē-chā: and the sons of Rā-ā-māh; Shē-bā, and Dē-dān.

8 And Cūsh begat Nīm-rōd: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nīm-rōd the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Bā-bēl, and Ēr-ēch, and Āc-cād, and Cāl-nēh, in the land of Shī-nār.

11 Out of that land went forth Āssh-ūr, and builded Nīn-ē-vēh, and the city Rē-hō-bōth, and Cā-lāh,

12 And Rē-sēn between Nīn-ē-vēh and Cā-lāh: the same is a great city.

13 And Mīz-rā-īm begat Lū-dīm, and Ān-ā-mīm, and Lē-hā-bīm, and Nāph-tū-hīm,

14 And Pāth-rū-sīm, and Cās-lū-hīm, (out of whom came Phīl-īs-tīm,) and Cāph-tō-rīm.

15 ¶ And Cā-nā-ān begat Šī-dōn his firstborn, and Hēth,

16 And the Jēb-ū-sīte, and the Ām-ō-rīte, and the Ġir-gā-sīte,

17 And the Hī-vīte, and the Ār-kīte, and the Sī-nīte,

18 And the Ār-vā-dīte, and the Zēm-ā-rīte, and the Hā-māth-īte: and afterward were the families of the Cā-nā-ān-ītes spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Cā-nā-ān-ītes was from Šī-dōn, as thou comest to Gē-rār, unto Gā-zā; as thou goest, unto Sōd-om, and Gō-mōr-rāh, and Ād-māh, and Zē-bō-īm, even unto Lā-shā.

20 These *are* the sons of Hām, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shēm also, the father of all the children of Ē-bēr, the brother of Jā-phēth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

22 The children of Shēm; Ē-lām,

and Āssh-ūr, and Ār-phāx-ād, and Lūd, and Ār-ām.

23 And the children of Ār-ām; Ūz, and Hūl, and Gē-thēr, and Māsh.

24 And Ār-phāx-ād begat Sā-lāh; and Sā-lāh begat Ē-bēr.

25 And unto Ē-bēr were born two sons: the name of one was Pē-lēg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Jōk-tān.

26 And Jōk-tān begat Āl-mō-dād, and Shē-lēph, and

Hā-zār-mā-vēth, and Jē-rāh,

27 And Hā-dōr-ām, and Ū-zāl, and Dīk-lāh,

28 And Ō-bāl, and Ā-bīm-ā-ēl, and Shē-bā,

29 And Ō-phīr, and Hāv-ī-lāh, and Jō-bāb: all these *were* the sons of Jōk-tān.

30 And their dwelling was from Mē-shā, as thou goest unto Sē-phār a mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shēm, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

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

CHAPTER 11

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one

speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shī-nār; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Bā-bēl; because the LORD did there confound the language

of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shēm: Shēm was an hundred years old, and begat Ār-phāx'ād two years after the flood:

11 And Shēm lived after he begat Ār-phāx'ād five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Ār-phāx'ād lived five and thirty years, and begat Sā-lāh:

13 And Ār-phāx'ād lived after he begat Sā-lāh four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Sā-lāh lived thirty years, and begat Ē-bēr:

15 And Sā-lāh lived after he begat Ē-bēr four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Ē-bēr lived four and thirty years, and begat Pē-lēg:

17 And Ē-bēr lived after he begat Pē-lēg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Pē-lēg lived thirty years, and begat Rē-ū:

19 And Pē-lēg lived after he begat Rē-ū two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Rē-ū lived two and thirty years, and begat Sē-rūg:

21 And Rē-ū lived after he begat

Sē-rŭg two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Sē-rŭg lived thirty years, and begat Nā-hôr:

23 And Sē-rŭg lived after he begat Nā-hôr two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nā-hôr lived nine and twenty years, and begat Tē-rāh:

25 And Nā-hôr lived after he begat Tē-rāh an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Tē-rāh lived seventy years, and begat Ā-brām, Nā-hôr, and Hâ-răn.

27 ¶ Now these are the generations of Tē-rāh: Tē-rāh begat Ā-brām, Nā-hôr, and Hâ-răn; and Hâ-răn begat Lôt.

28 And Hâ-răn died before his father Tē-rāh in the land of his nativity, in Ūr of the Chāl-dēēs.

29 And Ā-brām and Nā-hôr took them wives: the name of Ā-brām's wife was Sâr-ā-ī; and the name of Nā-hôr's wife, Mīl-cāh, the daughter of Hâ-răn, the father of Mīl-cāh, and the father of Īs-cāh.

30 But Sâr-ā-ī was barren; she had no child.

31 And Tē-rāh took Ā-brām his son, and Lôt the son of Hâ-răn his son's son, and Sâr-ā-ī his daughter in law, his son Ā-brām's

wife; and they went forth with them from Ūr of the Chāl-dēēs, to go into the land of Cā-nă-ăn; and they came unto Hâ-răn, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Tē-rāh were two hundred and five years: and Tē-rāh died in Hâ-răn.

CHAPTER 12

NOW the LORD had said unto Ā-brām, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

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

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

4 So Ā-brām departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lôt went with him: and Ā-brām was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Hâ-răn.

5 And Ā-brām took Sâr-ā-ī his wife, and Lôt his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Hâ-răn; and they went forth to go into the land of Cā-nă-ăn; and into the land of Cā-nă-ăn they came.

6 ¶ And Ā-brām passed through

the land unto the place of Sī-chēm, unto the plain of Mō-rēh. And the Cā-nă-ăn-īte was then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Ā-brām, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bēth-ēl, and pitched his tent, *having* Bēth-ēl on the west, and Hā-ī on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Ā-brām journeyed, going on still toward the south.

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and Ā-brām went down into Ē-gŷpt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Ē-gŷpt, that he said unto Sâr-ā-ī his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Ē-gŷp-tiāns shall see thee, that they shall say, 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 my soul shall live because of thee.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when Ā-brām was come into Ē-gŷpt, the Ē-gŷp-tiāns beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Phâr-āoh saw her, and commended her before Phâr-āoh: and the woman was taken into Phâr-āoh's house.

16 And he entreated Ā-brām well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Phâr-āoh and his house with great plagues because of Sâr-ā-ī Ā-brām's wife.

18 And Phâr-āoh called Ā-brām, 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 I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Phâr-āoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAPTER 13

AND Ā-brām went up out of

Ē'gŷpt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lōt with him, into the south.

2 And Ā-brām was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bēth-ēl, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bēth-ēl and Hā-ī;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Ā-brām called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lōt also, which went with Ā-brām, 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 herdmen of Ā-brām's cattle and the herdmen of Lōt's cattle: and the Cā-nā-ān-īte and the Pē-rīz-zīte dwelled then in the land.

8 And Ā-brām said unto Lōt, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the

left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lōt lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jōr-dān, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sōd'ōm and Gō-mōr-rāh, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Ē'gŷpt, as thou comest unto Zō-ār.

11 Then Lōt chose him all the plain of Jōr-dān; and Lōt journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Ā-brām dwelled in the land of Cā-nā-ān, and Lōt dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sōd'ōm.

13 But the men of Sōd'ōm *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Ā-brām, after that Lōt 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 shall thy seed also be numbered.

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

18 Then Ā-brām removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mām-rē, which is in Hē-brōn, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in the days of Ām-rā-phēl king of Shī-nār, Ār-ī-ōch king of Ĕl-lā-sār, Chēd-ōr-lā-ōmer king of Ē-lām, and Tī-dāl king of nations;

2 That these made war with Bē-rā king of Söd-ōm, and with Bīr-shā king of Gō-mör-rāh, Shī-nāb king of Ād-māh, and Shēm-ē-bēr king of Zē-boi-īm, and the king of Bē-lā, which is Zō-ār.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Sīd-dīm, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they served Chēd-ōr-lā-ōmer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chēd-ōr-lā-ōmer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rēph-ā-ims in Āsh-tē-rōth Kār-nā-īm, and the Zū-zims in Hām, and the Ē-mims in Shā-vēh Kīr-ī-ā-thā-īm,

6 And the Hōr-ites in their mount

Sē-īr, unto Ĕl-pār-ān, which is by the wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to Ĕn-mish-pāt, which is Kā-dēsh, and smote all the country of the Ā-māl-ēk-ites, and also the Ām-ō-rītes, that dwelt in Hāz-ē-zon-tā-mär.

8 And there went out the king of Söd-ōm, and the king of Gō-mör-rāh, and the king of Ād-māh, and the king of Zē-boi-īm, and the king of Bē-lā (the same is Zō-ār;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Sīd-dīm;

9 With Chēd-ōr-lā-ōmer the king of Ē-lām, and with Tī-dāl king of nations, and Ām-rā-phēl king of Shī-nār, and Ār-ī-ōch king of Ĕl-lā-sār; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Sīd-dīm was full of slimepits; and the kings of Söd-ōm and Gō-mör-rāh fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Söd-ōm and Gō-mör-rāh, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Löt, Ā-brām's brother's son, who dwelt in Söd-ōm, and his goods, and departed.

13 ¶ And there came one that had escaped, and told Ā-brām the Hē-brēw; for he dwelt in the plain

of Măm'ŕē the Ām'ō-ŕite, brother of Ěsh'cōl, and brother of Ā'nĕr: and these *were* confederate with Ā'brām.

14 And when Ā'brām heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dăn.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hō'bäh, which *is* on the left hand of Dă-măs'cūs.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lōt, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sōd'ōm went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chĕd-ōr-lā'ōmer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shā'vĕh, which *is* the king's dale.

18 And Mĕl-chĭz'ĕd-ĕk king of Sā'lĕm brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Ā'brām of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high

God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sōd'ōm said unto Ā'brām, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Ā'brām said to the king of Sōd'ōm, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Ā'brām rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Ā'nĕr, Ěsh'cōl, and Măm'ŕē; let them take their portion.

CHAPTER 15

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Ā'brām in a vision, saying, Fear not, Ā'brām: I *am* thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Ā'brām said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Ěl-ĭ-ĕ-zĕr of Dă-măs'cūs?

3 And Ā'brām 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 the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This 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 tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ūr of the Chāl'-dēēs, to give thee this land to inherit it.

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

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Ā'-brām drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon

Ā'-brām; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Ā'-brām, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger 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 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Ām'-ō-rītes 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 burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Ā'-brām, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Ē'-gypt unto the great river, the river Ēu-phrā'-tēs:

19 The Kē'-nītes, and the Kē-nīz'-zītes, and the Kād'-mō-nītes,

20 And the Hīt'-tītes, and the Pě-rīz'-zītes, and the Rēph'-ā-īms,

21 And the Ām'-ō-rītes, and the

Cā'nă-ăn-ītes, and the
Gĭr-gă-shĭtes, and the Jĕb'ŭ-sĭtes.

CHAPTER 16

Now Sâr'ā-ī Ā'brām's wife
bare him no children: and
she had an handmaid, an
Ē-ġŷp'tĭăn, whose name was
Hăg'är.

2 And Sâr'ā-ī said unto Ā'brām,
Behold now, the LORD hath
restrained me from bearing: I
pray thee, go in unto my maid; it
may be that I may obtain children
by her. And Ā'brām hearkened to
the voice of Sâr'ā-ī.

3 And Sâr'ā-ī Ā'brām's wife took
Hăg'är her maid the Ē-ġŷp'tĭăn,
after Ā'brām had dwelt ten years
in the land of Cā'nă-ăn, and gave
her to her husband Ā'brām to be
his wife.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hăg'är,
and she conceived: and when she
saw that she had conceived, her
mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sâr'ā-ī said unto Ā'brām,
My wrong *be* upon thee: I have
given my maid into thy bosom;
and when she saw that she had
conceived, I was despised in her
eyes: the LORD judge between me
and thee.

6 But Ā'brām said unto Sâr'ā-ī,
Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand;
do to her as it pleaseth thee. And
when Sâr'ā-ī dealt hardly with

her, she fled from her face.

7 ¶ And the angel of the LORD
found her by a fountain of water
in the wilderness, by the fountain
in the way to Shŭr.

8 And he said, Hăg'är, Sâr'ā-ī's
maid, whence camest thou? and
whither wilt thou go? And she
said, I flee from the face of my
mistress Sâr'ā-ī.

9 And the angel of the LORD said
unto her, Return to thy mistress,
and submit thyself under her
hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said
unto her, I will multiply thy seed
exceedingly, that it shall not be
numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said
unto her, Behold, thou *art* with
child, and shalt bear a son, and
shalt call his name Īsh'mă-ĕl;
because the LORD hath heard thy
affliction.

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

13 And she called the name of the
LORD that spake unto her, Thou
God seest me: for she said, Have I
also here looked after him that
seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called
Beer-lă-hai-roĭ; behold, *it is*

between Kā-děsh and Bē-rēd.

15 ¶ And Hāg'ār bare Ā-brām a son: and Ā-brām called his son's name, which Hāg'ār bare, Īsh'mā-ēl.

16 And Ā-brām was fourscore and six years old, when Hāg'ār bare Īsh'mā-ēl to Ā-brām.

CHAPTER 17

AND when Ā-brām was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Ā-brām, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; 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 Ā-brām fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Ā-brām, but thy name shall be Ā-brā-hām; for a father of many 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 in 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 wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Cā-nā-ān, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 ¶ And God said unto Ā-brā-hām, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *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 man child whose flesh of his foreskin is

not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 ¶ And God said unto Ā-bră-hăm, As for Sâr-ā-ī thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sâr-ā-ī, but Sâr-ăh *shall* her name be.

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

17 Then Ā-bră-hăm fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a *child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sâr-ăh, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Ā-bră-hăm said unto God, O that Īsh-mă-ěl might live before thee!

19 And God said, Sâr-ăh thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Ī-sāac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

20 And as for Īsh-mă-ěl, 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 Ī-sāac, which Sâr-ăh 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 Ā-bră-hăm.

23 ¶ And Ā-bră-hăm took Īsh-mă-ěl his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Ā-bră-hăm's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Ā-bră-hăm was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Īsh-mă-ěl his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the selfsame day was Ā-bră-hăm circumcised, and Īsh-mă-ěl his son.

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

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Măm-rē: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

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

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

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

5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Ā'bră-hăm hastened into the tent unto Sâr'ăh, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Ā'bră-hăm ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; 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, Where is Sâr'ăh thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sâr'ăh thy wife shall have a son. And Sâr'ăh heard *it* in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Ā'bră-hăm and Sâr'ăh were old and well stricken in age; and *it* ceased to be with Sâr'ăh after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sâr'ăh laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Ā'bră-hăm, Wherefore did Sâr'ăh laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sâr'ăh shall have a son.

15 Then Sâr'ăh denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

16 ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Söd'om: and Ā'bră-hăm went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Ā'bră-hăm that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Ā'bră-hăm shall

surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Ā-brā-hām that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sōd'om and Gō-mōr-rāh 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.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sōd'om: but Ā-brā-hām stood yet before the LORD.

23 ¶ And Ā-brā-hām drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and 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: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee:

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sōd'om fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Ā-brā-hām answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *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, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

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 forty's sake.

30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord 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 the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord 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 ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Ā-brā-hām: and Ā-brā-hām returned unto his place.

CHAPTER 19

AND there came two angels to Söd'om at even; and Löt sat in the gate of Söd'om: and Löt seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, 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 ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon 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 Söd'om, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Löt, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Löt went out at the door

unto them, and shut the door after him,

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

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, 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* Löt, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Löt into the house to them, and shut to 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 Löt, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place,

because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lōt went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lōt, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD 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 life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lōt said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which

thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take 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 this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zō'ār.

23 ¶ The sun was risen upon the earth when Lōt entered into Zō'ār.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sōd'ōm and upon Gō-mōr'rāh brimstone and fire from the LORD 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 Ā'brā'hām gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sōd'ōm and Gō-mōr'rāh, and toward all

the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country 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 Ā'brā'hām, and sent Lōt out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lōt dwelt.

30 ¶ And Lōt went up out of Zō'ār, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zō'ār: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn 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 firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn 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 perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36 Thus were both the daughters of Lōt with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Mō'āb: the same *is* the father of the Mō'āb-ītes unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Bēn-ām'mī: the same *is* the father of the children of Ām'mōn unto this day.

CHAPTER 20

AND Ā'brā'hām journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kā'dēsh and Shūr, and sojourned in Gē'rār.

2 And Ā'brā'hām said of Sār'āh his wife, She *is* my sister: and Ā'bīm'ē-lēch king of Gē'rār sent, and took Sār'āh.

3 But God came to Ā'bīm'ē-lēch in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife.

4 But Ā'bīm'ē-lēch had not come

near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? 5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his 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 die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Ā-bīm'ě-lěch 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 Ā-bīm'ě-lěch called Ā-bră-hă̄m, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Ā-bīm'ě-lěch said unto

Ā-bră-hă̄m, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Ā-bră-hă̄m 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 yet indeed she is my sister; she is 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 shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Ā-bīm'ě-lěch took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Ā-bră-hă̄m, and restored him Sār'ăh his wife.

15 And Ā-bīm'ě-lěch said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sār'ăh he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

17 ¶ So Ā-bră-hă̄m prayed unto God: and God healed Ā-bīm'ě-lěch, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare

children.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Ā-bīm-ě-lēch, because of Sār-āh Ā-brā-hām's wife.

CHAPTER 21

AND the LORD visited Sār-āh as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sār-āh as he had spoken.

2 For Sār-āh conceived, and bare Ā-brā-hām a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Ā-brā-hām called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sār-āh bare to him, Ī-śāac.

4 And Ā-brā-hām circumcised his son Ī-śāac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 And Ā-brā-hām was an hundred years old, when his son Ī-śāac was born unto him.

6 ¶ And Sār-āh said, God hath made me to laugh, so *that* all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Ā-brā-hām, that Sār-āh should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Ā-brā-hām made a great feast the *same* day that Ī-śāac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sār-āh saw the son of Hāg-ār the Ē-gŷp-tīān, which she

had born unto Ā-brā-hām, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Ā-brā-hām, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Ī-śāac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Ā-brā-hām's sight because of his son.

12 ¶ And God said unto Ā-brā-hām, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sār-āh hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Ī-śāac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

14 And Ā-brā-hām rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hāg-ār, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-shē-bā.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, 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 see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and

wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hāg'ār out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hāg'ār? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine 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 dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Pār'ān: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Ē'gypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that Ā-bīm'ě-lěch and Phī'chōl the chief captain of his host spake unto Ā-brā-hām, 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 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 Ā-brā-hām said, I will swear.

25 And Ā-brā-hām reproveth Ā-bīm'ě-lěch because of a well of water, which Ā-bīm'ě-lěch's servants had violently taken away.

26 And Ā-bīm'ě-lěch said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.

27 And Ā-brā-hām took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Ā-bīm'ě-lěch; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Ā-brā-hām set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Ā-bīm'ě-lěch said unto Ā-brā-hām, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-shē'bā; because there they sware both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-shē'bā: then Ā-bīm'ě-lěch rose up, and Phī'chōl the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Phīl'īs-tineš.

33 ¶ And *Ā-brā-hām* planted a grove in *Bēer-shē-bā*, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

34 And *Ā-brā-hām* sojourned in the *Phīl'īs-tīneš'* land many days.

CHAPTER 22

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt *Ā-brā-hām*, and said unto him, *Ā-brā-hām*: and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son *Ī-šāac*, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of *Mōr-ī-āh*; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ¶ And *Ā-brā-hām* rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and *Ī-šāac* his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day *Ā-brā-hām* lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And *Ā-brā-hām* said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And *Ā-brā-hām* took the wood

of the burnt offering, and laid it upon *Ī-šāac* his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And *Ī-šāac* spake unto *Ā-brā-hām* 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 *Ā-brā-hām* said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and *Ā-brā-hām* built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound *Ī-šāac* his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And *Ā-brā-hām* stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, *Ā-brā-hām*, *Ā-brā-hām*: and he said, Here *am I*.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And *Ā-brā-hām* lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold

behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Ā'brā-hām went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Ā'brā-hām called the name of that place Jě-hō'vāh-jī'rēh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Ā'brā-hām out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for 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 heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

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

19 So Ā'brā-hām returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-shē'bā; and Ā'brā-hām dwelt at Beer-shē'bā.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after

these things, that it was told Ā'brā-hām, saying, Behold, Mīl'cāh, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nā'hô; 21 Hūz his firstborn, and Būz his brother, and Kě-mū'ēl the father of Ār'ām,

22 And Chēs'ēd, and Hā'zō, and Pīl'dāsh, and Jīd'lāph, and Bě-thū'ēl.

23 And Bě-thū'ēl begat Rě-běk'āh: these eight Mīl'cāh did bear to Nā'hô, Ā'brā-hām's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reu'māh, she bare also Tē'bāh, and Gā'hām, and Thā'hāsh, and Mā'ā'ch.

CHAPTER 23

AND Sâr'āh was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sâr'āh.

2 And Sâr'āh died in Kīr'jāth-ār'bā; the same is Hē-brōn in the land of Cā'nā-ān: and Ā'brā-hām came to mourn for Sâr'āh, and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Ā'brā-hām stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Hēth, saying,

4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the children of Hēth

answered Ā'brā-hām, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou *art* a mighty prince 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 Ā'brā-hām stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Hēth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ē'phrōn the son of Zō'hār,

9 That he may give me the cave of Māch-pē'lāh, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

10 And Ē'phrōn dwelt among the children of Hēth: and Ē'phrōn the Hīt'tite answered Ā'brā-hām in the audience of the children of Hēth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Ā'brā-hām bowed down himself before the people of the

land.

13 And he spake unto Ē'phrōn in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ē'phrōn answered Ā'brā-hām, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is *worth* four hundred shē-kēls of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Ā'brā-hām hearkened unto Ē'phrōn; and Ā'brā-hām weighed to Ē'phrōn the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Hēth, four hundred shē-kēls of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 ¶ And the field of Ē'phrōn, which was in Māch-pē'lāh, which was before Mām-rē, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure

18 Unto Ā'brā-hām for a possession in the presence of the children of Hēth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Ā'brā-hām buried Sār'āh his wife in the cave of the field of Māch-pē'lāh before Mām-rē: the *same* is Hē-brōn in

the land of Cā'nă-ăn.

20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Ā'bră-hăm for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Hěth.

CHAPTER 24

AND Ā'bră-hăm was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Ā'bră-hăm in all things.

2 And Ā'bră-hăm said unto his eldest servant 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 the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Cā'nă-ăn-ites, among whom I dwell:

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

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 Ā'bră-hăm said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 ¶ The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's

house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Ā'bră-hăm his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Měs-ō-pō-tā'mĭ-ă, unto the city of Nă'hôr.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Ā'bră-hăm, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Ā'bră-hăm.

13 Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come 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 Ī'sāac*; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rě-běk'āh came out, who was born to Bě-thū'ěl, son of Mīl-cāh, the wife of Nā'hôr, Ā-brā-hām'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 well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of 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 water 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 water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD 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 earring of half a shē-kěl weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shē-kěls 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 Bě-thū'ěl the son of Mīl-cāh, which she bare unto Nā'hôr.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Ā-brā-hām, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

29 ¶ And Rě-běk'ăh had a brother, and his name was Lā'băn: and Lā'băn ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rě-běk'ăh his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; 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 his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him.

33 And there was set *meat* 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* Ā-bră-hăm's servant.

35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sâr'ăh 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 to my son of the daughters of the Că-nă-ăn-ites, in whose land I dwell:

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

39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, 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 *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Ā-bră-hăm, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink

thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rě-běk'ăh came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*: 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 Bě-thū'ěl, Nā'hôr's son, whom Mĭl'cäh bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Ā-bră-hăm, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto 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 Lā'băn and Bě-thū'ěl

answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rě-běk'ăh *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Ā-bră-hăm's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rě-běk'ăh: 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 the LORD 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 Rě-běk'ăh, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with

this man? And she said, I will go.
59 And they sent away Rě-běk'ăh their sister, and her nurse, and Ā-bră-hăm's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rě-běk'ăh, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 ¶ And Rě-běk'ăh arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rě-běk'ăh, and went his way.

62 And Ī'sāac came from the way of the well Lā'hāi-rōi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Ī'sāac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.

64 And Rě-běk'ăh lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Ī'sāac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Ī'sāac all things that he had done.

67 And Ī'sāac brought her into his

mother Sâr'ăh's tent, and took Rě-běk'ăh, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Ī'sāac was comforted after his mother's death.

CHAPTER 25

THEN again Ā-bră-hăm took a wife, and her name was Kě-tū'răh.

2 And she bare him Zīm'răn, and Jök'shăn, and Mē'dăn, and Mĭd'ĭ-ăn, and Īsh'băk, and Shû'ăh.

3 And Jök'shăn begat Shē'bă, and Dē'dăn. And the sons of Dē'dăn were Āssh-û-rĭm, and Lě-tû'shĭm, and Lě-ŭm'mĭm.

4 And the sons of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn; Ē'phăh, and Ē'phěr, and Hă'nō-ch, and Ā-bĭ-dă, and Ĕl-dă'ăh. All these *were* the children of Kě-tū'răh.

5 ¶ And Ā-bră-hăm gave all that he had unto Ī'sāac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Ā-bră-hăm had, Ā-bră-hăm gave gifts, and sent them away from Ī'sāac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

7 And these *are* the days of the years of Ā-bră-hăm's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

8 Then Ā-bră-hăm gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age,

an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Ī'sāac and Īsh'mā-ěl buried him in the cave of Mäch-pē-lāh, in the field of Ē'phrōn the son of Zō'hār the Hīt'tite, which is before Mām'rē;

10 The field which Ā'brā'hām purchased of the sons of Hēth: there was Ā'brā'hām buried, and Sār'āh his wife.

11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Ā'brā'hām, that God blessed his son Ī'sāac; and Ī'sāac dwelt by the well Lā'hai-roi.

12 ¶ Now these are the generations of Īsh'mā-ěl, Ā'brā'hām's son, whom Hāg'ār the Ē-gŷp-tīan, Sār'āh's hand-maid, bare unto Ā'brā'hām:

13 And these are the names of the sons of Īsh'mā-ěl, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Īsh'mā-ěl, Nē-bā'jōth; and Kē'dār, and Ād'beel, and Mīb'sām,

14 And Mīsh'mā, and Du'māh, and Mās'sā,

15 Hā'dār, and Tē'mā, Jē'tūr, Nā'phīsh, and Kē'dē-māh:

16 These are the sons of Īsh'mā-ěl, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the

life of Īsh'mā-ěl, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Hāv-ī-lāh unto Shūr, that is before Ē-gŷpt, as thou goest toward Ās-sŷr-ī-ā: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

19 ¶ And these are the generations of Ī'sāac, Ā'brā'hām's son: Ā'brā'hām begat Ī'sāac:

20 And Ī'sāac was forty years old when he took Rē-bēk'āh to wife, the daughter of Bē-thū-ěl the Sŷr-ī-ān of Pā'dān-ār'am, the sister to Lā'bān the Sŷr-ī-ān.

21 And Ī'sāac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rē-bēk'āh his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people 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 out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Ē'sāu.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Ē'sau's heel; and his name was called Jā'cōb: and Ī'sāac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Ē'sāu was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jā'cōb was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Ī'sāac loved Ē'sāu, because he did eat of his venison: but Rē-běk'āh loved Jā'cōb.

29 ¶ And Jā'cōb sod pottage: and Ē'sāu came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Ē'sāu said to Jā'cōb, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Ē'dōm.

31 And Jā'cōb said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Ē'sāu said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jā'cōb said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jā'cōb.

34 Then Jā'cōb gave Ē'sāu bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did

eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Ē'sāu despised his birthright.

CHAPTER 26

AND there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Ā'brā'hām. And Ī'sāac went unto Ā'bīm'ē-lēch king of the Phīl'īs-tīnēš unto Gē'rār.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Ē'gypt; 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 countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Ā'brā'hām thy father;

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

5 Because that Ā'brā'hām obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Ī'sāac dwelt in Gē'rār:

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for

Rě-běk-áh; because she was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Ā-bīm-ě-lěch king of the Phīl'īs-tīneš looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Ī'sāac was sporting with Rě-běk-áh his wife.

9 And Ā-bīm-ě-lěch called Ī'sāac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Ī'sāac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Ā-bīm-ě-lěch said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Ā-bīm-ě-lěch charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 Then Ī'sāac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Phīl'īs-tīneš envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Ā-brā-hām his father, the Phīl'īs-tīneš had stopped them, and filled them with earth. 16 And Ā-bīm-ě-lěch said unto Ī'sāac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 ¶ And Ī'sāac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gē-rār, and dwelt there.

18 And Ī'sāac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Ā-brā-hām his father; for the Phīl'īs-tīneš had stopped them after the death of Ā-brā-hām: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Ī'sāac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gē-rār did strive with Ī'sāac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Ē'sěk; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sīt-näh.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rě-hö-böth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be

fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Bēer-shē-bā.

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

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Ī-sāac's servants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then Ā-bīm'ě-lěch went to him from Gē-rār, and Ā-hūz-zāth one of his friends, and Phī-chōl the chief captain of his army.

27 And Ī-sāac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now 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 the LORD.

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 Ī-sāac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Ī-sāac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it Shē-bāh: therefore the name of the city is Bēer-shē-bā unto this day.

34 ¶ And Ē-sāu was forty years old when he took to wife Jū-dīth the daughter of Beer-ī the Hīt-tīte, and Bāsh'ě-māth the daughter of Ē-lōn the Hīt-tīte:

35 Which were a grief of mind unto Ī-sāac and to Rě-běk'āh.

CHAPTER 27

AND it came to pass, that when Ī-sāac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Ē-sāu his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, *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 *some* venison;

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rě-běk-áh heard when Ī-sāac spake to Ē-sau his son. And Ē-sau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring *it*.

6 ¶ And Rě-běk-áh spake unto Jā-cob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Ē-sau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD 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 savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

10 And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jā-cob said to Rě-běk-áh his mother, Behold, Ē-sau 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 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 savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15 And Rě-běk-áh took goodly raiment of her eldest son Ē-sau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jā-cob 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 savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jā-cob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son?

19 And Jā-cob said unto his father, I *am* Ē-sau 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 Ī-sāac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me.

21 And Ī-sāac said unto Jā-cob,

Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Ē'sau or not.

22 And Jā'cōb went near unto Ī'sāac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jā'cōb's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Ē'sau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Ē'sau's hands: so he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Ē'sau? 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 Ī'sāac 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 the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people 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* he that blesseth thee.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as Ī'sāac had made an end of blessing Jā'cōb, and Jā'cōb was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Ī'sāac his father, that Ē'sau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Ī'sāac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, *I am* thy son, thy firstborn Ē'sau.

33 And Ī'sāac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed.

34 And when Ē'sau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, Is not he rightly

named Jā'cōb? 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 Ī'sāac answered and said unto Ē'sau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Ē'sau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Ē'sau lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 And Ī'sāac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And Ē'sau hated Jā'cōb because of the blessing where-with his father blessed him: and Ē'sau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother

Jā'cōb.

42 And these words of Ē'sau her elder son were told to Rě-běk'äh: and she sent and called Jā'cōb her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Ē'sau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Lā'bän my brother to Hā'rän;

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 deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rě-běk'äh said to Ī'sāac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Hěth: if Jā'cōb take a wife of the daughters of Hěth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAPTER 28

AND Ī'sāac called Jā'cōb, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Cā'nā-än.

2 Arise, go to Pā'dän-âr'äm, to the house of Bě-thū'ěl thy

mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Lā-băn thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

4 And give thee the blessing of Ā-bră-hăm, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Ā-bră-hăm.

5 And Ī-sāac sent away Jā-cōb: and he went to Pā-dăn-âr-ăm unto Lā-băn, son of Bě-thū-ěl the Sŷr-ŷ-ăn, the brother of Rě-běk-ăh, Jā-cōb's and Ē-sau's mother.

6 ¶ When Ē-sau saw that Ī-sāac had blessed Jā-cōb, and sent him away to Pā-dăn-âr-ăm, 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 Cā-nă-ăn;

7 And that Jā-cōb obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Pā-dăn-âr-ăm;

8 And Ē-sau seeing that the daughters of Cā-nă-ăn pleased not Ī-sāac his father;

9 Then went Ē-sau unto Īsh-mă-ěl, and took unto the wives which he had Mă-hă-lăth the daughter of

Īsh-mă-ěl Ā-bră-hăm's son, the sister of Ně-bă-jōth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jā-cōb went out from Bēer-shē-bă, and went toward Hă-răn.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, 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, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Ā-bră-hăm thy father, and the God of Ī-sāac: 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 spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither 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 Jā'cōb awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

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

18 And Jā'cōb rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bēth'ěl: but the name of that city was called Lūz at the first.

20 And Jā'cōb 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; then shall the LORD be my God:

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

CHAPTER 29

THEN Jā'cōb went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by

it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

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 his place.

4 And Jā'cōb said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Hā'rān are we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Lā'bān the son of Nā'hōr? And they said, We know him.

6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rā'chēl 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 till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, Rāchel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jā'cōb saw Rā'chēl the daughter of Lā'bān his mother's brother, and the sheep of Lā'bān his

mother's brother, that Jā'cōb went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Lā'bǎn his mother's brother.

11 And Jā'cōb kissed Rā'chěł, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jā'cōb told Rā'chěł that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rě'běk'ǎh's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Lā'bǎn heard the tidings of Jā'cōb 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 Lā'bǎn all these things.

14 And Lā'bǎn said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 ¶ And Lā'bǎn said unto Jā'cōb, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?

16 And Lā'bǎn had two daughters: the name of the elder was Lē'ǎh, and the name of the younger was Rā'chěł.

17 Lē'ǎh was tender eyed; but Rā'chěł was beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jā'cōb loved Rā'chěł; and said, I will serve thee seven years

for Rā'chěł thy younger daughter. 19 And Lā'bǎn said, *It is better* that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jā'cōb served seven years for Rā'chěł; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 ¶ And Jā'cōb said unto Lā'bǎn, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Lā'bǎn gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Lē'ǎh his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Lā'bǎn gave unto his daughter Lē'ǎh Zil'pǎh his maid for an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Lē'ǎh: and he said to Lā'bǎn, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rā'chěł? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Lā'bǎn said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jā'cōb did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rā'chēl his daughter to wife also.

29 And Lā'bān gave to Rā'chēl his daughter Bīl'hāh his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rā'chēl, and he loved also Rā'chēl more than Lē'āh, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD saw that Lē'āh was hated, he opened her womb: but Rā'chēl was barren.

32 And Lē'āh conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Rēu'bēn: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Sīm'ē-ōn.

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Lē'vī.

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Jūd'āh; and left bearing.

CHAPTER 30

AND when Rā'chēl saw that she bare Jā'cōb no children, Rā'chēl envied her sister; and said unto Jā'cōb, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jā'cōb's anger was kindled against Rā'chēl: 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 Bīl'hāh, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bīl'hāh her handmaid to wife: and Jā'cōb went in unto her.

5 And Bīl'hāh conceived, and bare Jā'cōb a son.

6 And Rā'chēl said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dān.

7 And Bīl'hāh Rā'chēl's maid conceived again, and bare Jā'cōb a second son.

8 And Rā'chēl said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Nāph'tā-lī.

9 When Lē'āh saw that she had left bearing, she took Zīl'pāh her maid, and gave her Jā'cōb to wife.

10 And Zīl'pāh Lē'āh's maid bare

Jā'cōb a son.

11 And Lē'āh said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Ĝād.

12 And Zīl'pāh Lē'āh's maid bare Jā'cōb a second son.

13 And Lē'āh said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Āsh'ēr.

14 ¶ And Rēu'bēn went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Lē'āh. Then Rā'chēl said to Lē'āh, 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 my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also?* And Rā'chēl said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jā'cōb came out of the field in the evening, and Lē'āh went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Lē'āh, and she conceived, and bare Jā'cōb the fifth son.

18 And Lē'āh said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given

my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Īs'sā-chār.

19 And Lē'āh conceived again, and bare Jā'cōb the sixth son.

20 And Lē'āh said, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zē-bū'lūn.

21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dī'nāh.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rā'chēl, 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 Jō'sēph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rā'chēl had born Jō'sēph, that Jā'cōb said unto Lā'bān, 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 which I have done thee.

27 And Lā'bān said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* I have learned by experience that the

LORD 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 was with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jā'cōb said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock:

32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle 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 in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34 And Lā'bān said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jā'cōb: and Jā'cōb fed the rest of Lā'bān's flocks.

37 ¶ And Jā'cōb took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and piled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had piled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jā'cōb did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Lā'bān; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Lā'bān's cattle.

41 And it came to pass, when-

soever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jā'cōb laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Lā'băn's, and the stronger Jā'cōb's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

CHAPTER 31

AND he heard the words of Lā'băn's sons, saying, Jā'cōb hath taken away all that was our father's; and of *that* which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jā'cōb beheld the countenance of Lā'băn, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jā'cōb, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jā'cōb sent and called Rā'chēl and Lē'āh to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; 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; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

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 cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisdled.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jā'cōb: And I said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisdled: for I have seen all that Lā'băn doeth unto thee.

13 I *am* the God of Bēth'ēl, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the

land of thy kindred.

14 And Rā'chĕl and Lē'āh answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jā'cōb rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Pā'dān-âr'ām, for to go to Ī'sāac his father in the land of Cā'nā-ān.

19 And Lā'bān went to shear his sheep: and Rā'chĕl had stolen the images that *were* her father's.

20 And Jā'cōb stole away unawares to Lā'bān the Sŷr'ĭ-ān, 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 the river, and set his face *toward* the mount Gĭl'ĕ-ād.

22 And it was told Lā'bān on the

third day that Jā'cōb was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gĭl'ĕ-ād.

24 And God came to Lā'bān the Sŷr'ĭ-ān in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jā'cōb either good or bad.

25 ¶ Then Lā'bān overtook Jā'cōb. Now Jā'cōb had pitched his tent in the mount: and Lā'bān with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gĭl'ĕ-ād.

26 And Lā'bān said to Jā'cōb, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and 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 hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

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 thou heed that thou speak not to Jā'cōb 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 gods?

31 And Jā'cōb answered and said to Lā'bān, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jā'cōb knew not that Rā'chēl had stolen them.

33 And Lā'bān went into Jā'cōb's tent, and into Lē'āh's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Lē'āh's tent, and entered into Rā'chēl's tent.

34 Now Rā'chēl had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Lā'bān searched all the tent, but found *them* not.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

36 ¶ And Jā'cōb was wroth, and chode with Lā'bān: and Jā'cōb answered and said to Lā'bān,

What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched 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 both.

38 This twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock 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 departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Ā'brā'hām, and the fear of Ī'sāac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee*

yesternight.

43 ¶ And Lā'bán answered and said unto Jā'cōb, *These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?*

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45 And Jā'cōb took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

46 And Jā'cōb said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And Lā'bán called it Jē'gār-sā-hă-dū'thă: but Jā'cōb called it Gā'leed.

48 And Lā'bán said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Gā'leed;

49 And Mĭz'pāh; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is

witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Lā'bán said to Jā'cōb, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;

52 This heap be witness, and *this* 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 Ā'bră-hăm, and the God of Nā'hôr, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jā'cōb swore by the fear of his father Ī'sāac.

54 Then Jā'cōb offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

55 And early in the morning Lā'bán rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Lā'bán departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAPTER 32

AND Jā'cōb went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jā'cōb saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mā-hă-nā'ĭm.

3 And Jā'cōb sent messengers

before him to Ē'sāu his brother unto the land of Sē'ir, the country of Ē'dōm.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Ē'sāu; Thy servant Jā'cōb saith thus, I have sojourned with Lā-bān, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 ¶ And the messengers returned to Jā'cōb, saying, We came to thy brother Ē'sāu, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jā'cōb was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8 And said, If Ē'sāu come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 ¶ And Jā'cōb said, O God of my father Ā'brā-hām, and God of my father Ī'sāac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the

truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jōr'dān; and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Ē'sāu: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and 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 same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Ē'sāu his brother;

14 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; 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 Ē'sāu 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 be thy*

servant Jā'cōb's; it is a present sent unto my lord Ē'sau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Ē'sau, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jā'cōb 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 of me.

21 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jāb'bōk.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24 ¶ And Jā'cōb 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 Jā'cōb's thigh was out of joint, 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, Jā'cōb.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jā'cōb, but Īś'rā-ĕl: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jā'cōb 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 Jā'cōb called the name of the place Pěn-ĭ-ĕl: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Pěn-ū-ĕl the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Īś'rā-ĕl eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jā'cōb's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAPTER 33

AND Jā'cōb lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Ē'sau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Lē'āh, and unto Rā'chĕl, and unto the two hand-

maids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Lē-āh and her children after, and Rā'-chēl and Jō-šēph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Ē'-sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Lē-āh also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Jō-šēph near and Rā'-chēl, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And Ē'-sau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jā'-cōb said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in

thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have 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 the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Sē-īr.

15 And Ē'-sau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 ¶ So Ē'-sau returned that day on his way unto Sē-īr.

17 And Jā'-cōb journeyed to Sūc'-cōth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle:

therefore the name of the place is called Sūc'cōth.

18 ¶ And Jā'cōb came to Shā'lēm, a city of Shē'chēm, which is in the land of Cā'nā-ān, when he came from Pā'dān-ār'ām; and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hā'mōr, Shē'chēm's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it Ēl-ēl'ō-hē-Īs'rā-ēl.

CHAPTER 34

AND Dī'nāh the daughter of Lē'āh, which she bare unto Jā'cōb, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shē'chēm the son of Hā'mōr the Hī'vīte, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dī'nāh the daughter of Jā'cōb, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And Shē'chēm spake unto his father Hā'mōr, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jā'cōb heard that he had defiled Dī'nāh his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jā'cōb held his peace until they were come.

6 ¶ And Hā'mōr the father of

Shē'chēm went out unto Jā'cōb to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jā'cōb came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Īs'rā-ēl in lying with Jā'cōb's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hā'mōr communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shē'chēm longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and 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 Shē'chēm said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace 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 Jā'cōb answered Shē'chēm and Hā'mōr his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dī'nāh their sister:

14 And they 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 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be*, 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 Hā'mô̄r, and Shē'chēm Hā'mô̄r's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jā'cōb's daughter: and he *was* more honourable than all the house of his father.

20 ¶ And Hā'mô̄r and Shē'chēm 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 the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs *be* ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hā'mô̄r and unto Shē'chēm 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 Jā'cōb, Sīm'ě-ōn and Lē'vī, Dī'nāh's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hā'mô̄r and Shē'chēm his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dī'nāh out of Shē'chēm's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jā'cōb came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, 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 spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jā'cōb said to Sīm'ě-on and Lē'vī, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Cā'nă-ăn-ītes and the Pě-rīz'zītes: and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

CHAPTER 35

AND God said unto Jā'cōb, Arise, go up to Běth'ěl, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Ē'sāu thy brother.

2 Then Jā'cōb said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

3 And let us arise, and go up to Běth'ěl; 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 Jā'cōb all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings

which *were* in their ears; and Jā'cōb hid them under the oak which was by Shē'chēm.

5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jā'cōb.

6 ¶ So Jā'cōb came to Lūz, which is in the land of Cā'nă-ăn, that is, Běth'ěl, he and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place Ĕl-běth'ěl: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Dėb'ō-răh Rě-běk'ăh's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Běth'ěl under an oak: and the name of it was called Āl'lōn-bā-chûth.

9 ¶ And God appeared unto Jā'cōb again, when he came out of Pā'dăn-âr'ăm, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jā'cōb: thy name shall not be called any more Jā'cōb, but Īś'rā-ěl shall be thy name: and he called his name Īś'rā-ěl.

11 And God said unto him, I *am* 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

Ā'brā-hām and Ī'sāac, 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 talked with him.

14 And Jā'cōb set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jā'cōb called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bēth'ěl.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Bēth'ěl; and there was but a little way to come to Ē'phrāth: and Rā'chēl travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Bēn-ō'nī: but his father called him Bēn'jā-mīn.

19 And Rā'chēl died, and was buried in the way to Ē'phrāth, which is Bēth'lē-hēm.

20 And Jā'cōb set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rā'chēl's grave unto this day.

21 ¶ And Īs'rā-ěl journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower

of Ē'dār.

22 And it came to pass, when Īs'rā-ěl dwelt in that land, that Reū'bēn went and lay with Bīl'häh his father's concubine: and Īs'rā-ěl heard *it*. Now the sons of Jā'cōb were twelve:

23 The sons of Lē'äh; Reū'bēn, Jā'cōb's firstborn, and Sīm'ě-on, and Lē'vī, and Jūd'äh, and Īs-sā-chär, and Zē-bū'lūn:

24 The sons of Rā'chēl; Jō'sēph, and Bēn'jā-mīn:

25 And the sons of Bīl'häh, Rā'chēl's handmaid; Dän, and Nāph'tā-lī:

26 And the sons of Zīl'päh, Lē'äh's handmaid; Gäd, and Āsh'ēr: these are the sons of Jā'cōb, which were born to him in Pā'dän-är'ām.

27 ¶ And Jā'cōb came unto Ī'sāac his father unto Mām'rē, unto the city of Är'bäh, which is Hē'brōn, where Ā'brā-hām and Ī'sāac sojourned.

28 And the days of Ī'sāac were an hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Ī'sāac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Ē'sau and Jā'cōb buried him.

CHAPTER 36

NOW these are the generations of Ē'sau, who is Ē'dom.

2 Ē'sau took his wives of the

daughters of Cā'nā-ān; Ā'dāh the daughter of Ē'lōn the Hīt'tite, and Ā'hōl-ī-bā'māh the daughter of Ā'nāh the daughter of Zīb'ē-on the Hī-vīte;

3 And Bāsh'ē-māth Īsh'mā-ēl's daughter, sister of Nē-bā'jōth.

4 And Ā'dāh bare to Ē'sau Ĕ-lī-phāz; and Bāsh'ē-māth bare Reu'ēl;

5 And Ā'hōl-ī-bā'māh bare Jē'ūsh, and Jā'ā-lām, and Kōr'āh: these *are* the sons of Ē'sau, which were born unto him in the land of Cā'nā-ān.

6 And Ē'sau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Cā'nā-ān; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jā'qob.

7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

8 Thus dwelt Ē'sau in mount Sē'ir: Ē'sau is Ē'dom.

9 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Ē'sau the father of the Ē'dom-ites in mount Sē'ir:

10 These *are* the names of Ē'sau's sons; Ĕ-lī-phāz the son of Ā'dāh the wife of Ē'sau, Reu'ēl the son

of Bāsh'ē-māth the wife of Ē'sau.

11 And the sons of Ĕ-lī-phāz were Tē'mān, Ō'mār, Zē-phō, and Gā'tām, and Kē'nāz.

12 And Tīm'nā was concubine to Ĕ-lī-phāz Ē'sau's son; and she bare to Ĕ-lī-phāz Ām'ā-lēk: these *were* the sons of Ā'dāh Ē'sau's wife.

13 And these *are* the sons of Reu'ēl; Nā'hāth, and Zē-rāh, Shām'māh, and Mīz-zāh: these *were* the sons of Bāsh'ē-māth Ē'sau's wife.

14 ¶ And these were the sons of Ā'hōl-ī-bā'māh, the daughter of Ā'nāh the daughter of Zīb'ē-on, Ē'sau's wife: and she bare to Ē'sau Jē'ūsh, and Jā'ā-lām, and Kōr'āh.

15 ¶ These *were* dukes of the sons of Ē'sau: the sons of Ĕ-lī-phāz the firstborn son of Ē'sau; duke Tē'mān, duke Ō'mār, duke Zē-phō, duke Kē'nāz,

16 Duke Kōr'āh, duke Gā'tām, and duke Ām'ā-lēk: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Ĕ-lī-phāz in the land of Ē'dom; these *were* the sons of Ā'dāh.

17 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Reu'ēl Ē'sau's son; duke Nā'hāth, duke Zē-rāh, duke Shām'māh, duke Mīz-zāh: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reu'ēl in the land of Ē'dom; these *are* the sons of Bāsh'ē-māth Ē'sau's wife.

18 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Ā-hōl-ī-bā-māh Ē-sau's wife; duke Jē-ūsh, duke Jā-ā-lām, duke Kōr-āh: these *were* the dukes *that came* of Ā-hōl-ī-bā-māh the daughter of Ā-nāh, Ē-sau's wife.

19 These *are* the sons of Ē-sau, who is Ē-dōm, and these *are* their dukes.

20 ¶ These *are* the sons of Sē-īr the Hōr-īte, who inhabited the land; Lō-tān, and Shō-bāl, and Zīb-ē-ōn, and Ā-nāh,

21 And Dī-shōn, and Ē-zēr, and Dī-shān: these *are* the dukes of the Hōr-ītes, the children of Sē-īr in the land of Ē-dōm.

22 And the children of Lō-tān were Hōr-ī and Hē-mām; and Lō-tān's sister was Tīm-nā.

23 And the children of Shō-bāl were these; Āl-vān, and Mān-ā-hāth, and Ē-bāl, Shē-phō, and Ō-nām.

24 And these *are* the children of Zīb-ē-ōn; both Ā-jāh, and Ā-nāh: this *was that* Ā-nāh that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zīb-ē-ōn his father.

25 And the children of Ā-nāh were these; Dī-shōn, and Ā-hōl-ī-bā-māh the daughter of Ā-nāh.

26 And these *are* the children of Dī-shōn; Hēm-dān, and Ēsh-bān, and Īth-rān, and Chē-rān.

27 The children of Ē-zēr *are* these; Bīl-hān, and Zā-ā-vān, and Ā-kān.

28 The children of Dī-shān *are* these; Ūz, and Ār-ān.

29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Hōr-ītes; duke Lō-tān, duke Shō-bāl, duke Zīb-ē-ōn, duke Ā-nāh,

30 Duke Dī-shōn, duke Ē-zēr, duke Dī-shān: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hōr-ī, among their dukes in the land of Sē-īr.

31 ¶ And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Ē-dōm, before there reigned any king over the children of Īs-rā-ēl.

32 And Bē-lā the son of Bē-ōr reigned in Ē-dōm: and the name of his city was Dīn-hā-bāh.

33 And Bē-lā died, and Jō-bāb the son of Zē-rāh of Bōz-rāh reigned in his stead.

34 And Jō-bāb died, and Hū-shām of the land of Tē-mān-ī reigned in his stead.

35 And Hū-shām died, and Hā-dād the son of Bē-dād, who smote Mīd-ī-ān in the field of Mō-āb, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Ā-vīth.

36 And Hā-dād died, and Sām-lāh of Mās-rē-kāh reigned in his stead.

37 And Sām-lāh died, and Sāul of Rē-hō-bōth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Sāul died, and Bā'āl-hā'nān the son of Āch'bōr reigned in his stead.

39 And Bā'āl-hā'nān the son of Āch'bōr died, and Hā'dār reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pā'ū; and his wife's name was Mē-hēt'ā-bēl, the daughter of Mā'trēd, the daughter of Mē'zā-hāb.

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Ē'sau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Tīm'nāh, duke Āl'vāh, duke Jē'thēth,

41 Duke Ā-hōl-ī-bā'māh, duke Ē'lāh, duke Pī'nōn,

42 Duke Kē'nāz, duke Tē'mān, duke Mīb'zār,

43 Duke Māg'dī-ēl, duke Ī'rām: these *be* the dukes of Ē'dom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Ē'sau the father of the Ē'dom-ites.

CHAPTER 37

AND Jā'cōb dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Cā'nā-ān.

2 These *are* the generations of Jā'cōb. Jō'sēph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bīl'hāh, and with the sons of Zīl'pāh, his father's

wives: and Jō'sēph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Īs'rā-ēl loved Jō'sēph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Jō'sēph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* 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 stood 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 his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the 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 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 observed the saying.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shē'chēm.

13 And Īś-rā-ēl said unto Jō'sěph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shē'chēm? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am I*.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hē'brōn, and he came to Shē'chēm.

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 seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dō'thān. And

Jō'sěph went after his brethren, and found them in Dō'thān.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reū'běn heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reū'běn said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jō'sěph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jō'sěph out of his coat, *his coat of many colours that was on him*;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a 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 company of Īsh'mee-lites came from Ĝīl'ē-ād

with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Ē'ĝypt.

26 And Jûd'ăh 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 Īsh'mee-lītes, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mĭd'ĭ-ă-nĭtes merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Jō'sěph out of the pit, and sold Jō'sěph to the Īsh'mee-lītes for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Jō'sěph into Ē'ĝypt.

29 ¶ And Reu'bĕn returned unto the pit; and, behold, Jō'sěph 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 Jō'sěph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil beast hath

devoured him; Jō'sěph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jā'cōb rent his clothes, 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 into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Mĭd'ĭ-ă-nĭtes sold him into Ē'ĝypt unto Pōt'ĭ-phār, an officer of Phâr'āoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

CHAPTER 38

AND it came to pass at that time, that Jûd'ăh went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Ā-dŭl'lăm-ĭte, whose name was Hĭ-răh.

2 And Jûd'ăh saw there a daughter of a certain Cā'nă-ăn-ĭte, whose name was Shû'ăh; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Ĕr.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Ō'năn.

5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shĕ'lăh: and he was at

Chē'zīb, when she bare him.

6 And Jûd'ăh took a wife for Ĕr his firstborn, whose name was Tā'mär.

7 And Ĕr, Jûd'ăh's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

8 And Jûd'ăh said unto Ō'năn, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Ō'năn knew that the seed should 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 that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Jûd'ăh to Tā'mär his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shē'lăh my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did*. And Tā'mär went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 ¶ And in process of time the daughter of Shû'ăh Jûd'ăh's wife died; and Jûd'ăh was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Tīm'năth, he and his friend Hī'răh the Ā-dŭl'lăm-ite.

13 And it was told Tā'mär, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Tīm'năth to shear his sheep.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Tīm'năth; for she saw that Shē'lăh was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Jûd'ăh saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, 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 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 bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Jûd'ăh sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Ā-dŭl'lăm-ite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand:

but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this *place*.

22 And he returned to Jûd-ăh, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this *place*.

23 And Jûd-ăh said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: 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 Jûd-ăh, saying, Tā-mär thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Jûd-ăh 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 bracelets, and staff.

26 And Jûd-ăh acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shē-lăh 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 *the one* put out his 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, How hast thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee: therefore his name was called Phâr-ěz.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zâr-ăh.

CHAPTER 39

AND Jō-šěph was brought down to Ē-gÿpt; and Pôt-ÿ-phăr, an officer of Phâr-ăoh, captain of the guard, an Ē-gÿp-tĭăn, bought him of the hands of the ĩsh-mee-lĭtes, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Jō-šěph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Ē-gÿp-tĭăn.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Jō-šěph found grace in his sight, and he served 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 had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Ē-ġyp-tīān's house for Jō-šēph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Jō-šēph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Jō-šēph was a goodly *person*, and well favoured.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Jō-šēph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing 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 Jō-šēph 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 Jō-šēph went into the house to do his business; 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 an Hē-brēw 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 with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hē-brēw servant, which 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 with 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 Jō-šēph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 ¶ But the LORD was with Jō-šēph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Jō-šēph'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 any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

AND it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Ē-ġypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Ē-ġypt.

2 And Phâr-āōh was wroth against two of his 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 Jō-šēph was bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Jō-šēph with them, and he served 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 Ē-ġypt, which were bound in the prison.

6 And Jō-šēph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7 And he asked Phâr-āōh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Jō-šēph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Jō-šēph, 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 her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Phâr'-āōh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phâr'-āōh's cup, and I gave the cup into Phâr'-āōh's hand.

12 And Jō-šěph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Phâr'-āōh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Phâr'-āōh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Phâr'-āōh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hē-brēw's: 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 Jō-šěph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bake-meats for Phâr'-āōh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket

upon my head.

18 And Jō-šěph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

19 Yet within three days shall Phâr'-āōh 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 Phâr'-āōh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Phâr'-āōh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Jō-šěph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Jō-šěph, but forgat him.

CHAPTER 41

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Phâr'-āōh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine

came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Phâr'āōh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Phâr'āōh 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 magicians of Ē'ġypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Phâr'āōh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Phâr'āōh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Phâr'āōh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Phâr'āōh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* 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* there with us a young man, an Hē-brēw, 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; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ Then Phâr'āōh sent and called Jō'sěph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Phâr'āōh.

15 And Phâr'āōh said unto Jō'sěph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Jō'sěph answered Phâr'āōh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Phâr'āōh an answer of peace.

17 And Phâr'āōh said unto Jō'sěph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Ē'ġypt for badness:

20 And the lean and the ill favoured 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 favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in 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 devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

25 ¶ And Jō'sěph said unto Phâr'āoh, The dream of Phâr'āoh is one: God hath shewed Phâr'āoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of

famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Phâr'āoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Phâr'āoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Ē'ġypt:

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Ē'ġypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall* be very grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Phâr'āoh twice; *it is* because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Phâr'āoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Ē'ġypt.

34 Let Phâr'āoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Ē'ġypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Phâr'āoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Ē-ĝypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 ¶ And the thing was good in the eyes of Phâr-āoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Phâr-āoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Phâr-āoh said unto Jō-šěph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Phâr-āoh said unto Jō-šěph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Ē-ĝypt.

42 And Phâr-āoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jō-šěph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of 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, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Ē-ĝypt.

44 And Phâr-āoh said unto Jō-šěph, I am Phâr-āoh, and with-

out thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Ē-ĝypt.

45 And Phâr-āoh called Jō-šěph's name Zăph-năth-pā-ă-nē-ăh; and he gave him to wife Ās-ě-năth the daughter of Pôt-ĭ-phěr-ăh priest of Ōn. And Jō-šěph went out over all the land of Ē-ĝypt.

46 ¶ And Jō-šěph was thirty years old when he stood before Phâr-āoh king of Ē-ĝypt. And Jō-šěph went out from the presence of Phâr-āoh, and went throughout all the land of Ē-ĝypt.

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, which were in the land of Ē-ĝypt, 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 Jō-šěph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

50 And unto Jō-šěph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Ās-ě-năth the daughter of Pôt-ĭ-phěr-ăh priest of Ōn bare unto him.

51 And Jō-šěph called the name of the firstborn Mă-năs-sěh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget

all my toil, and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he Ē-phră-īm: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Ē-gŷpt, were ended.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Jō-šēph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Ē-gŷpt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Ē-gŷpt was famished, the people cried to Phâr-āōh for bread: and Phâr-āōh said unto all the Ē-gŷp-tiāns, Go unto Jō-šēph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Jō-šēph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Ē-gŷp-tiāns; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Ē-gŷpt.

57 And all countries came into Ē-gŷpt to Jō-šēph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

CHAPTER 42

Now when Jā-cōb saw that there was corn in Ē-gŷpt, Jā-cōb said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have

heard that there is corn in Ē-gŷpt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 ¶ And Jō-šēph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Ē-gŷpt.

4 But Běn-jă-mĭn, Jō-šēph's brother, Jā-cōb sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Īś-rā-ĕl came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Cā-nă-ăn.

6 And Jō-šēph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Jō-šēph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Jō-šēph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Cā-nă-ăn to buy food.

8 And Jō-šēph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Jō-šēph 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, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy

servants come.

11 *We are* all one man's sons; *we are true men*, thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Cā'nā-ān; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

14 And Jō'sēph 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 Phār'āōh 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 kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be* any truth in you: or else by the life of Phār'āōh surely ye *are* spies.

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Jō'sēph 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 the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But 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, *We are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Rēu'bēn answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Jō'sēph understood *them*; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Sīm'ē-ōn, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ Then Jō'sēph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in

the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

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 were afraid, saying one to another, What is this *that* God hath done unto us?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jā'cōb their father unto the land of Cā'nā-ān, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

30 The man, *who* is the lord of the land, spake roughly to 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 *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Cā'nā-ān.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true *men*; leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food* for the famine of your households, and *be* gone:

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 traffick 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 *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jā'cōb their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children*: Jō'sēph *is* not, and Sīm'ē-ōn *is* not, and ye will take Bēn'jā-mīn *away*: all these things are against me.

37 And Rēu'bēn 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 *is* left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAPTER 43

AND the famine was sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Ē'gŷpt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Jūd'āh 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 Īś-rā-ēl 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 us straitly of our state, and of 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 certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Jūd-āh said unto Īś-rā-ēl 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 let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

11 And their father Īś-rā-ēl said unto them, *If it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little

balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Běn-jā-mĭn. 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 Běn-jā-mĭn; and rose up, and went down to Ē-gŷpt, and stood before Jō-šĕph.

16 And when Jō-šĕph saw Běn-jā-mĭn with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Jō-šĕph bade; and the man brought the men into Jō-šĕph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Jō-šĕph'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 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 Jō'sěph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, 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 hands to buy food: we cannot tell 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 Sīm'ě-ōn out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Jō'sěph'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 Jō'sěph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Jō'sěph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed 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 answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Běn'jā-mīn, his mother's son, and said, *Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.*

30 And Jō'sěph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Ē-ġyp'tiāns, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Ē-ġyp'tiāns might not eat bread with the Hē-brēw's; for that *is* an

abomination unto the
Ē-ġp-tiāns.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birth-right, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Bēn'jā-mīn's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

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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 corn money. And he did according to the word that Jō-šēph 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 not yet far off*, Jō-šēph said unto his steward, 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 it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he

divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Cā'nā-ān: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both 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 servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily 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 at the youngest: and the cup was found in Bēn'jā-mīn's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Jûd-āh and his brethren

came to Jō'sěph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Jō'sěph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?

16 And Jûd'ăh 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 servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Jûd'ăh 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 Phâr'ăh.

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, *and* 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 saw him not since:

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to

thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant 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, and the lad *be* not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

CHAPTER 45

THEN Jō'sěph 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 Jō'sěph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Ē-gŷp-tĭāns and the house of Phâr-āōh heard.

3 And Jō'sěph said unto his brethren, I *am* Jō'sěph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren

could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Jō'sěph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Jō'sěph your brother, whom ye sold into Ē-gŷpt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives 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 Phâr-āōh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Ē-gŷpt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Jō'sěph, God hath made me lord of all Ē-gŷpt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Gō-shěh, 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 yet *there are* five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Bĕn'-jǎ-mĭn, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Ē'-ġypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Bĕn'-jǎ-mĭn's neck, and wept; and Bĕn'-jǎ-mĭn wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Phâr'-āoh's house, saying, Jō'-šĕph's brethren are come: and it pleased Phâr'-āoh well, and his servants.

17 And Phâr'-āoh said unto Jō'-šĕph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Cā'-nǎ-ǎn;

18 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the

land of Ē'-ġypt, 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 Ē'-ġypt 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 Ē'-ġypt is yours.

21 And the children of Īś'-rā-ĕl did so: and Jō'-šĕph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Phâr'-āoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Bĕn'-jǎ-mĭn 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 Ē'-ġypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat 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 Ē'-ġypt, and came into the land of Cā'-nǎ-ǎn unto Jā'-cōb their father,

26 And told him, saying, Jō'-šĕph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Ē'-ġypt. And

Jā'cōb's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Jō'sēph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Jō'sēph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jā'cōb their father revived:

28 And Īs-rā-ēl said, *It is enough; Jō'sēph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.*

CHAPTER 46

AND Īs-rā-ēl took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-shē-bā, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Ī-sāac.

2 And God spake unto Īs-rā-ēl in the visions of the night, and said, Jā'cōb, Jā'cōb. And he said, Here *am I.*

3 And he said, *I am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Ē-gŷpt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4 I will go down with thee into Ē-gŷpt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: and Jō'sēph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And Jā'cōb rose up from Beer-shē-bā: and the sons of Īs-rā-ēl carried Jā'cōb their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Phâr-āōh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and

their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Cā-nā-ān, and came into Ē-gŷpt, Jā'cōb, 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 Ē-gŷpt.

8 ¶ And these *are* the names of the children of Īs-rā-ēl, which came into Ē-gŷpt, Jā'cōb and his sons: Reu-bēn, Jā'cōb's firstborn.

9 And the sons of Reu-bēn; Hā-nō-ch, and Phāl-lū, and Hēz-rōn, and Cār-mī.

10 ¶ And the sons of Sīm-ē-ōn; Jē-mū-ēl, and Jā'mīn, and Ō'hād, and Jā'chīn, and Zō'hār, and Shā-ūl the son of a Cā-nā-ān-ī-tīsh woman.

11 ¶ And the sons of Lē-vī; Gēr-shōn, Kō'hāth, and Mē-râr-ī.

12 ¶ And the sons of Jūd-āh; Ēr, and Ō'nān, and Shē-lāh, and Phâr-ēz, and Zē-rāh: but Ēr and Ō'nān died in the land of Cā-nā-ān. And the sons of Phâr-ēz were Hēz-rōn and Hām-ūl.

13 ¶ And the sons of Īs-sā-chār; Tō-lā, and Phū-vāh, and Jōb, and Shīm-rōn.

14 ¶ And the sons of Zē-bū-lūn; Sē-rēd, and Ē'lōn, and Jāh-leel.

15 These *be* the sons of Lē-āh, which she bare unto Jā'cōb in Pā-dān-âr-ām, with his daughter

Dī'nāh: all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty and three.

16 ¶ And the sons of Gād; Zīph-ī-on, and Hāg-gī, Shū-nī, and Ěz-bōn, Ē-rī, and Ā-rō-dī, and Ā-rē-lī.

17 ¶ And the sons of Āsh'ēr; Jīm-nāh, and Īsh-ū-āh, and Īs-ū-ī, and Bē-rī-āh, and Sē-rāh their sister: and the sons of Bē-rī-āh; Hē-bēr, and Māl-chī-ěl.

18 These *are* the sons of Zīl-pāh, whom Lā-bān gave to Lē-āh his daughter, and these she bare unto Jā-cōb, *even* sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rā-chēl Jā-cōb's wife; Jō-sēph, and Bēn-jā-mīn.

20 ¶ And unto Jō-sēph in the land of Ē-gypt were born Mā-nās-sēh and Ē-phrā-īm, which Ās-ē-nāth the daughter of Pōt-ī-phēr-āh priest of Ōn bare unto him.

21 ¶ And the sons of Bēn-jā-mīn were Bē-lāh, and Bē-chēr, and Āsh-bēl, Gē-rā, and Nā-ā-mān, Ē-hī, and Rōsh, Mūp-pīm, and Hūp-pīm, and Ārd.

22 These *are* the sons of Rā-chēl, which were born to Jā-cōb: all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 ¶ And the sons of Dān; Hū-shīm.

24 ¶ And the sons of Nāph-tā-lī; Jāh-zeel, and Gū-nī, and Jēz'ēr, and Shīl-lēm.

25 These *are* the sons of Bīl'hāh, which Lā-bān gave unto Rā-chēl his daughter, and she bare these unto Jā-cōb: all the souls *were* seven.

26 All the souls that came with Jā-cōb into Ē-gypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jā-cōb's sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six;

27 And the sons of Jō-sēph, which were born him in Ē-gypt, *were* two souls: all the souls of the house of Jā-cōb, which came into Ē-gypt, *were* threescore and ten.

28 ¶ And he sent Jūd-āh before him unto Jō-sēph, to direct his face unto Gō-shēn; and they came into the land of Gō-shēn.

29 And Jō-sēph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Īs-rā-ěl his father, to Gō-shēn, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Īs-rā-ěl said unto Jō-sēph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive.

31 And Jō-sēph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Phār-āōh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Cā-nā-ān, are come unto me;

32 And the men *are* shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Phâr-^āōh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Gō-shĕn; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Ē-ġp-tĭāns.

CHAPTER 47

THEN Jō-^šĕph came and told Phâr-^āōh, 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 Cā-nă-ăn; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Gō-shĕn.

2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Phâr-^āōh.

3 And Phâr-^āōh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Phâr-^āōh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Phâr-^āōh, For to sojourn in the

land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Cā-nă-ăn: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Gō-shĕn.

5 And Phâr-^āōh spake unto Jō-^šĕph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Ē-ġypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Gō-shĕn let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Jō-^šĕph brought in Jā-^cōb his father, and set him before Phâr-^āōh: and Jā-^cōb blessed Phâr-^āōh.

8 And Phâr-^āōh said unto Jā-^cōb, How old *art* thou?

9 And Jā-^cōb said unto Phâr-^āōh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jā-^cōb blessed Phâr-^āōh, and went out from before Phâr-^āōh.

11 ¶ And Jō-^šĕph placed his father

and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Ē'ġypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Răm'ě-sēs, as Phâr'āoh had commanded.

12 And Jō'sěph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, 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 Ē'ġypt and *all* the land of Cā'nă-ăn fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Jō'sěph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Ē'ġypt, and in the land of Cā'nă-ăn, for the corn which they bought: and Jō'sěph brought the money into Phâr'āoh's house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Ē'ġypt, and in the land of Cā'nă-ăn, all the Ē-ġyp'tiāns came unto Jō'sěph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Jō'sěph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Jō'sěph: and Jō'sěph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread

for all their cattle for that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

19 Wherefore shall 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 Phâr'āoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Jō'sěph bought all the land of Ē'ġypt for Phâr'āoh; for the Ē-ġyp'tiāns sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Phâr'āoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Ē'ġypt even to the *other* end thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Phâr'āoh, and did eat their portion which Phâr'āoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Jō'sěph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you

this day and your land for Phâr'āōh: lo, *here is seed for you*, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Phâr'āōh, 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, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Phâr'āōh's servants.

26 And Jō'sěph made it a law over the land of Ē'ğypt unto this day, *that Phâr'āōh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Phâr'āōh's.*

27 ¶ And Īs'rā-ěl dwelt in the land of Ē'ğypt, in the country of Gō'shēn; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jā'cōb lived in the land of Ē'ğypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jā'cōb was an hundred forty and seven years.

29 And the time drew nigh that Īs'rā-ěl must die: and he called his son Jō'sěph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace 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 Ē'ğypt:

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Ē'ğypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Īs'rā-ěl bowed himself upon the bed's head.

CHAPTER 48

AND it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Jō'sěph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Mă-năs'sēh and Ē'phră-īm.

2 And *one* told Jā'cōb, and said, Behold, thy son Jō'sěph cometh unto thee: and Īs'rā-ěl strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3 And Jā'cōb said unto Jō'sěph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Lüz in the land of Că'nă-ăn, and blessed me,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for an everlasting possession.*

5 ¶ And now thy two sons, Ē'phră-īm and Mă-năs'sēh, which were born unto thee in the land of Ē'ğypt before I came unto thee into Ē'ğypt, *are mine; as Reū'bēn*

and Sĭm'ĕ-on, they shall be mine.
6 And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Pā'dān, Rā'chĕl died by me in the land of Cā'nā-ān in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ē'phrāth: and I buried her there in the way of Ē'phrāth; the same *is* Bĕth-lĕ-hĕm.

8 And Īś'rā-ĕl beheld Jō'sĕph's sons, and said, Who *are* these?

9 And Jō'sĕph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

10 Now the eyes of Īś'rā-ĕl 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 Īś'rā-ĕl said unto Jō'sĕph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

12 And Jō'sĕph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Jō'sĕph took them both, Ē'phrā-ĭm in his right hand

toward Īś'rā-ĕl's left hand, and Mă-năs'sĕh in his left hand toward Īś'rā-ĕl's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him.

14 And Īś'rā-ĕl stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ē'phrā-ĭm's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Mă-năs'sĕh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Mă-năs'sĕh was the firstborn.

15 ¶ And he blessed Jō'sĕph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Ā'brā-hām and Ī'sāac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Ā'brā-hām and Ī'sāac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Jō'sĕph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ē'phrā-ĭm, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ē'phrā-ĭm's head unto Mă-năs'sĕh's head.

18 And Jō'sĕph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the firstborn; 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: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Īś-rā-ēl bless, saying, God make thee as Ē-phrā-īm and as Mă-nās-sēh: and he set Ē-phrā-īm before Mă-nās-sēh.

21 And Īś-rā-ēl said unto Jō-šēph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Ām-ō-rīte with my sword and with my bow.

CHAPTER 49

AND Jā-cōb called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jā-cōb; and hearken unto Īś-rā-ēl your father.

3 ¶ Reū-bēn, thou *art* my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest

up to thy father's bed; then defilest thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Sīm-ě-on and Lē-vī *are* brethren; instruments of cruelty *are* in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed *be* their anger, for *it* was fierce; and their wrath, for *it* was cruel: I will divide them in Jā-cōb, and scatter them in Īś-rā-ēl.

8 ¶ Jûd-āh, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Jûd-āh *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Jûd-āh, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shī-lōh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ Zě-bū-lūn shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zī-dōn.

14 ¶ Īs-sā-chār *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16 ¶ Dān shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Īs-rā-ēl.

17 Dān shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

19 ¶ Gād, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

20 ¶ Out of Āsh-ēr his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

21 ¶ Nāph-tā-lī *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Jō-šēph *is* a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him*, and hated him:

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jā-cōb; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Īs-rā-ēl:)

25 *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, 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 Jō-šēph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

27 ¶ Bēn-jā-mīn shall ravine *as* a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

28 ¶ All these *are* the twelve tribes of Īs-rā-ēl: 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 Ē-phrōn the Hīt-tite,

30 In the cave that is in the field of Măch-pē-lāh, which is before Mām-rē, in the land of Cā-nă-ăn, which Ā-bră-hăm bought with the field of Ē-phrōn the Hīt-tite for a possession of a burying-place.

31 There they buried Ā-bră-hăm and Sâr-ăh his wife; there they buried Ī-sāac and Rě-běk-ăh his wife; and there I buried Lē-ăh.

32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Hěth.

33 And when Jā-çob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAPTER 50

AND Jō-šěph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Jō-šěph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Īs-rā-ěl.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Ē-ğyp-tiāns mourned for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Jō-šěph spake unto the house of Phâr-ăoh, saying, If now I have found grace

in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Phâr-ăoh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Cā-nă-ăn, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Phâr-ăoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 ¶ And Jō-šěph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Phâr-ăoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Ē-ğypt,

8 And all the house of Jō-šěph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Gō-shěh.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Ā-tăd, which is beyond Jôr-dăn, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Cā-nă-ăn-ites, saw the mourning in the floor of Ā-tăd, they said, This is a grievous

mourning to the Ē-ĝyp'tiāns: wherefore the name of it was called Ā'bēl-mīz-rā-īm, which is beyond Jōr'dān.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

13 For his sons carried him into the land of Cā'nā-ān, and buried him in the cave of the field of Māch-pē'lāh, which Ā'brā-hām bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ē-phrōn the Hīt-tīte, before Mām'rē.

14 ¶ And Jō'sēph returned into Ē'ĝypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Jō'sēph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Jō'sēph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Jō'sēph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Jō'sēph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the

servants of the God of thy father. And Jō'sēph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Jō'sēph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto 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 kindly unto them.

22 ¶ And Jō'sēph dwelt in Ē'ĝypt, he, and his father's house: and Jō'sēph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Jō'sēph saw Ē'phrā-īm's children of the third *generation*: the children also of Mā'chīr the son of Mā'nās-sēh were brought up upon Jō'sēph's knees.

24 And Jō'sēph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Ā'brā-hām, to Ī'sāac, and to Jā'cōb.

25 And Jō'sēph took an oath of the children of Īs'rā-ēl, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Jō'sěph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Ē'ġypt.