## GENESIS.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

(Division).

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*There are 14 altogether in the Bible:
- The above in Genesis 11
- The Generations of Aaron and Moses (Num. 3:1) 1
- The Generations of Pharez (Ruth 4:18—22) 1

† This latter needed to complete the number of spiritual perfection (2x7=14). See Ap. 10.
1 In the beginning 1God 2created 3the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth became waste, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And 1the Spirit of God moved [the beginning of the heavens and earth which are now] upon the face of the waters.

3 And 1God said, "Let there be light." And there became light.

4 And 1God saw the light, that it was beautiful: and 1God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And 1God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the day one.

6 And 1God said, "Let there be an expanse [something spread out] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And 1God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And 1God called the firmament Heaven [high, lofty]. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

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**THE *FIRST* BOOK OF *MOSES*

**CALLED**

**GENESIS.**

First Book. For its relation to the other books of the Pentateuch as well as to the Hebrew Canon of O.T., see Ap. 1. Book. See Ap. 47.


Genesis. No part of Hebrew Title, which is simply *R*eshi*thi*, "in [the] beginning", because the book of all beginnings. Genesis is Greek = generation, creation. For its being complementary to the Apocalypse, see Ap. 3.

1 "THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS" (2 Pet. 3. 5, 6). See Structure. Creation in eternity past, to which all Fossils and "Remains" belong.

God. Heb. Elohim, pl. First occurrence connects it with creation, and denotes, by usage, the Creator in relation to His creatures. See Ap. 4. The Heb. accent *Atb*ān*ī*ch places the emphasis, and gives pause, on "God" as being Himself the great worker, separating the Worker from His work.


2- And. Note the Fig. Polydactyly (Ap. 6), by which, in the 34 verses of this Introduction, each one of 102 separate acts are emphasized; and the important word "God" in v. 1 is carried like a lamp through the whole of this Introduction (1. 1—2. 3). the earth. Fig. Anadioposis. See Ap. 6.

was = became. See Gen. 2. 7; 4. 5; 9; 15; 19; 26. Ex. 32. 1. Deut. 27. 9. 2 Sam. 7. 24, &c. Also rendered came to pass Gen. 4. 14; 22. 1; 23. 1; 27. 1. Josh. 4. 1; 5. 1. 1 Kings 13. 32. Isa. 14. 24, &c. Also rendered be (in the sense of become), v. 3, &c, and where the verb "to be" is not in italic type. Hence, Ex. 3. 1, kept = became keeper, qit = become men, &c. See Ap. 7. without form = waste. Heb. toh*ū* və boh*ā*.

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1: -2-31. THE HEAVENS AND EARTH WHICH ARE NOW

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2 the Spirit of God moved (see Ap. 9) = The beginning of "the heavens and earth which are now" (2 Pet. 3. 7). It is even so in the New Creation. The Spirit moves (John 3. 3-8. Rom. 8. 5, 9, 14. Gal. 4. 29. 2 Cor. 5. 17, 18).

3 God said (occurs 10 times in Introduction). This begins each day: 3rd day twice; 6th day four times. The second act is also of God (1 Pet. 1. 23-25). Ap. 5.


evening . . . morning. Fig. Synecdoche (of the Part), Ap. 6. Put for a full day. The beginning and end of anything is put for the whole of it. Cp. Ecc. 3. 11; 10. 13; 11. 6. Ps. 92. 2. Isa. 41. 4; 44. 6; 48. 12. Rev. 1. 8; 11. 17; 2. 8; 21. 6; 22. 13.

first. For spiritual significance see Ap. 10.


8 Heaven = Heb. high, lofty.
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 'beautiful.

11 And 'God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit 9 after his kind, whose 3seed is in itself, upon the earth:" and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed 11 after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and 'God saw that it was 'beautiful.
13 And the 5evening and the morning were the 19 third day.
14 And 'God said, "Let there be lightholders in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for 'signs [things to come], and for 'seasons [appointed times], 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 the two great 14 lightholders; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made 3 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 light from the darkness: and 'God saw that it was 'beautiful.
19 And the evening and the morning were the 4 fourth day.
20 And 'God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath 7life, and fowl 12 that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."

21 And 'God created great sea-creatures, and every living soul that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, 11 after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and 'God saw that it was 'beautiful.
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 5evening and the morning were the 5 fifth day.
24 And 'God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living 20 creature 11 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 11 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 'beautiful.

26 And 'God said, 3"Let Us make mankind in the likeness of Our image: 3and 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."
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 "beautiful." And the "evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus "the heavens and the earth which are now" were finished, and all the host of them.  

2 And on the sixth 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 FAMILY HISTORY OF THE HEAVENS AND OF THE EARTH when they were created, when 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 And there went up a "mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed [as a potter] "man [Adam] of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath that is life: and man became a living "soul.

8 (And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, eastward; and there He put the man [Adam] 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 the Persian Gulf went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.
11 The name of the first is *Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of *Havilah [the region of sand], 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 *Gihon: the same *is it that compasseth the whole land of *Kas.  
14 And the name of the third river is *Tigris: that is it which goeth toward the east of *Assur. And the fourth river is Euphrates.  
15 And the LORD God took this same man Adam, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to preserve it.  
16 And the LORD God commanded the man [Adam], 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 when thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."  
18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man [Adam] should be alone; I will make him an help as his counter part 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 Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature [soul], that was the name thereof.  
20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help *counter part for him.  
21 *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and He took one of his ribs [curve, or a side], 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 Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called 22Woman, 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 [Adam] and his wife, and were not ashamed.  

3 Now the *serpent was more wise than any living being of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman,
"Can it be that God hath 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 [a belt for the waist].

8 And they heard the footsteps of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam 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 Adam, 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 shouldst not eat?"

12 And the man Adam 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 [Satan] beguiled me, and I did eat."

14 And the LORD God said unto the woman, "Because thou hast done this, thou shalt be 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 [Satan’s] seed and her Seed; "Christ shall bruise thy head [vital part], and thou shalt bruise His heel [lower part]."

16 Unto the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply thy pain when thou shalt bear children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."
sorrow and thy conception [pregnancy]; in sorrow [painful toil] thou shalt bring forth 
children; and thy desire shall be subject to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

17 And unto Adam He said, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it:' cursed [nature affected] is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy whole body shalt thou eat food, 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 Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all who should live after her.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skin, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, "Behold, the man Adam is become as one of Us, to know general 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 Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So He drove out the man Adam; and He placed [to dwell] at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and the flaming sword which turned every way, to preserve the way of the Tree of life.

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man from the LORD." And she again [continued in labour] bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground a sacrifice unto Jehovah.

4 And Abel, he also brought [by faith] of the firstlings of his flock, and the fattest ones too. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his sacrifice:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.


For children. Heb. = sons; but daughters included by context.

to = subject to.

Childbearing was not brought into this for eating an apple.


18 Thorns. The sign of the curse. What else was brought forth is not stated; but the word may include all kinds of noxious insects, &c, as well as poisonous weeds.

It was a crown of "Thorns" that drew the first blood from our Lord.

20 Eve = Heb. Chavvah = Life, Life-spring. Showing that he believed God. The name "Eve" occ. 4 times: here; 4: 1; 2 Cor. 11. 3; and 1 Tim. 2. 13.


22 coats. Omitted in the Codex "Severus" See Ap. 34.

23 Therefore: the object is self-evident.

24 drove out. Note the failure of man under every dispensation.


a = should be "the," every way, not natah (aside), savav (about), sug (back), panah (toward), but hapakh (every way), effectually preserving the way.

keep. See note on Gen. 2. 15 = preserve, so that man should not "live for ever" in his fallen condition, but only in Christ, 1 John 5. 11, 12.

tree of life. See note on 2. 9.

4: 1-26. AFTER THE FALL.

1 Cain = acquisition.


2 Abel = transitoriness.

3 in process of time. Heb. at [the] end of days. The time as well as place and offering probably appointed.

ground. The product of the curse. Cp. 3. 17.

offering. &c. = a sacrifice unto Jehovah. Most religious, but his own "way" (Jude 11); but not first-fruits as Abel's. Heb. minchah. See Ap. 48. II. iii.

LORD = Jehovah. Note, the sacrifices both brought to Jehovah as the covenant God; not to Elohim, the Creator. See Ap. 4.

4 brought: "by faith," Heb. 11. 4, which came by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10. 17).

firstlings and the fat. &c. Fig. Heniadyos. Ap. 6 = "the firstlings, and..."respect: by accepting it by fire Divinely sent. Lev. 9. 24. Judg. 6. 21. 1 Kings 18. 38. 1 Chron. 21. 26. 2 Chron. 7.1; and cp. Ps. 20. 3, and Heb. 11. 4.

Fig. Antimetabole (Ap.6)

had respect, his offering, his offerings had not respect

6 Why...? Fig. Erotesis for emph. (Ap. 6).
7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, 
a sin offering lieth at the door. And unto thee is his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
8 And Cain said to Abel his brother, [Let us go into the field]: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?
10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
11 And now 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 produce; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.  
13 And Cain said unto the LORD, Is mine iniquity too great to be forgiven?
14 Behold, Thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from Thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that any one that findeth me shall slay me.
15 And the LORD said unto him, Not so, whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.
16 And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.
17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.
18 And unto Enoch was born a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.
19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.
21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pan's pipe.
22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: I can kill a man for wounding me, and a young man for hurting me.
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech shall be avenged seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another son instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.
26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men [profanely] to call upon the name of the LORD.
This is THE BOOK OF THE GENERATIONS OF ADAM. In the day that God created the man Adam, in the likeness of God made He him;

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

3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth.

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days of Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked to and fro with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him without dying.

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall give us rest from our works and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.
5. 32. And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6. And it came to pass, when the man Adam began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of 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 remain in the man Adam, for that the man Adam also, as well as the others, is flesh: yet Adam's days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

4 There were Nephilim in the earth in the days of Noah; after their destruction by the Flood, as well as before it, when the angels 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 lewdness and moral depravity of man was multiplied in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented Jehovah, in His covenant relation with man-kind that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.

7 And the LORD said, "I will blot out 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 Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 THESE are THE GENERATIONS OF NOAH: Noah was a just man and without blemish as to breed and pedigree in his contemporaries, and Noah walked habitually with God.

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

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 [the Creator] said unto Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark [a floating building] of gopher wood; nests shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt coat it within and without with resin.

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 Thus Noah did. And the LORD caused the east wind to blow upon the earth, and the east wind blew upon the waters of the sea. The waters were multiplied on the earth: and the mountains were covered.

17 For forty days and forty nights it rained upon the earth.

18 And Noah, as well as his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives, entered into the ark, with every beast, and with every fowl, and every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth.

19 And it came to pass after the seven days of rain, that Noah opened the windows of the ark which he had made.

20 And he sent forth a raven, which returned not unto him until the waters were dried up from the earth.

21 And he sent forth a dove out of the ark; but no place of rest could she find, because of the waters. She returned unto him until the seventh day.

22 And he sent forth a dove out of the ark again, and it returned not unto him until the seventh day.

23 And it came to pass on the seventh day of the ark, that he sent forth a dove out of the ark.

24 And the dove came to him in the evening; and, lo, her young in her mouth. He called the name of the dove, Peace.

25 And Noah rested the second year, on the seven and twentieth day of the month: and the earth dried.

26 And Noah went out of the ark, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him.

27 And every beast, and every fowl, and every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth, went forth out of the ark; those that had a life being.

28 And Noah built an altar unto Jehovah: and he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and sacrificed upon the altar.

29 And Jehovah smelled a sweet savour: and Jehovah said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the thought of man's heart is evil from his youth; and my soul shall not again be grieved for all the days that are to come.

30 And Noah built an altar unto Jehovah: and he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and sacrificed upon the altar.

31 And Jehovah said unto Noah, "This is the token of the covenant which I have made between me and all flesh, for an everlasting covenant; for in it is thy seed."
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 [every kind of being], wherein is the breath [spirit] of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall expire."

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, and of every creeping thing of the ground "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 of beasts that are clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, two and two with thee into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation.

7 And Jehovah said unto Noah, "Come thou and all thy household into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation.

2 Of every "clean [for sacrifice] beast shalt thou 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 blot out from off the face of the ground."

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

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

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

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

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 Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great waters of the abyss broken up, and the floodgates of heaven were opened.
7. 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 ceased to breathe 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, ceased to breathe.

23 And every standing thing was wiped out 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 wiped out from the earth: and Noah 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.

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that were 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 floodgates 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 [Saturday, the Sabbath Day] in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

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

8 Also he sent forth a dove [a clean bird] 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 the 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 a newly-sprouted olive leaf plucked off: so Noah 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 [of Noah's life], in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

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

15 And God [the Creator] spake unto Noah, saying,

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

17 Bring forth all 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 Noah 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 Noah 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; although 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."

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every living thing of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the ground, 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 that is your lives will I require; at the hand of every man's brother will I require it, and at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life thereof.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed:

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein."

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

9 "And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature which is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every living thing 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 grant 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, and when 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 Noah, "This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth."
18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.
19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.
20 And Noah was an husbandman [giving himself to tillage], and he planted a vineyard:
21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.
22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.
23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness.
24 And Noah awoke [to wisdom] from his wine, and knew what his son [Ham] had done unto him.
25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.
26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan be his servant.
27 God shall dwell in Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.
28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.
29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10 Now these are THE GENERATIONS OF THE SONS OF NOAH. Shem [the youngest], Ham [the second], and Japheth [the eldest]: and unto them were sons born after the flood.
2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodam.
5 By these were the costal-lands of the Gentiles divided, these were the sons of Japheth in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.
6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.
7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one [hero] in the earth.
9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter in defiance of the LORD.
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was

23 Cp. Lev. 18. 8 ["The nakedness of thy father’s wife thou shalt not uncover: it is thy father’s nakedness."] Ham committed a sinful sex act with his mother. See also Lev. 20. 11.
24 awoke. Sept. e k neph, only here 1 Sam. 25. 37. Hab. 2. 7, 19; and Joel 1. 5. In N.T. only 1 Cor. 15. 34, means very much awake, awake to wisdom. younger = Japheth, not Shem. See notes on 5. 32; 10. 1.
25 Cursed. Fulf. in Book of Joshua. servant of servants. Fig. Polyptoton.
26 Blessed. Fulf. in Shem being in the line of the promised seed, and in the overthrow of Canaanites.
27 enlarge Japheth. Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Yapht le-yephth. Fulf. in increase of Western nations.
tents. Heb. ṧehel (Ap. 40). Prob. pl. of majesty, the Great Tent or Tabernacle of Shem, who would thus be the "Priest of the most High God". See note on 14. 18.
Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land [Nimrod] went forth into Asshur [and invaded it], and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Phœnicians, and Caphtorim.)

15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

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

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

21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

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

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

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

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimelech, and Sheba,

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

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou comest unto Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

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

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

11 And the whole of the people of the earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed eastward, that they found a plain in the land of Babylonia; 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 bitumen 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 Babel [confusion]; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from hence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are THE GENERATIONS OF SHEM: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat Peleg:

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

15 And Eber lived after he begat Teman four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

17 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

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

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

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

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram,
31 And "Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter by another wife, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto "Haran, and "dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah "died in Haran.

12 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, "Go for thyself [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 Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was "seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan "they came.

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of "Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. (And the "Canaanite being already in the land.)

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, "Unto thy seed will I give this land:" and there builded he an "altar unto the LORD, Who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of "Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an "altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

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### Notes and References

(3. 15) was coming into the world. In ch 6 he aimed at the whole human race. Now he aims at Abram and his land. Here is the second explanation of the words "after that" in 6. 4. He pre-occupies the territory ready to dispute the advance. The Canaanite "was then" "being already" there (cp. 13. 7). The progeny of the later attempt to corrupt the race had to be destroyed by the sword of Israel, as those "in the days of Noah" had been by the Flood. See Ap. 23 and 25.

7 altar. See note on Sichem, v. 6.


9 south. Heb. the Negeb or hill country S. of Judah (cp. 13. 1, 3). The Egyptian texts mention the Negeb. Towns taken by Shishak are mentioned as being there, e. g. Jerahmeel, Gerar, Kadesh, and Gaza.

10 famine. Satan's attempt (thus early) to destroy Abraham's seed, through Sarah. See Ap. 23.


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dughter in law = daughter by another wife. See Ap. 29.

e. g. Others beside those named. Cp. 24.10, 15; 29. 10.

Ur = a city of great pretensions. Recent excavations show luxury and attainments. Abraham no nomad. See note on 11. 28.

Haran. Not the Haran of v. 26 above; but Charan (Acts 7. 2, 4), the frontier town of Bab. Empire, devoted to the worship of the Moon-god.

dwelt. Till he died (v. 32).

32 died in Haran (Charan). With this Acts 7. 4 agrees. Not seeing this, the Massorites wrongly marked v. 32 with an inverted Nun (2) as being a dislocation of the Text.

12. 1 LORD = Jehovah, "The God of Glory" of Acts 7. 2, Fig. Enallage = The Glorious God, in contrast with idols (Josh. 24. 2).

Get thee out = Go for thyself, i.e. whatever others may do. Death had broken the link of nature's tie, which hindered Abram's obedience.

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9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the hill country south of Judah.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt 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 Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, "Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall sees 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 I, myself shall live because of thee."

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

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

16 And he entreated Abram 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 Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, "What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?"

19 "Why saidst thou, 'She is my sister?' so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way."

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had. 

12 see thee. In Egypt the women went unveiled.

13. 11. kill me. Satan's next assault, working on Abraham's fear. If God had not interfered (v. 17), where would His promise have been? (3. 15; 12. 7; 13. 15, &c.). See Ap. 23 and 25.


This was not a lie, Sarai was his half-sister (20. 12).

my soul = I, myself. Heb. nephes. See Ap. 13. Fig. Synecdoche (of Part).

15 Pharaoh = the official title of all kings of Egypt, like Kaiser, Czar, &c.

16 and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton. See Ap. 6, emph. each class of property. All these pictured on the Monuments in Egypt.


plagued. The Heb. word for "plagued" is # 5060 in the Strong's dictionary is (Naga, a prime root, prop. to touch, i.e., lay the hand upon (for the purpose; euphemism, to lie with a woman), to reach). Same word as in Gen. 3: 3 "touch", So it is easy to see what God did to "Pharaoh and his house", and, that God also has a sense of humor. Cp. v. 19 "I might have taken her to me to wife".


13. 1 Up = Palestine an ascent from Egypt.


2 silver, and in gold: scarce in Palestine, but plentiful in Egypt.

3 tent = shows him a stranger. at the beginning: very significant. No altar for Abram in Egypt. between Beth-el and Hai. Prob. Ebal or Gerizim. See note on 12. 8. 4 altar = shows him to be a worshipper. at the first. No worship in Egypt. See note v. 3.

5 tents. Fig. Metonymy (of Subject): "tents" put for the dwellers therein.

6 them. Those two. For signification of the No. 2, see Ap. 10.


12 Canaanite and Perizzite. See on 12. 6. These were the Nephilim. See Ap. 23, 25. dwelled. Heb. were dwelling.

then = already. See note on 12. 6.

in the land. Occupying it in advance, and spreading later to "the great cities of Bashan".


Sodom = flaming, burning.

Gomorrah = people of fear: already mixed up in the sins of the Nephilim. 2 Pet. 2. 4. Jude 6.

11 chose. Lot lifted up his own eyes (v. 10), and made his own choice. Cp. Abram, v. 14.

12 cities = one of the cities. Fig Synecdoche (of the Whole). See Ap. 6.

Or "among the cities". Cpv. 18. toward Sodom. See note on v. 7.

then I will go to the left."

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom flaming, burning.

Gomorrah = people of fear, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled among the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

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13. (But the men of Sodom were very wicked sinners before the LORD exceedingly.)
14. And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, "Lift up now thine eyes, and see  the place 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 forever.
16. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed 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 Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt among the oaks belonging to Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

14. And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;
2. That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.
3. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.
4. Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
5. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims [a branch of the Nephilim] in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,
6. And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness.
7. And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezion-tamar.
8. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;
9. With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.
10. And the vale of the Siddim was full of pits of bitumen; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.
11. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.
12. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.
13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol, and brother of Aner: and these also having a covenant with Abram.
14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his instructed servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

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

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king of Salem.

18 (And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the MOST HIGH GOD.)

19 And he blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram 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 Abram gave Melchizedek tithes of all).

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself." And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I swear 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 Abram rich:'

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."
7 And He said unto him, "I am the LORD That brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it."
8 And he said, "Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?"
9 And He said unto him, "Take an offering for 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 half, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.
12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.
13 And He said unto Abram, "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; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I punish: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
14 And thou shalt die and be buried in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
15 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.
16 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.
17 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:
19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, 20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, 21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."
18 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.
19 And Sarai said unto Abram, "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 Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.
20 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.
21 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.
22 And Sarai said unto Abram, "My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid unto thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and her."
23 But Abram said unto Sarai, "Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai 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 Shur.
8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go?" And she said, "I flee from the presence of my mistress Sarai."
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 Ishmael; 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 on the face of the same country of all his brethren."
13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, "Do I see, here, even after the Vision?"
14 Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.
15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.
16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.
17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, "I am the Almighty God; continue to walk before Me, and be thou perfect."
18 And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly."
19 And Abram fell on his face: and God [the Creator] talked with him, saying, "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations."
20 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
21 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
22 And I will establish My covenant [unconditional] 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.
23 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."
24 And God said unto Abraham, "Thou shalt keep My covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations."
25 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.

17: 1-27. THE COVENANT REPEATED AND SARAH'S BLESSING.

1, 2. Promise of seed to Abram.
15, 16. Promise seed to Sarah.
17. Prostration of Abraham, and joy.

Almighty GOD = El Shaddai. First occ See Ap. 4. This title assures Abram that He Who had called him was almighty to supply all his need. Cp. first occ. in N.T. (2 Cor. 6. 18), which assures us of the same supply.
walk = continue to walk.
exceedingly. Fig. Epizeuxis (greatly greatly). Ap. 6.
fell. Cp. Mary (John 11. 32) and contrast Martha (John 11. 21).
God = Elohim. Creator. Used in this ch. (vv. 3, 9, 15, 18, 22, 23) because He creates new names (vv. 5, 115), a new Sign of Covenant (vv. 9-14), and a new thing, from one as good as dead (Heb. 11. 12).
many. Emph. Fig. Antimereia (of Noun), for emphasis.
Abraham. The fifth letter of Heb. alphabet (CH = H), put in middle of his name = No. 5. Grace. See Ap. 10. Abram = exalted father; Abraham = father of multitude.
6 exceeding. Fig. Epizeuxis (greatly greatly). Ap. 6.
nations. Abraham was the progenitor not only of Israel, but of Ishmaelites, Midianites, Arabians, &c.
7 covenant: unconditional.
thy seed. Here, the coll. noun ser'a is shown to be plural by the words "after thee" (cp. vv. 8, 9), and by the pl. pron. "their generations" (vv. 7, 9). This is not the verse referred to in Gal. 3. 16, but Gen. 21. 12. See note on 21. 12, where "seed" must be in the sin, because of the verb.
everlasting. Hence Israel so called. Isa. 44. 7 margin.
thy seed. Still practiced by Ishmaelites and others. Non-circumcision was the "reproach" of Egypt (Josh. 5. 9).
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 you for an everlasting covenant.
14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that "soul [person] shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken My covenant.
15 And God said unto Abraham, "As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai [princely], but "Sarah [princess] 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; and kings of people shall be of her."
17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed [for joy], and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?"
18 And Abraham said unto God, "O that Ishmael might live before Thee!"
19 And God said, "Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.
20 And as for Ishmael, "I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this "set time in the next year."
22 And He left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.
23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and "circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.
24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
25 And Ishmael his son was "thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

12 eight = the number of Resurrection (Ap. 10); associated here with circumcision, the sign of death.
13 flesh. Fig. Synedoche, for the whole person. Ap.6.
14 soul. Heb. nephesh. Ap. 13. Fig. Synedoche, for person.
15 Sarah. The addition of the 5th letter (ת = H) of Heb. alphabet (the No. of Grace, Ap. 10) as in Abraham's case (v. 5) and Joshua's (Num. 13. 16). The letter ת (H) is common to both the names of Jehovah and Elohim. Sarai = princely; Sarah = princess.
16 kings. Sam., Onk., Jon., Sept., and Syr. read "and kings".
17 laughed: for joy. Heb. was joyful. Cp. John 8. 56, "rejoiced to see my day . . . and was glad." "The laughter of faith, Rom. 4. 19. Sarah did not fall down as Abraham did, v. 3. Shall, &c. Fig. Erotesis. (Cp. Heb. 11. 12).
18 might live, as though he thought Ishmael was to die: showing his faith in Isaac's birth. This is proved from v. 20.
19 and. Sam., Onk., Jon., Sept., Syr. read this "and" in the text.
20 I have heard. Showing the subject of Abraham's prayer. exceedingly. Fig. Epizeuxis (greatly greatly).
23 circumcised. Hence Ishmaelites and kindred nations still practice the rite.
25 thirteenth. Symbolic; and in contrast with Isaac on eighth day. See Ap. 10. Ishmaelites and Arabians still circumcise in the 13th year.

18: 1-16. THE COVENANT RENEWED.

1, 2. Appearance of Jehovah. (Three men.)
3-8. Their reception by Abraham.
9-15. Their conference with Abraham.
16-. Departure of Jehovah. (Three men.)

2 looked = among the oaks of Mamre. Cp. 13. 18; 14. 13; and 18. 8.
sat = was sitting.
3 three men. Elohim (Ap. 4) and two angels called men (Heb. 'ish, pl., Ap. 14) here, and vv. 16, 22; but in 19. 1, 15 the two are called "angels".
3 Three the No. of Divine perfection (see Ap. 10). "When two departed, Elohim (the Divine Presence) remained (vv. 16, 22).
3 LORD = Jehovah, not Adonai. See Ap. 32. But plural throughout ch. 19 of the two.
4 wash your feet. A common practice to this day; needed from use of sandals and bare feet; cp. 24. 32; 43. 24.
8 bread. Fig. Synedoche (of Species), Ap. 6, put for food in general.

18 And the LORD appeared unto him among the oaks of Mamre: and he was sitting 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 food, 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 Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah,
and said, "Make ready quickly  three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make  cakes upon the hearth."

7 And Abraham 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, "And as to Sarah thy wife," [and Abraham interrupting said,] "Lo! She is in the tent."

10 And He said, "I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

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

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?'

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

15 Then Sarah 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 down upon Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

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

19 For I know him, how 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 Abraham that which He hath spoken of him."

20 And the LORD said, "Because the  cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 Let us now go down, and see whether they have done altogether according to their outcry 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 Sodom: but Jehovah stood yet before Abraham.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, "Wilt Thou even destroy the righteous with the  wicked?

24 Perhaps 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 Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27 And Abraham answered and said, "Behold now,
I have taken upon me to speak unto the "Lord, which am but "dust and ashes: 28 Perhaps 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, "Perhaps 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 27Lord be angry, and I will speak: Perhaps 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 27Lord: Perhaps 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: Perhaps ten shall be found there." And He said, "I will not destroy it for ten's sake." 33 And the LORD 3 went His way, as soon as He had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And there came the two [of the three] angels to 38Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the 39gate [the seat of judgment] of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, "Behold now, 3 your lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise early, and go on your ways." And they said, "Nay; but we will abide 3 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 4 eat. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, "Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may 3 know [have intimate relations] them." 6 And Lot 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 3 known [intimate relations with] man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto 3 these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my 4 roof [protection]." 9 And they said, "Stand back." And they said again, "This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a

27 LORD*. One of the 134 places where the Primitive Text was Jehovah, and the Sopherim changed it to Adonai. These are distinguished in the text by an asterisk, and printed LORD*. See list, Ap. 32. dust and ashes. Fig. Meiosis. Ap. 6. Also Paronomasia (v’eph’ar ‘aphar). 33 went His way. The same as the one who came in vv. 1, 2.
15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, "Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the judgment 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 they said, "Escape for thy life [soul]; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

18 And Lot said unto them, "Oh, not so, 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 myself 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 Zoar [little].

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah burning brimstone 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 [curiously] from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:
28 And he bent forward and looked with awe and grief toward Sodom and Gomorrah, 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 Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the city in which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the 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; and he perceived not when she lay down, but [he did know] 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, but [he did know] when she arose.
36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.
And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Zimri: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name ©Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

And Abraham journeyed from thence toward ©the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

And Abraham ©said of Sarah his wife, "She is my half sister:" and ©Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and ©took Sarah.

But God came to Abimelech in a ©dream by night, and said to him, "Behold, thou art but a dead ©man, [I will slay thee]; for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife."

But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, "©Lord, wilt Thou slay [as well as Sodom and Gomorrah] a righteous ©nation?"

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.

And God said unto him in a dream, "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.

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."

Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

And Abimelech said unto Abraham, "©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."

And Abimelech said unto Abraham, "©What hast thou seen, that thou hast done this thing?"

And Abraham said, "Because I ©said to myself: Surely the fear of God ©is not in this place; and they will ©slay me for my wife's sake."

And yet indeed she is my ©half-sister; she ©is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

And it came to pass, when God ©caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, 'This ©is thy kind deeds which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, 'He ©is my brother.' "

And Abimelech took sheep, ©and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land ©is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee."

And unto Sarah 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 [by the Irony].

20. 17.  

17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, 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 Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife. 

21 And the LORD visited Sarah according as He had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the exact time of which °God [the Creator] had spoken to him. 

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, °Isaac. 

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being °eight days old, as God had commanded him. 

5 And Abraham was an °hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. 

6 And Sarah 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 Abraham, that Sarah 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 Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. 

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, °laughing and mocking again. 

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

11 And the word was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. 

12 And God said unto Abraham, "Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in °Isaac shall thy seed [Christ] be called. 

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

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a °bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting °it [the bottle of water] on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 

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 °the boy lifted up his voice and wept. 

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

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation." 

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw
a **digged 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 Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, **"God is with thee in all that thou doest:**

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: **but according to the kind acts** that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned."

24 And Abraham said, **"I will swear."**

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had **violently taken away.**

26 And Abimelech said, **"I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day."**

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and **both of them made a covenant.**

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

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, **"What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?"**

30 And he said, **"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-sheba [well of the oath]; because there they sware both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

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

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, "Abraham:" and he said, **"Behold me, here I am."**

2 And He said, **"Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer up him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."**

3 **And Abraham rose up early in the morning,** and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac 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 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, "Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go as far as there (as though pointing) and worship, and we will come again to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife;
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and they went  the burning offering. 7 And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, "My father:" and he said, "Here am I, my son." And he said, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will look out for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering:" so they went  of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham 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, "Abraham, Abraham." 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 Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and beheld behind him one ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and  of him for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said  . 15 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My voice." 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 richly 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 cities 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 Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba. 20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; 21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel." 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maacha. 25 And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died in "Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

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3 And Abraham stood up *leaning over the face of his dead*, and spake unto the sons of Heth, 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 *sons* of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,
6 "Hear us, my lord: thou are a *prince of El* among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead."
7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.
8 And he communed with them, saying, "If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,
9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much silver as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you."
10 And Ephron was sitting there among the *sons* of Heth:
11 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,
12 "My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is* worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead."
13 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, *even of all* that went in at the gate of his city, saying,
14 "Nay, my lord, hear me: the field *have I given* 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."
15 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.
16 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, "But if thou *hast given* 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."
17 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,
18 "My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is* worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead."
19 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, *current money* with the merchant.
20 And the field, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure.
21 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, *even before* all that went in at the gate of his city.
22 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.
23 And the field, and the cave that *is* therein, were *made sure* unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.
24 And Abraham was old [about 140], and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.
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 Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

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

5 And the servant said unto him, "Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?"

6 And Abraham said unto him, "Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, [and God of the earth] 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 Abraham 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 mounted, and went to Aram of the two rivers (the Tigris and Euphrates), unto the city of Nahor.

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 Abraham, I pray Thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand here by the spring of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, 'Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink;' and she shall say, 'Drink, and I will give thee camels drink also:' let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast shewed kindness unto my master."

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, behold, a Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a "virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the spring, 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 hasted, 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 hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well unto draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man eagerly watching her held his peace, to know 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 gold earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, "Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?"

24 And she said unto him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor."
25 She said moreover unto him, "We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in."
26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.
27 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, 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 Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the spring.
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 Rebekah his sister, saying, "Thus spake the man unto me;" that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the spring.
31 And Laban 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 Laban 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 Laban said, "Speak on."
34 And he said, "I am Abraham'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 maidservants, and camels, and asses.
36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.
37 And my master made me swear, saying, 'Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:
38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.'
39 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 habitually, 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 spring, and he said, 'O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now Thou do prosper my way which I go; 43 Behold, I stand by the spring 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, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the spring, 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 Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah 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 Abraham, Which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's granddaughter 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 Laban and Bethuel answered and said, 'The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.
51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, according as Jehovah hath spoken.'
52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham'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 changes of raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, "Send me away unto my master." And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and she became his wife; and he loved her:

55 And her brother and her mother said, "Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least two; after that she shall go." 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." And they said, "We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth." And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, "Wilt thou go with this man?" And she said, "I will go." And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, "Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them." And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way of the spring Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Isaac went out to mourn for his mother Sarah in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted hastily 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 Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was consoled himself for his mother's death.

25 Then ... Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah.

2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

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

4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All the tares, sown after Isaac, the good seed were the children of Keturah.

5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

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

7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years [175 years].

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and satisfied with days; and was gathered to his people.

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

10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the spring Lahai-roi.
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12 Now these are THE GENERATIONS OF ISHMAEL, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,
15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:
16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and what profit shall this birthright do to him? [I will sell it].

18 And these are THE GENERATIONS OF ISAAC, Abraham's son:
19 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.
20 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
21 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.
22 And the children grew: and Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.
23 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.
24 And Jacob boiled food cooked in a pot: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:
25 And Esau said to Jacob, "Feed me, I pray thee, with that same delicious red food; for I am faint." therefore was his name called Edom.
26 And Jacob said, "Sell me as on this very day thy birthright."
27 And Esau said, "Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? [I will sell it]."

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33 And Jacob said, "Swear to me this day; [that thou wilt sell it]" and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, "Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham 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 Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and she 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 Rebekah;" because she was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was caressing with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, "Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, 'She is my sister'?" And Isaac sware unto him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die for her.'"

10 And Abimelech 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 Abimelech charged all his people, saying, "He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 Then Isaac 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 possessions of herds, and great body of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, "Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we."

17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

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

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

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, "The water is ours;" and he called the name of the well "Esek" [strife]; because they strove with him.

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

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it "Rehoboth; and he said, "For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

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23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. 
24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for My servant Abraham's sake." 
25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well. 
26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. 
27 And Isaac 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 Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 
32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dugged, and said unto him, "We have found water."

33 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day. 
34 And Esau was forty years old when he took unto wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 
35 Which were a bitterness of spirit unto Isaac and to Rebekah. 

27 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old [137], and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, "My son:" and he 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, 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 I may bless thee before I die." 
5 And Rebekah was listening when Isaac was speaking to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. 
6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, "Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 
7 'Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.'

23 Beer-sheba. Heb. the well of the oath. 
26 Phichol Prob. an official military title. Cp. 21, 22. 
28 saw certainly. Fig Polypytoton (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. "seeing we saw". Cp. 2. 16 "freely eat"; 27. 30 "scarcely gone out"; 43. 3 "solemnly protest"; 43. 7 "asked us straitly", "could we certainly know"; 43. 20 "came indeed down"; Ex. 5. 23 "not delivered us at all"; 18. 18 "wilt surely wear away"; 21. 5 "shall plainly say"; Job 37. 2 "hear attentively"; Num. 22. 17, 37 "promote thee to very great honour" = honouring I will honour thee; 24. 10 "altogether blessed", Heb. "blessing thou hast blessed". Num. 26. 65; 30. 12 "utterly destroyed"; 23. 11; 24. 10 "altogether blessed". 
29 touched. Fig. Tapeinosis. Ap. 6. Emphasizing the fact that so far from injuring him in any way they had shown him favour. 
33 Shebah. Heb. an oath. 
34 therefore. Same name given by Abraham (21. 31). Names were sometimes reimposed for a new reason. Cp. Bethel (28. 18, 19 with 35. 6, 7) and Israel (32. 28 with 35. 10). 
34 These names exhibit the Fig. Polypytoton. Ap. 6. 
34 Judith. She had a second name, Aholibamah (36. 5, 14, 25). 
34 Beer. His name was also Anah, but he had acquired the name "Beer" (or the spring-man) from his having discovered the hot springs. See on 36. 24. 
34 Hittite = the general name. See note on 1 Kings 10. 29. 
34 Bashemath had a second name, Adah. The name Bashemath dropped in 36. 2 to avoid confusion with the daughter of Ishmael. In ch. 26 we have general history, but in 36 precise genealogy. 
35 grief. Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), grief put for that which caused it. No wonder it caused "bitterness of spirit" when we remember who the Canaanites were. 

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 Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:
12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a 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 Rebekah took coveted sacred things of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:
16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:
17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.
18 And he came unto his father, and said unto his father, "I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, and eat of my son's venison, that thou mayest bless me."
19 And Isaac said unto Jacob, "Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.
20 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."
21 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.
22 And he said, "Art thou my very son Esau?" And he said, "I am.
23 And he said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that I may bless thee." And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.
24 And his father Isaac said unto him, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son."
25 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his coveted sacred things, and blessed him, and
26 said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:
27 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of bread and solid foods and liquids:
28 Let peoples serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee."
29 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.
30 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 thou mayest bless me."
31 And Isaac his father said unto him, "Who art thou?"
32 And he said, "I am thy son, thy firstborn." 
33 And Isaac trembled a great trembling greatly, 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 Esau 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?
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36 Jacob? for he hath over-reached me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my "blessing." And he said, "Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?"

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, "Behold, I have made him a mighty man unto thee, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with food and liquids have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?"

38 And Esau said unto his father, "Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept [but could not change his father’s mind].

39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, "Behold, Far from the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling, and far from the dew of the heavens from above; 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."

40 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are "at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob."

41 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, "Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

42 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee for thyself to Laban my brother to 2Haran;

43 And tarry with him "a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

44 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?"

45 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the "daughters of Heth [Esau's wives]: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good would my life be to me?"

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and "blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, "Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan [mixed with the Nephilim].

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

3 And "GOD ALMIGHTY bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of peoples;

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojournings, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to 2Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "Thou shalt not take a wife of the 1daughters of 2Canaan;"

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

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of 2Canaan 3pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had 2Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.
10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.
11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one from among 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 beside him, and said, "I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, 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 Jacob 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 Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took of the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and of poured oil upon the top of it.
19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.
20 And Jacob made a solemn 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 [tithe] unto thee."

29 Then Jacob set the pillar at the place where he had dreamed. He called that place Beth-el, but the name of that city was Luz at the first.
2 And he looked, and behold a digged 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.
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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, Rachel came with "her father's sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob "kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was "her father's nephew, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban "heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, "and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, "Surely thou art my "nephew, shouldest thou therefore serve mine age? tell me, what shall thy wages be?"

15 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

16 Leah was weak eyed; but Rachel was "beautiful and comely in countenance.

17 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, "I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter."

18 And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me."

19 And Jacob "served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

20 And Jacob said unto Laban, "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her."

21 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

22 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

23 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah "Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning, "behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, "What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?"

25 And Laban said, "It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

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

27 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled Leah's "week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

28 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter "Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

29 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

30 And when the LORD saw that Leah was less loved, He opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

31 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name "Reuben: for she said, "Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me."

32 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, "Because the LORD hath heard that I was less loved, He hath therefore given me this son also:" and she called his name "Simeon.

33 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 she called his name "Levi."
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And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, "Now will I praise the LORD;" therefore she called his name Judah; and [for a time] left bearing.

30  And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no sons, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, "Give me sons, or else I die."

And Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, "Am I in God's stead, Who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?"

And she said, "Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may have children by her."

And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

And Rachel said, "God hath judged me, and hath also given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

And Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed:" and she called his name Naphtali.

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

And Leah said, "A victory cometh:" and she called his name Gad.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

And Leah said, "Happy am I, for the daughters are sure to call me blessed:" and she called his name Asher.

And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes."

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 Rachel said, "Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes."

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

And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

And Leah said, "God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband:" and she called his name Issachar.

And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

And she called his name Zebulun.

And Leah said, "God hath dowered me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons:" and she called his name Zebulun.

And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

And "God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb."

And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, "God hath taken away my reproach:"

And she called his name Joseph; and said, "The LORD is adding to me another son."

And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, "Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

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."

And Laban said unto him, "I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by divination that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake."

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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 family also?"

31 And he said, "What shall I give thee?" And Jacob 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 some future day, 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 Laban 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 Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.  
37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.  
38 And he set the rods which he had pilled 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 fettle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.  
40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.  
41 And it came to pass, whencesoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob 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 feeble were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.  
43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maid servants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.
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 Jacob 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 Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. 19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the household gods that were other father's. 20 And Jacob stole the heart of Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. 21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river [Euphrates], and set his face toward the mount Gilead. 22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. 24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, "Take heed thou speak not to Jacob from good to bad."

and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the household gods, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban felt with his hands all the tent, but found them not. 35 And she said to her father, "Let it not displease the eyes of my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the period of women is upon me." And he searched, but found not the household gods.

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, "What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? 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. 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. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of me didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. Thus wherever I was; in the day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.
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41 Thus have I been 38twenty 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 Abraham, and the fear of [the God of] Isaac, had been on my side, 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 Laban answered and said unto Jacob, "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 cut a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee."  

45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, "Gather stones," and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat [of the covenant sacrifices] there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it Jegr-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between me and thee this day." Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;  

49 And Mizpah; for Laban 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 Laban said to Jacob, "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 Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us." And Jacob sware by the fear [of the God] of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob killed beasts 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 Laban rose up, and kissed his grandsons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

32 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him [to assure him of God's presence with him, and His protection].

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp:" and he called the name of that place Mizpah.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, 'I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

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

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him."

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two camps;
8 And said, "If Esau come to the one camp, and smite it, then the other camp which is left shall escape."

9 And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD Which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee.'

10 I have been and am unworthy 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 Jordan; and now I am become two camps.

11 Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and take my life, whither I go.

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 sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he had sent over that he had.

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 Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, 'Whose art thou?' and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?"

18 Then thou shalt say, 'They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: 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 Esau, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, 'Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he said, "I hide my offence from him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept my face."

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

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 Jabbok.

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

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a Man [God] with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when He saw that He prevailed not against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as He wrestled with him.

26 And He said, "Let me go, for dawn hath ascended." And he said, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me."

27 And He said unto him, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 And He said, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a commander hast thou contented with God and with men, and hast succeeded."

29 And Jacob asked Him, and said, "Tell me, I pray Thee, Thy name." And He said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after My name?" And He blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [God's face]: "for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."
And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh.

Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the ligament of the hip joint that shrank.

And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost.

And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to met him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and wept; without kissing.

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." Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

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."

And Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself."

And Jacob [refused, and] 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.

Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have plenty. And he urged him, and he took it.

And he said, "Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee."

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 I should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

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 Seir."

And Esau said, "Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me." And he said, "Why have

At Shechem, Dinah's disgrace, 34. Three burials; Deborah, 35. 8; Rachel (v. 20); and Isaac (35. 29). Joseph sold, 37.

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And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made "booths" for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread himself, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

And he erected there an altar, and called it "El-elohe-Israel."
6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.
7 And the sons of Jacob 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 Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.
8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her 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 Shechem said unto his father and unto his brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.
12 Ask me to give so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife."
13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah 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 Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.
19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.
20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,
21 "These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for 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 Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.
25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.
26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.
27 And the sons of Jacob 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 Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Caananites and the Perizzites: 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?"
35 And God said unto Jacob, "Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto GOD, That appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother."
2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, '"Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be ceremonially clean, and change your garments:
3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto GOD, Who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went."
4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

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 Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God revealed Himself unto him, when he fled from the face of Esau his brother.

8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth [The oak of weeping].

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, "Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but "Israel shall be thy name:" and He called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, "I am 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; 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.

12 Thou shalt be a blessing: I will bless thee, and enlarging thee, and I will set thee above all men of the earth. And I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea: and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

13 And I will send an angel before thee, and I will direct thee to the place where I will give this people the land that I sware unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 And the land which I promised to Give Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land." And God went up from him in the place where He talked with him.

15 And Jacob 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.

16 And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel 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 life was ebbing away, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Ben-jamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her sepulchre: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years [180 years].

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.
36 Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.
2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the son of Zibeon the Hivite;
3 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.
4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;
5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.
6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob unto Seir.
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 Esau in mount Seir: Esau his Edom.
9 And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:
10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.
11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.
12 And Timna was a concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.
13 And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Abamah the son of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
15 These were the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,
16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these were the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.
17 And these were the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these were the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
18 And these were the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.
19 These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.
20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,
21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these were the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.
22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister Timna.
23 And the children of Ezer were Heber the Horite, and Hemath.
24 And these were the children of Shobal; and Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
25 And these were the children of Zibeon; Seir the Horite was the father of Lotan's sister Timna.
26 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.
27 And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
28 And these were the children of Zibeon; Seir the Horite was the father of Lotan's sister Timna.
29 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.
30 And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
31 And these were the children of Zibeon; Seir the Horite was the father of Lotan's sister Timna.
32 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.
25 And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.
26 And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
27 The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.
28 The children of Dishan are these: Uz, and Aran.
29 These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,
30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.
31 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.
32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.
35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.
36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river Euphrates reigned in his stead.
38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
40 And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth,
41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,
42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,
43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitation in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.
44 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.
45 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto their father their evil report.
46 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a "coat of many colours."
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?"

And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

And Israel said unto Joseph, "Do not thy brethren feed ... in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them." And he said to him, "Here am I."

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 Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, "What seekest thou?"

And he said, "I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks."

And the man said, "They are departed hence; for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

And his brethren cast him into a pit, and sold him to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, "The child is not; and I, whither shall I go in to hide myself?"

And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

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."

And he knew it, and said, "It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces."

And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

And Judah said unto his brethren, "What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?"
36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a man, an Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

And she conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Er.

And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and she was at Chezib, when she bare him.

And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the eyes of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

And Onan 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.

And the thing which he did was evil in the eyes of the LORD: wherefore He slew him also.

And then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, "Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown." for he said, "Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did." And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

And it was told Tamar, saying, "Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep."

And she put her widow's garments off from her, and wrapped herself, and sat in the entrance to Enaim, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

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?"

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?"

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.

And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

Then he asked the men of that place, saying, "Where is the harlot, that was at Enaim by the way side?" And they said, "There was no harlot in this place."

And he returned to Judah, and said, "I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place."

And Judah said, "Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her."

And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, "Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom." And Judah said, "Bring her forth, and let her be burnt."

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."

And Judah acknowledged them, and said, "She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 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," and she said, "How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee:" therefore his name was called Pharez. And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the executioners, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

And the LORD was with Joseph, and he came to be a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

And his master saw that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And his master took him, and made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, "Lie with me:" and he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

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.

And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, that she called unto the men of her house, and spake, "See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

Pharez = "breach".
Zarah = "a rising of light", "Offspring", or "Dawn". Both Pharez and Zarah, together with their mother Tamar, are in the genealogy of Christ (Matt. 1. 3). This is why this parenthetical chapter is inserted here. It is here by the Fig. Parecbasis. It comes, historically, before chapter 37.
15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his 12garment with me, and fled, and got him out."  
16 And she laid up his 12garment by her, until his lord came home.  
17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, "The Hebrew 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 12garment 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, "According to these words did thy servant to me;" that his wrath was kindled.  
20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the house of the fortress, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in house of the fortress.  
21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him kindness, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.  
22 And the governor of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.  
23 The governor 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.

40 And it came to pass after these things, that the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.  
2 And Pharaoh 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 Joseph was bound.  
4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.  
5 And they had an important dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.  
6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.  
7 And he asked Pharaoh'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 had an important dream, and there is no interpreter of it." And Joseph said unto them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you."  
9 And the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;  
10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:  
11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand."  
12 And Joseph said unto him, "This is the interpretation of it: the three branches they are three days:  
13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh uplift thee, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.  
14 But think on me, and thou wast his butler.  
15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."  
16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three wicker baskets on my head:  
17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head."  
18 And Joseph answered and said, "This is
the interpretation thereof: The three baskets they are three
days:
19 Yea within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head
from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds
shall eat thy flesh from off thee."  
20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's
birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he
lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker
among his servants.
21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership
again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:
22 But he hanged the chief baker: according as Joseph
had interpreted to them.
23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, "but
forgot him.
41 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that
Pharaoh dreamed: and, "behold, he stood by the Nile river.
2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well
favoured cows and fatfleshed; and they fed among the
reeds.
3 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of
the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other
kine upon the brink of the Nile river.
4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed cow did eat up the
seven well favoured and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.
5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold,
seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, fat and good.
6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the
[blighting] east wind sprung up after them.
7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven fat and full
ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.
8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was
troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of
Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told
them his dream; but none that can interpret it.
9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, "I do
bring to Pharaoh's remembrance my faults this day:
10 Pharaoh 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 Hebrew,
servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and
he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to
his dream he did interpret.
13 And it came to pass, according as he interpreted to us,
so it was; me Joseph declared I should be restored unto
mine office, and him Joseph declared he would be
hanged."
14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they made
him run out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and
changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.
15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "I have had a
significant 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 Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me:
God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."
17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I
stood upon the bank of the Nile:
18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven
cows, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed among
the reeds:
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 Egypt 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 Joseph said unto Pharaoh, "The dream of Pharaoh it is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what He is about to do.
26 The seven good kine they 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 Pharaoh: What God is about to do He sheweth unto Pharaoh.
29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:
30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the people of 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 Pharaoh [and sent] twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.
34 Let Pharaoh take action, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt 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 Pharaoh, 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 Egypt; that the [people of the] land perish not through the famine."
37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.
38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom a Divine spirit of God is?"
39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "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 command of thy mouth shall all my people submit: only in the throne will I be greater than thou."
41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."
42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph'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 one cried before him, "Bow the knee," and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.
44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."
45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paneah [abundance of life]; and he gave him to wife

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Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 

And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

And he gathered up all the corn of the seven years, in which there was plenty in the land of Egypt, and laid up the corn in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God," said he, "hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house."

And the name of the second called he Ephraim: "For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

And the seven years of plenteousness, that came to pass in the land of Egypt, were ended.

And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, "Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do."

And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

And people from all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all neighbouring lands.

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, "Why do ye look one upon another?"

And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die."

And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn from the Egyptians.

But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, "Lest peradventure mischief befall him."

And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

And Joseph he was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly to them; and he said unto them, "Whence come ye?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed one end: viz. : to bring them back to the pit at Dothan, convict them of their sin, and compel their confession of it. That climax is not reached till verse 21. Judah's words voice it, 44. 18-34. Meeting with Joseph.

Commission to buy corn.

Journey.

Benjamin left.

Arrival.

Meeting with Joseph.

Dismissal.

Return.

Commission to buy corn.

Benjamin taken.

Arrival.

Meeting with Joseph.

Dismissal.

Return.

Why . . . ? &c. Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 6. That is what we all too often do when in trouble or difficulty.

And not die. Fig. Pleonasm. for emphasis.

In Egypt. Some Codices read "from the Egyptians".

was. Heb. "he [was]".

bowed down. Cp. 37. 7, 8.

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We are, &c. Heb. "all of us the sons of one man [are] we".
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, we are of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not."
14 And Joseph said unto them, "That is it that I spake unto you, saying, 'Ye are spies:'
15 Hereby ye shall be 'proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.
16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies."
17 And he 'put them all together into ward three days.
18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, "This do, and ye shall 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 'Reuben 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 Joseph was listening to them; for the interpreter was between them.
24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them "Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.
25 Then Joseph 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 went out of them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, "What is this that God hath done unto us?"
29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,
30 "The man, who is the lord of the land, spake 'roughly to us, and set us down as 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; but the one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.'
33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, 'Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take corn 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: and your brother will I deliver up to you, and ye shall traffic in the land.'"
35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.
36 And Jacob their father said unto them, "Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me."
37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, "Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again."
38 And he said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he 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.
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
GENESIS.

43. 2.

3 did solemnly protest. Heb. "protesting he protested ". Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6). See note on 26. 28.
4 Israel. Note the name. Jacob is used of his weakness (42. 36, &c); Israel of his resignation to God's will. In this use of the names Jacob and Israel, men might well invent a Jacobite and Israelite authorship, as well as an Elohist and Jehovist theory! ill. Heb. R.a'a. See Ap. 44. viii.
5 asked us straitly. Heb. "asking he asked us ". Fig. Polyptoton. See note on v. 3 above, and 26. 28. could we certainly know. Heb. "knowing could we know". Fig. Polyptoton. See note on 26. 28.
6 forever. Heb. "all the days".
7 best fruits in the land. Fig. Metonymy (of the Cause). Ap. 6. "Praise" put for the choice fruits which called forth the praise.
9 mercy. Fig. Metonymy (of Cause). Mercy put for the favours shown.
10 bread. Fig. Metonymy (of Subject). House put for the servants of it.
12 as = according as.
13 we came indeed. Heb. "coming down, we came down ". Fig. Polyptoton. See note on 26. 28.
14 Peace. Fig. Synecdoche (of Species). Peace put for all its blessings.
16 bread. Fig. Synecdoche (of Species). Ap. 6. Bread put for all kinds of food.
17 bowed themselves. Some codices, with Sept. and Vulg, add "with their faces". Cp. 37. 7, 8.

43. 27.

of Egypt, their father said unto them, "Go again, buy us a little food."

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, "The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, 'Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.'

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, 'Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.'

6 And 'Israel said, "Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?"

7 And they said, "The man asked 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 Judah said unto 'Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, I will bear the blame of my children, I am bereaved."

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time."

11 And their father 'Israel 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 favour before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his servants, "Bring these men home, and slay abundantly, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon."

17 And the man did according as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses."

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house.

20 And said, "O sir, we came indeed 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, "blessings of Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you secret treasure in your sacks: I had your money."

24 And he brought Simeon out unto them.

25 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

26 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat a meal there.

27 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him with their faces to the earth.

28 And he asked them of their welfare, and
said, "Is your aged father well 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 Benjamin, 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 Joseph 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 and eat food."

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

34 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."

35 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 Joseph had spoken.

36 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent out of the city, and yet not far off, Joseph 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?'

37 And put my cup, the silver cup, which I had put in the sack of the youngest, and his corn money.' And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

38 And they sat down to eat food, and took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

39 And he searched, and the cup of Joseph was found in Benjamin's sack.

40 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

41 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

42 And they said unto him, "Wherefore saith my lord these words? Far be it from thy servants that thy servants should do according to this thing:

43 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?"

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53 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?"
is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?"

16 And Judah said, "What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found."

17 And he said, "Far be it from thy servants 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 Judah came near unto him, and said, "Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have ye a father, or a brother?'

20 And we said unto my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.'

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, 'Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.'

22 And we said unto my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, 'Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.'

24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And our father said, 'Go again, 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 me, in my old age 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 him, in his old age 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 with us, and grieve over my gray hairs.  And put by my lord's servants both we, and his brother, and his sons, with us.'

34 And his brethren could not answer him, but were troubled at his presence.

35 And Joseph said unto his brethren, 'Come near to me, I pray thee.' And they came near. And he said, "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

36 And Joseph said unto his brethren, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt."

37 Now therefore be not grieved, let not anger kindle in your eyes, sorrow to the grave.
that ye sold me hither: for “God did send me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth.
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 ploughing 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 The Triune God Himself: and He hath lent me high office of state to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.
9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, ‘Thus saith thy son Joseph, ‘God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:
10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy sons, and thy son’s sons, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 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 Benjamin; because my own mouth is speaking unto you I cannot speak of all my glory,
13 But ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring all the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, and to his father he sent after this manner:—lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan, and let not your eyes pity your stuff. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, and to his father he sent after this manner:—lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan, and let not your eyes pity your stuff.
14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck, and wept; and Benjamin 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 Pharaoh’s house, saying, "Joseph’s brethren are come:" and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.
17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "Say unto thy brethren, ‘This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.’
19 Thou, therefore, command them, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.
20 Also let not your eyes pity your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.’
21 And the sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command by the mouth of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.
22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.
23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with 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 Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, And told him, saying, "Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob’s heart began to cease beating, for he believed them not.
27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:
28 And “Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.”
46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba,

God did send. So, v. 7; 50. 20. Ps. 105. 17. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4 preserve life. i.e. to preserve you a posterity in the earth (v. 7), and hence, to ensure the birth of the true Joseph, and all who have life eternal in Him. 6 earing = ploughing (Anglo-Saxon).
8 God. Heb. ha Elohim (with definite article) for emphasis = the Triune God Himself. made me. The Severus Codex reads "sent me". See Ap. 34. a father to Pharaoh. This is not the Hebrew Ab, "father"; but Ab en Perao is an Egyptian title of high office of state. See on 41. 43 = first minister of Pharaoh’s household.
10 children = sons. And so throughout.
12 that. Heb. because, showing the Ellipsis (i.e. Brachylogy); read "Benjamin; because my own mouth is speaking unto you [I cannot speak of all my glory], but ye shall tell my father of all my glory”.
19 Now thou art commanded. Sept. and Vulg. read "Thou, therefore, command them”. wagons. Not yet used in Canaan. Those in Egypt depicted as having two wheels.
20 regard not your stuff. Heb. let not your eye pity. Fig. Prosopopoeia.
21 commandment. Heb. mouth, put by Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for command given by it.
22 he gave. Cp. 43. 34.
28 Israel, which is used in connection with his strength of faith, and act, 46. 1. Cp. Israel's strength, with Jacob's fainting, v. 26.
And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "*Jacob, Jacob.*" And he said, "Here am I."

And he said, "I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall close thine eyes in peace."

And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Jacob, which were born of his wife Rachel, and which were born of his wife Leah, and all the souls of his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

The sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

The sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Shallum, and Ammihud, and Eupil, and Ishuah, and Beriah, and Iloah.

The sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

The sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

The sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls, that is to say, his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eli, and Arodi, and Areli.

And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, twenty and two, and the sons of Joseph which were born in Egypt, two souls; all the souls of Jacob which came into Egypt, sixty-six souls.
him in Egypt, were two

souls: all the souls of the house of

Jacob, which came into Egypt, were  three-score and ten.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto  Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet

Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive."

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, "I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, 'My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; 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.'

32 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, 'What is your occupation?'

33 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 Goshen; for every shepherd is an abominable person unto the Egyptians."

47 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen."

2 And he took some of the brethren of Joseph, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, "What is your occupation?" And they said unto Pharaoh, "Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers."

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, "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 Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen."

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, "Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: the land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle."

6 And Joseph brought Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, "How many are the days of thou?"

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, "The days joined with years of my sojournings 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 Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, according as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph 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 Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.


14 And Joseph [caused to be] gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all Egypt came unto Joseph, and said, "Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth."

16 And Joseph said, "Give your cattle; and I will give you [bread] for your cattle, if money fail."  

17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph 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 thy lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our second year, and said unto him, "We will not hide it from thy lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our cattle: wherefore they sold not their lands.

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our bodies, and our lands: that our money is spent; my lord also hath our cattle: wherefore they sold not their lands.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he made them bondmen from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion [allowed by statute] assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, "Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is bread 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 Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones."

25 And they said, "Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

26 And Joseph made it a decree over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

27 And [the nation of] Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt,
48 And it came to pass 1 after these things, that one told Joseph, "Behold, thy father is sick:" and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 And one told 4 Jacob, and said, "Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and 8 Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, 9 GOD ALMIGHTY appeared unto me at 2 Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, 4 And said unto me, "Behold, I will make thee fruitful, 8 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, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, [they] are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. 6 And thy issue, which thou begettest 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 Padan, 9 Rachel died by the way of Ephrath; 8 and I buried her there in Bethel, which is on the border of Ephraim. 9 And it came to pass, when I passed over the brook Jordan, I took it upon me to tell the children of Israel, that the house of Jacob is mine. 10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11 And 7 Israel said unto Joseph, "I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, 4 God [Himself] hath shewed me also thy seed." 12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself [and worshipped, sitting on the Egyptian bed] with his face to the earth. 13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward 7 Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward 7 Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. 14 And 7 Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, "God [Himself], before Whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk habitually, 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 Abraham and Isaac; and let them swarm as fishes into a multitude in the midst of the earth." 17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it was evil in his eyes: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said unto his father, 7 Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head." 19 And his father 7 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 7 Israel bless, saying, 'God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. 21 And 7 Israel said unto Joseph, "Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers."
29 Moreover I have given to thee one of the portions above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow."

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Flowing down as water passes away, so thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their council, and into their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

9 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from his seed, until He, Shiloh, [the Messiah], comes; and unto Him shall the obedience of the people be.

10 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his teeth white as milk.

11 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

12 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

13 Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

14 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.

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16 Ṣ Dan shall judge his people, as one of the rulers of Israel.
17 Dan shall be Ṣ a serpent [beguiling to idolatry] by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse Ṣ heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.
18 (I have waited for Him Who brings deliverance from all the works of the old serpent, O LORD).
19 Ṣ Gad, a troop shall press upon him, but he shall press upon their heel.
20 Asher, his food shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.
21 Naphtali is a hind freed: he it is that giveth Ṣ goodly words.
22 Ṣ Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; branches it hath, each hath overclimbed a wall:
23 The archers have Ṣ sorely grieved him, and shot Ṣ 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 One of Jacob: (from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel:)
25 Even by the GOD of thy father, Who shall help thee; and by GOD 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 Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was set apart from his brethren.
27 Benjamin shall Ṣ ravin 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 Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.
29 And he charged them, and said unto them, "I am to be Ṣ gathered unto my people: bury me Ṣ with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham Ṣ bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying-place.
31 There they buried Ṣ Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth."
33 And when Ṣ Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and Ṣ yielded up the ghost, and was Ṣ gathered unto his people.
34 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and Ṣ wept upon him, and kissed him.

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49. 16. 16 Dan shall judge. Fig. Paronomasia. Ap. 6. Dan Jadin, cp. 30. 6. Fulfilled in Judg. 15. 20.
17 tribes. Heb. sceptres (v. 10). Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct). Put for ruler.
18 salvation. Fig. Metonymy (of Effect). Put for Him Who brings deliverance from all the works of the old serpent (Isa. 25. 8, 9. Matt. 24. 13). See Ap. 36.
21 overcome him. "shall troop (or press) upon him, but he shall press upon their heel."
20 Out of. The Heb. letter "m", which should end v. 19, making it "upon their heels", has been wrongly prefixed to the next word, "Asher", v. 20, thus making "Asher" begin "Out of", unlike all the others. It should read: 
"He shall press upon their heels, Asher, his bread shall be," &c.
22 Goodly words = song of Deborah. Judg. 5. 18.
24 whose branches run over the wall = branches [it hath] each hath overclimbed a wall.
26 The. Should be 'EI = GOD (with Sam., Sept., and Syr.).
27 separate = or set apart. Heb. nazir, the consecrated one.
27 ravin, &c. Cp. the Benjamites, Judg. 3. 15. 1 Sam. 11. 6-11; 14. 13-48.
28 Acts 7. 58; 8. 1, 3; 9. 13, 14, 21; 22. 4-8. 1 Tim. 1. 13.
29 The sons collectively. See Ap. 45.
29 gathered unto my people. Fig. Euphemy. Put for "death and burial".
30 brought. Cp. 23. 16.
31 Abraham. The five previously buried there form an acrostic of the sixth. Isaac, Sarah, Rebekah, Abraham, Leah = Israel (Heb. 11. 13).
32 yielded up the ghost. The spirit going to God who gave it (Ecc. 12. 7. Num. 16. 22; 27. 16).
33 gathered unto his people. Refers to body, as the previous gathering (v. 33) refers to his feet. See on v. 29. He was aged 147.
50. 1 wept. See note on 42. 24.
2 Israel. See notes on 32. 28; 43. 8; 45. 26, 28.
3 for, &c. Israelites never embalmed. Hence the need of this parenthetical explanation.
4 Joseph spake. He could not speak before, for, in mourning, Egyptians never shaved, and Joseph, therefore, was not presentable. See on 41. 14.
5 digged. Hence, probably rock-hewn.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Ṣ Israel.
3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; (for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed): and the Egyptians mourned for him three-score and ten days [70 days].
4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Ṣ Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,
5 'My father made me swear, saying, 'Lo, I die: in my grave which I have Ṣ digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me.' Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.' "
And Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear."  

And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: (only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen). And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians:" wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim [the mourning of the Egyptians], which is beyond Jordan.

And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, "Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will will peradventure hate us, and will carry up my bones from hence." And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, "Behold, we be thy servants." And Joseph said unto them, "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 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.

Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones." And he comforted them, and spake unto their hearts.

And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.