

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.  
Genesis 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.  
Genesis 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.  
Genesis 1:5 God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.  
Genesis 1:6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, to separate the waters from the waters."  
Genesis 1:7 So God made the expanse and separated the waters beneath it from the waters above. And it was so.  
Genesis 1:8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.  
Genesis 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered into one place, so that the dry land may appear." And it was so.  
Genesis 1:10 God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of waters He called "seas." And God saw that it was good.  
Genesis 1:11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees, each bearing fruit with seed according to its kind." And it was so.  
Genesis 1:12 The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.  
Genesis 1:13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.  
Genesis 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to distinguish between the day and the night, and let them be signs to mark the seasons and days and years.  
Genesis 1:15 And let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth." And it was so.  
Genesis 1:16 God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. And He made the stars as well.  
Genesis 1:17 God set these lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth,  
Genesis 1:18 to preside over the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.  
Genesis 1:19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.  
Genesis 1:20 And God said, "Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky."  
Genesis 1:21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters teemed according to their kinds, and every bird of flight after its kind. And God saw that it was good.  
Genesis 1:22 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."  
Genesis 1:23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.  
Genesis 1:24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, land crawlers, and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.  
Genesis 1:25 God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that crawls upon the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.  
Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it."  
Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.  
Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth."

Genesis 1:29	Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit contains seed. They will be yours for food.
Genesis 1:30	And to every beast of the earth and every bird of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth—everything that has the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.
Genesis 1:31	And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
Genesis 2:1	Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.
Genesis 2:2	And by the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on that day He rested from all His work.
Genesis 2:3	Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on that day He rested from all the work of creation that He had accomplished.
Genesis 2:4	This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made them.
Genesis 2:5	Now no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth, nor had any plant of the field sprouted; for the LORD God had not yet sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.
Genesis 2:6	But springs welled up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.
Genesis 2:7	Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.
Genesis 2:8	And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, where He placed the man He had formed.
Genesis 2:9	Out of the ground the LORD God gave growth to every tree that is pleasing to the eye and good for food. And in the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
Genesis 2:10	Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it branched into four headwaters:
Genesis 2:11	The name of the first river is Pishon; it winds through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
Genesis 2:12	And the gold of that land is pure, and bdellium and onyx are found there.
Genesis 2:13	The name of the second river is Gihon; it winds through the whole land of Cush.
Genesis 2:14	The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it runs along the east side of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
Genesis 2:15	Then the LORD God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.
Genesis 2:16	And the LORD God commanded him, "You may eat freely from every tree of the garden,
Genesis 2:17	but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die."
Genesis 2:18	The LORD God also said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper."
Genesis 2:19	And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would name each one. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.
Genesis 2:20	The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.
Genesis 2:21	So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he slept, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the area with flesh.
Genesis 2:22	And from the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man, He made a woman and brought her to him.
Genesis 2:23	And the man said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for out of man she was taken."
Genesis 2:24	For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:25	And the man and his wife were both naked, and they were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field that the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Genesis 3:2 The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden,

Genesis 3:3 but about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You must not eat of it or touch it, or you will die.'"

Genesis 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent told her.

Genesis 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom, she took the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed together fig leaves and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 But the LORD God called out to the man, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:10 "I heard Your voice in the garden," he replied, "and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

Genesis 3:11 "Who told you that you were naked?" asked the LORD God. "Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

Genesis 3:12 And the man answered, "The woman whom You gave me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied, "and I ate."

Genesis 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and every beast of the field! On your belly will you go, and dust you will eat, all the days of your life.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will sharply increase your pain in childbirth; in pain you will bring forth children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Genesis 3:17 And to Adam He said: "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat, cursed is the ground because of you; through toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

Genesis 3:18 Both thorns and thistles it will yield for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

Genesis 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your bread, until you return to the ground—because out of it were you taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:20 And Adam named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all the living.

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them.

Genesis 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil. And now, lest he reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever..."

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man and stationed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden, along with a whirling sword of flame to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 4:1 And Adam had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man," she said.

Genesis 4:2 Later she gave birth to Cain's brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, while Cain was a tiller of the soil.

Genesis 4:3 So in the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruit of the soil as an offering to the LORD,

Genesis 4:4 while Abel brought the best portions of the firstborn of his flock. And the LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

Genesis 4:5 but He had no regard for Cain and his offering. So Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6 "Why are you angry," said the LORD to Cain, "and why has your countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you refuse to do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:8 Then Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Genesis 4:9 And the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I do not know!" he answered. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Genesis 4:10 "What have you done?" replied the LORD. "The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

Genesis 4:11 Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Genesis 4:12 When you till the ground, it will no longer yield its produce to you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

Genesis 4:13 ~~But Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.~~

Genesis 4:14 ~~From Your face I will be hidden; I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."~~

Genesis 4:15 "Not so!" replied the LORD. "If anyone slays Cain, then Cain will be avenged sevenfold." And the LORD placed a mark on Cain, so that no one who found him would kill him.

Genesis 4:16 So Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 4:17 And Cain had relations with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain built a city and named it after his son Enoch.

Genesis 4:18 Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methusael, and Methusael was the father of Lamech.

Genesis 4:19 And Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah.

Genesis 4:20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise livestock.

Genesis 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.

Genesis 4:22 And Zillah gave birth to Tubal-cain, a forger of every implement of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Genesis 4:23 Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; wives of Lamech, listen to my speech. For I have slain a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me.

Genesis 4:24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

Genesis 4:25 And Adam again had relations with his wife, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another seed in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."

Genesis 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called him Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in His own likeness.

Genesis 5:2 Male and female He created them, and He blessed them. And in the day they were created, He called them "man."

Genesis 5:3 When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son in his own likeness, after his own image; and he named him Seth.

Genesis 5:4 And after he had become the father of Seth, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:5 So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:6 When Seth was 105 years old, he became the father of Enosh.

Genesis 5:7 And after he had become the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:8 So Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:9 When Enosh was 90 years old, he became the father of Kenan.

Genesis 5:10 And after he had become the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:11 So Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:12 When Kenan was 70 years old, he became the father of Mahalalel.

Genesis 5:13 And after he had become the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:14 So Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he became the father of Jared.

Genesis 5:16 And after he had become the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:17 So Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:18 When Jared was 162 years old, he became the father of Enoch.

Genesis 5:19 And after he had become the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:20 So Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:21 When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah.

Genesis 5:22 And after he had become the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:23 So Enoch lived a total of 365 years.

Genesis 5:24 Enoch walked with God, and then he was no more, because God had taken him away.

Genesis 5:25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, he became the father of Lamech.

Genesis 5:26 And after he had become the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:27 So Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:28 When Lamech was 182 years old, he had a son.

Genesis 5:29 And he named him Noah, saying, "May this one comfort us in the labor and toil of our hands caused by the ground that the LORD has cursed."

Genesis 5:30 And after he had become the father of Noah, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 5:31 So Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:1 them,

Genesis 6:2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took as wives whomever they chose.

Genesis 6:3 So the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days shall be 120 years."

Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and afterward as well—when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of men. And they bore them children who became the mighty men of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was altogether evil all the time.

Genesis 6:6 And the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:7 So the LORD said, "I will blot out man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—every man and beast and crawling creature and bird of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them."

Genesis 6:8 Noah, however, found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:9 This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:10 And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and full of violence.

Genesis 6:12 And God looked upon the earth and saw that it was corrupt; for all living creatures on the earth had corrupted their ways.



Genesis 6:13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all living creatures has come before Me, because through them the earth is full of violence. Now behold, I will destroy both them and the earth.

Genesis 6:14 Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in the ark and coat it with pitch inside and out.

Genesis 6:15 And this is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high.

Genesis 6:16 You are to make a roof for the ark, finish its walls a cubit from the top, place a door in the side of the ark, and build lower, middle, and upper decks.

Genesis 6:17 And behold, I will bring floodwaters upon the earth to destroy every creature under the heavens that has the breath of life. Everything on the earth will perish.

Genesis 6:18 But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

Genesis 6:19 And you are to bring two of every living creature into the ark—male and female—to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird and animal and crawling creature will come to you to be kept alive.

Genesis 6:20 You are also to take for yourself every kind of food that is eaten and gather it as food for yourselves and for the animals."

Genesis 6:22 So Noah did everything precisely as God had commanded him.

Genesis 7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

Genesis 7:2 You are to take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate; a pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate;

Genesis 7:3 and seven pairs of every kind of bird of the air, male and female, to preserve their offspring on the face of all the earth.

Genesis 7:4 For seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living thing I have made."

Genesis 7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

Genesis 7:6 Now Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters came upon the earth.

Genesis 7:7 And Noah and his wife, with his sons and their wives, entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

Genesis 7:8 The clean animals and the unclean animals, the birds, and everything that crawls along the ground came to Noah to enter the ark, two by two, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

Genesis 7:9 And after seven days the floodwaters came upon the earth.

Genesis 7:10 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

Genesis 7:11 And the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:12 On that very day Noah entered the ark, along with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and his wife, and the three wives of his sons—

Genesis 7:14 they and every kind of wild animal, livestock, crawling creature, bird, and winged creature.

Genesis 7:15 They came to Noah to enter the ark, two by two of every creature with the breath of life.

Genesis 7:16 And they entered, the male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

Genesis 7:17 For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and the waters rose and lifted the ark high above the earth.

Genesis 7:18 So the waters continued to surge and rise greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the waters.

Genesis 7:19 Finally, the waters completely inundated the earth, so that all the high mountains under all the heavens were covered.

Genesis 7:20 The waters rose and covered the mountaintops to a depth of fifteen cubits.

Genesis 7:21 And every living thing that moved upon the earth perished—birds, livestock, animals, every creature that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind.

Genesis 7:22 Of all that was on dry land, everything that had the breath of life in its nostrils died.

Genesis 7:23 And every living thing on the face of the earth was destroyed—man and livestock, crawling creatures and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth, and only Noah and those with him in the ark remained.

Genesis 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth for 150 days.

Genesis 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the animals and livestock that were with him in the ark. And God sent a wind over the earth, and the waters began to subside.

Genesis 8:2 The springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained.

Genesis 8:3 The waters receded steadily from the earth, and after 150 days the waters had gone down.

Genesis 8:4 On the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

Genesis 8:5 And the waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

Genesis 8:6 After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark

Genesis 8:7 and sent out a raven. It kept flying back and forth until the waters had dried up from the earth. Noah sent out a dove to see if the waters had receded from the surface of the ground.

Genesis 8:8 But the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to him in the ark, because the waters were still covering the surface of all the earth. So he reached out his hand and brought her back inside the ark.

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Genesis 8:10 Noah waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.

Genesis 8:11 And behold, the dove returned to him in the evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her beak. So Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.

Genesis 8:12 And Noah waited seven more days and sent out the dove again, but this time she did not return to him.

Genesis 8:13 In Noah's six hundred and first year, on the first day of the first month, the waters had dried up from the earth. So Noah removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry.

Genesis 8:14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the earth was fully dry.

Genesis 8:15 Then God said to Noah,

Genesis 8:16 "Come out of the ark, you and your wife, along with your sons and their wives.

Genesis 8:17 Bring out all the living creatures that are with you—birds, livestock, and everything that crawls upon the ground—so that they can spread out over the earth and be fruitful and multiply upon it."

Genesis 8:18 So Noah came out, along with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Genesis 8:19 Every living creature, every creeping thing, and every bird—everything that moves upon the earth—came out of the ark, kind by kind.

Genesis 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. And taking from every kind of clean animal and clean bird, he offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Genesis 8:21 When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, He said in His heart, "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from his youth. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done.

Genesis 8:22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall never cease."

Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Genesis 9:2 The fear and dread of you will fall on every living creature on the earth, every bird of the air, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are delivered into your hand.

Genesis 9:3 Everything that lives and moves will be food for you; just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you all things.

Genesis 9:4 But you must not eat meat with its lifeblood still in it.

Genesis 9:5 And surely I will require the life of any man or beast by whose hand your lifeblood is shed. I will demand an accounting from anyone who takes the life of his fellow man:

Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man his blood will be shed; for in His own image God has made mankind.

Genesis 9:7 But as for you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out across the earth and multiply upon it.”

Genesis 9:8 Then God said to Noah and his sons with him,

Genesis 9:9 “Behold, I now establish My covenant with you and your descendants after you,

Genesis 9:10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth—every living thing that came out of the ark.

Genesis 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

Genesis 9:12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

Genesis 9:13 I have set My rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

Genesis 9:14 Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

Genesis 9:15 I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature of every kind. ~~And whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the~~

Genesis 9:16 ~~And whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the~~ everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of every kind that is on the earth.”

Genesis 9:17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and every creature on the earth.”

Genesis 9:18 The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.

Genesis 9:19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was populated.

Genesis 9:20 ~~Now when Noah drank of the soil's wine, he became drunk and~~ uncovered himself inside his tent.

Genesis 9:21 ~~And~~ Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside.

Genesis 9:22 ~~They did not see their father's nakedness.~~

Genesis 9:23 ~~When Noah awoke from his drunkenness and learned what his youngest son had done to him,~~

Genesis 9:24 he said, “Cursed be Canaan! A servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”

Genesis 9:25 He also declared: “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the servant of Shem.

Genesis 9:26 May God expand the territory of Japheth; may he dwell in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant.”

Genesis 9:27 After the flood, Noah lived 350 years.

Genesis 9:28 So Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.

Genesis 10:1 This is the account of Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, who also had sons after the flood.

Genesis 10:2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

Genesis 10:3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

Genesis 10:4 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites, and the Rodanites.

Genesis 10:5 From these, the maritime peoples separated into their territories, according to their languages, by clans within their nations.

Genesis 10:6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

Genesis 10:7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

Genesis 10:8 Cush was the father of Nimrod, who began to be a mighty one on the earth.

Genesis 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; so it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.”

Genesis 10:10 His kingdom began in Babylon, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 10:11 From that land he went forth into Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,



Genesis 10:12 and Resen, which is between Nineveh and the great city of Calah.  
 Genesis 10:13 Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, the Anamites, the Lehabites, the Naphtuhites,  
 Genesis 10:14 the Pathrusites, the Casluhites (from whom the Philistines came), and the Caphtorites.  
 Genesis 10:15 And Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn, and of the Hittites,  
 Genesis 10:16 the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,  
 Genesis 10:17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,  
 Genesis 10:18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Later the Canaanite clans were  
 Genesis 10:19 scattered,  
 and the borders of Canaan extended from Sidon toward Gerar as far as Gaza, and then  
 toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.  
 Genesis 10:20 These are the sons of Ham according to their clans, languages, lands, and nations.  
 Genesis 10:21 And sons were also born to Shem, the older brother of Japheth; Shem was the forefather  
 of all the sons of Eber.  
 Genesis 10:22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.  
 Genesis 10:23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.  
 Genesis 10:24 Arphaxad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah was the father of Eber.  
 Genesis 10:25 Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his days the earth was  
 divided, and his brother was named Joktan.  
 Genesis 10:26 And Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,  
 Genesis 10:27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,  
 Genesis 10:28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,  
 Genesis 10:29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were sons of Joktan.  
 Genesis 10:30 Their territory extended from Mesha to Sephar, in the eastern hill country.  
 Genesis 10:31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their clans, languages, lands, and nations.  
 Genesis 10:32 All these are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their generations and nations. From  
 these the nations of the earth spread out after the flood.  
 Genesis 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common form of speech.  
 Genesis 11:2 And as people journeyed eastward, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled  
 there.  
 Genesis 11:3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." So  
 they used brick instead of stone, and tar instead of mortar.  
 Genesis 11:4 Then they said, "Let us build ourselves a tower that reaches to the  
 heavens, that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of  
 all the earth."  
 Genesis 11:5 Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the sons of men were  
 building.  
 Genesis 11:6 And the LORD said, "If they have begun to do this as one people speaking the same  
 language, then nothing they devise will be beyond them.  
 Genesis 11:7 Come, let Us go down and confuse their language, so that they will not understand one  
 another's speech."  
 Genesis 11:8 So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of all the earth, and they stopped  
 building the city.  
 Genesis 11:9 That is why it is called Babel, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole  
 world, and from that place the LORD scattered them over the face of all the earth.  
 Genesis 11:10 This is the account of Shem. Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he  
 became the father of Arphaxad.  
 Genesis 11:11 And after he had become the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other  
 sons and daughters.  
 Genesis 11:12 When Arphaxad was 35 years old, he became the father of Shelah.  
 Genesis 11:13 And after he had become the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other  
 sons and daughters.  
 Genesis 11:14 When Shelah was 30 years old, he became the father of Eber.  
 Genesis 11:15 And after he had become the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons  
 and daughters.  
 Genesis 11:16 When Eber was 34 years old, he became the father of Peleg.

Genesis 11:17 And after he had become the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 11:18 When Peleg was 30 years old, he became the father of Reu.

Genesis 11:19 And after he had become the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 11:20 When Reu was 32 years old, he became the father of Serug.

Genesis 11:21 And after he had become the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 11:22 When Serug was 30 years old, he became the father of Nahor.

Genesis 11:23 And after he had become the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 11:24 When Nahor was 29 years old, he became the father of Terah.

Genesis 11:25 And after he had become the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

Genesis 11:26 When Terah was 70 years old, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Genesis 11:27 This is the account of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot.

Genesis 11:28 During his father Terah's lifetime, Haran died in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

Genesis 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. Abram's wife was named Sarai, and Nahor's wife was named Milcah; she was the daughter of Haran, who was the father of both Milcah and Iscah.

Genesis 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she had no children.

Genesis 11:31 And Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai the wife of Abram, and they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans for the land of Canaan. But when they arrived in Haran, they settled there.

Genesis 11:32 Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran.

Genesis 12:1 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your kindred, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you.

Genesis 12:2 I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Genesis 12:5 And Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions and people they had acquired in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,

Genesis 12:6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the Oak of Moreh at Shechem. And at that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Genesis 12:7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your offspring." So Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:8 From there Abram moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built an altar to the LORD, and he called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 12:9 And Abram journeyed on toward the Negev.

Genesis 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

Genesis 12:11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "Look, I know that you are a beautiful woman,

Genesis 12:12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.

Genesis 12:13 Please say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake, and on account of you my life will be spared."

Genesis 12:14 So when Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.

Genesis 12:15 When Pharaoh's officials saw Sarai, they commended her to him, and she was taken into the palace of Pharaoh.

Genesis 12:16 He treated Abram well on her account, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

Genesis 12:17 The LORD, however, afflicted Pharaoh and his household with severe plagues because of Abram's wife Sarai.

Genesis 12:18 So Pharaoh summoned Abram and asked, "What have you done to me? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?"

Genesis 12:19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her as my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!"

Genesis 12:20 Then Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning Abram, and they sent him away with his wife and all his possessions.

Genesis 13:1 So Abram went up out of Egypt into the Negev—he and his wife and all his possessions—and Lot was with him.

Genesis 13:2 And Abram had become extremely wealthy in livestock and silver and gold.

Genesis 13:3 From the Negev he journeyed from place to place toward Bethel, until he came to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had formerly been pitched,

Genesis 13:4 to the site where he had built the altar. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 13:5 Now Lot, who was traveling with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

Genesis 13:6 But the land was unable to support both of them while they stayed together, for they had so many possessions that they were unable to coexist.

Genesis 13:7 And there was discord between the herdsmen of Abram and the herdsmen of Lot. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were also living in the land.

Genesis 13:8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no contention between you and me, or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen. After all, we are brothers.

Genesis 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Now separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I will go to the left."

Genesis 13:10 And Lot looked out and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan, all the way to Zoar, was well watered like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

Genesis 13:11 So Lot chose the whole plain of the Jordan for himself and set out toward the east. And Abram and Lot parted company.

Genesis 13:12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, but Lot settled in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

Genesis 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked, sinning greatly against the LORD.

Genesis 13:14 After Lot had departed, the LORD said to Abram, "Now lift up your eyes from the place where you are, and look to the north and south and east and west,

Genesis 13:15 for all the land that you see, I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Genesis 13:16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one could count the dust of the earth, then your offspring could be counted.

Genesis 13:17 Get up and walk around the land, through its length and breadth, for I will give it to you."

Genesis 13:18 So Abram moved his tent and went to live near the Oaks of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

Genesis 14:1 In those days Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim

Genesis 14:2 went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

Genesis 14:3 The latter five came as allies to the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

Genesis 14:4 For twelve years they had been subject to Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

Genesis 14:5 In the fourteenth year, Chedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the Rephaites in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzites in Ham, the Emites in Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in the area of Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is near the desert.

Genesis 14:7 Then they turned back to invade En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-tamar.

Genesis 14:8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and arrayed themselves for battle in the Valley of Siddim

Genesis 14:9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.

Genesis 14:10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some men fell into the pits, but the survivors fled to the hill country.

Genesis 14:11 The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food, and they ~~went on their way~~ <sup>They also carried off</sup> Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since Lot was living in Sodom.

Genesis 14:12 Then an escapee came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the Oaks of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were bound by treaty to Abram.

Genesis 14:13

Genesis 14:14 And when Abram heard that his relative had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men born in his household, and they set out in pursuit as far as Dan.

Genesis 14:15 During the night, Abram divided his forces and routed Chedorlaomer's army, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

Genesis 14:16 He retrieved all the goods, as well as his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the rest of the people.

Genesis 14:17 After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Genesis 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine—since he was priest of God Most High—

Genesis 14:19 and he blessed Abram and said: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

Genesis 14:20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

Genesis 14:21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, but take the goods for yourself."

Genesis 14:22 But Abram replied to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

Genesis 14:23 that I will not accept even a thread, or a strap of a sandal, or anything that belongs to you, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

Genesis 14:24 I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share for the men who went with me—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. They may take their portion."

Genesis 15:1 After these events, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Genesis 15:2 But Abram replied, "O Lord GOD, what can You give me, since I remain childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Genesis 15:3 Abram continued, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Genesis 15:4 Then the word of the LORD came to Abram, saying, "This one will not be your heir, but one who comes from your own body will be your heir."

Genesis 15:5 And the LORD took him outside and said, "Now look to the heavens and count the stars, if you are able." Then He told him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 15:6 Abram believed the LORD, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:7 The LORD also told him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

Genesis 15:8 But Abram replied, "Lord GOD, how can I know that I will possess it?"

Genesis 15:9 And the LORD said to him, "Bring Me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, along with a turtledove and a young pigeon."

Genesis 15:10 So Abram brought all these to Him, split each of them down the middle, and laid the halves opposite each other. The birds, however, he did not cut in half.

Genesis 15:11 And the birds of prey descended on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

Genesis 15:12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly great terror and darkness bore down on him.

Genesis 15:13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

Genesis 15:14 But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will depart with many possessions.

Genesis 15:15 You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.

Genesis 15:16 In the fourth generation your descendants will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Genesis 15:17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the halves of the carcasses.

Genesis 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land—from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates—

Genesis 15:19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,

Genesis 15:20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,

Genesis 15:21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites."

Genesis 16:1 Now Abram's wife Sarai had borne him no children, but she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar.

Genesis 16:2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Look now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go to my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 16:3 So after he had lived in Canaan for ten years, his wife Sarai took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to Abram to be his wife.

Genesis 16:4 And he slept with Hagar, and she conceived. But when Hagar realized that she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

Genesis 16:5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be upon you! I delivered my servant into your arms, and ever since she saw that she was pregnant, she has treated me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me."

Genesis 16:6 "Here," said Abram, "your servant is in your hands. Do whatever you want with her." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she fled from her.

Genesis 16:7 Now the angel of the LORD found Hagar by a spring of water in the desert—the spring along the road to Shur.

Genesis 16:8 "Hagar, servant of Sarai," he said, "where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I am running away from my mistress Sarai," she replied.

Genesis 16:9 So the angel of the LORD told her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her authority."

Genesis 16:10 Then the angel added, "I will greatly multiply your offspring so that they will be too numerous to count."

Genesis 16:11 The angel of the LORD proceeded: "Behold, you have conceived and will bear a son. And you shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard your cry of affliction.

Genesis 16:12 He will be a wild donkey of a man, and his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

Genesis 16:13 So Hagar gave this name to the LORD who had spoken to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "Here I have seen the One who sees me!"

Genesis 16:14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi. It is located between Kedesh and Bered.

Genesis 16:15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.

Genesis 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty. Walk before Me and be blameless.

Genesis 17:2 I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly."

Genesis 17:3 Then Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,



Genesis 17:4 "As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.  
 Genesis 17:5 No longer will you be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.  
 Genesis 17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will descend from you.  
 Genesis 17:7 I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.  
 Genesis 17:8 And to you and your descendants I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as an eternal possession; and I will be their God."  
 Genesis 17:9 God also said to Abraham, "You must keep My covenant—you and your descendants in the generations after you.  
 Genesis 17:10 This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you, which you are to keep: Every male among you must be circumcised.  
 Genesis 17:11 You are to circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and this will be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.  
 Genesis 17:12 Generation after generation, every male must be circumcised when he is eight days old, including those born in your household and those purchased from a foreigner—even those who are not your offspring.  
 Genesis 17:13 Whether they are born in your household or purchased, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh will be an everlasting covenant.  
 Genesis 17:14 But if any male is not circumcised, he will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."  
 Genesis 17:15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, do not call her Sarai, for her name is to be Sarah.  
 Genesis 17:16 And I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will descend from her."  
 Genesis 17:17 Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah give birth at the age of ninety?"  
 Genesis 17:18 And Abraham said to God, "What if Ishmael might live under Your blessing!"  
 Genesis 17:19 But God said to Abraham, "I will establish My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.  
 Genesis 17:20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you, and I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He will become the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.  
 Genesis 17:21 But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year."  
 Genesis 17:22 When He had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.  
 Genesis 17:23 On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or purchased with his money—every male among the members of Abraham's household—and he circumcised them, just as God had told him.  
 Genesis 17:24 So Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised,  
 Genesis 17:25 and his son Ishmael was thirteen;  
 Genesis 17:26 Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised on the same day.  
 Genesis 17:27 And all the men of Abraham's household—both servants born in his household and those purchased from foreigners—were circumcised with him.  
 Genesis 18:1 Then the LORD appeared to Abraham by the Oaks of Mamre in the heat of the day, while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent.  
 Genesis 18:2 And Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.  
 Genesis 18:3 "My lord," said Abraham, "if I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by.  
 Genesis 18:4 Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree.  
 Genesis 18:5 And I will bring a bit of bread so that you may refresh yourselves. This is why you have passed your servant's way. After that, you may continue on your way." "Yes," they replied, "you may do as you have said."

Genesis 18:6 So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, "Quick! Prepare three seahs of fine flour, knead it, and bake some bread."

Genesis 18:7 Meanwhile, Abraham ran to the herd, selected a tender and choice calf, and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.

Genesis 18:8 Then Abraham brought curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and he set them before the men and stood by them under the tree as they ate.

Genesis 18:9 "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked. "There, in the tent," he replied.

Genesis 18:10 Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year, and your wife Sarah will have a son!" Now Sarah was behind him, listening at the entrance to the tent.

Genesis 18:11 And Abraham and Sarah were already old and well along in years; Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

Genesis 18:12 So she laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Genesis 18:13 And the LORD asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Can I really bear a child when I am old?'"

Genesis 18:14 Is anything too difficult for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you—in about a year—and Sarah will have a son."

Genesis 18:15 But Sarah was afraid, so she denied it and said, "I did not laugh." "No," replied the LORD, "but you did laugh."

Genesis 18:16 When the men got up to leave, they looked out over Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them off.

Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"

Genesis 18:18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and through him all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

Genesis 18:19 For I have chosen him, so that he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has promised."

Genesis 18:20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great. Because their sin is so grievous,

Genesis 18:21 I will go down to see if their actions fully justify the outcry that has reached Me. If not, I will find out."

Genesis 18:22 And the two men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

Genesis 18:23 Abraham stepped forward and said, "Will You really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

Genesis 18:24 What if there are fifty righteous ones in the city? Will You really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous ones who are there?"

Genesis 18:25 Far be it from You to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?"

Genesis 18:26 So the LORD replied, "If I find fifty righteous ones within the city of Sodom, on their account I will spare the whole place."

Genesis 18:27 Then Abraham answered, "Now that I have ventured to speak to the Lord—though I am but dust and ashes—

Genesis 18:28 suppose the fifty righteous ones lack five. Will You destroy the whole city for the lack of five?" He replied, "If I find forty-five there, I will not destroy it."

Genesis 18:29 Once again Abraham spoke to the LORD, "Suppose forty are found there?" He answered, "On account of the forty, I will not do it."

Genesis 18:30 Then Abraham said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak further. Suppose thirty are found there?" He replied, "If I find thirty there, I will not do it."

Genesis 18:31 And Abraham said, "Now that I have ventured to speak to the Lord, suppose twenty are found there?" He answered, "On account of the twenty, I will not destroy it."

Genesis 18:32 Finally, Abraham said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak once more. Suppose ten are found there?" And He answered, "On account of the ten, I will not destroy it."

Genesis 18:33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, He departed, and Abraham returned home.

Genesis 19:1 Now the two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When Lot saw them, he got up to meet them, bowed facedown,

Genesis 19:2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside into the house of your servant; wash your feet and spend the night. Then you can rise early and go on your way." "No," they answered, "we will spend the night in the square."

Genesis 19:3 But Lot insisted so strongly that they followed him into his house. He prepared a feast for them and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

Genesis 19:4 Before they had gone to bed, all the men of the city of Sodom, both young and old, surrounded the house.

Genesis 19:5 They called out to Lot, saying, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Send them out to us so we can have relations with them!"

Genesis 19:6 Lot went outside to meet them, shutting the door behind him.

Genesis 19:7 "Please, my brothers," he pleaded, "don't do such a wicked thing!

Genesis 19:8 Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them to you, and you can do to them as you please. But do not do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."

Genesis 19:9 "Get out of the way!" they replied. And they declared, "This one came here as a foreigner, and he is already acting like a judge! Now we will treat you worse than them." And they pressed in on Lot and moved in to break down the door.

Genesis 19:10 But the men inside reached out, pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

Genesis 19:11 And they struck the men at the entrance, young and old, with blindness, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the door.

Genesis 19:12 Then the two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here—a son-in-law, your sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here,

Genesis 19:13 because we are about to destroy this place. For the outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that He has sent us to destroy it."

Genesis 19:14 So Lot went out and spoke to the sons-in-law who were pledged in marriage to his daughters. "Get up," he said. "Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

Genesis 19:15 At daybreak the angels hurried Lot along, saying, "Get up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city."

Genesis 19:16 But when Lot hesitated, the men grabbed his hand and the hands of his wife and his two daughters. And they led them safely out of the city, because of the LORD's compassion for them.

Genesis 19:17 As soon as the men had brought them out, one of them said, "Run for your lives! Do not look back, and do not stop anywhere on the plain! Flee to the mountains, or you will be swept away!"

Genesis 19:18 But Lot replied, "No, my lords, please!

Genesis 19:19 For I am a man who has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness by sparing my life. But I cannot run to the mountains; the disaster will overtake me, and I will die.

Genesis 19:20 Look, there is a town nearby where I can flee, and it is a small place. Please let me flee there—is it not a small place? Then my life will be saved."

Genesis 19:21 "Very well," he answered, "I will grant this request as well, and will not demolish the town you indicate.

Genesis 19:22 Hurry! Run there quickly, for I cannot do anything until you reach it." That is why the town was called Zoar.

Genesis 19:23 And by the time the sun had risen over the land, Lot had reached Zoar.

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained down sulfur and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens.

Genesis 19:25 Thus He destroyed these cities and the entire plain, including all the inhabitants of the cities and everything that grew on the ground.

Genesis 19:26 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:27 Early the next morning, Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

Genesis 19:28 He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and all the land of the plain, and he saw the smoke rising from the land like smoke from a furnace.

Genesis 19:29 So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, He remembered Abraham, and He brought Lot out of the catastrophe that destroyed the cities where he had lived.

Genesis 19:30 Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains—for he was afraid to stay in Zoar—where they lived in a cave.

Genesis 19:31 One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man in the land; let us sleep with father as is the custom in all the earth, so we can sleep with him and preserve his line."

Genesis 19:32 So that night they got their father drunk with wine, and the firstborn went in and slept with her father; he was not aware when she lay down or when she got up.

Genesis 19:33 The next day the older daughter said to the younger, "Look, I slept with my father last night. Let us get him drunk with wine again tonight so you can go in and sleep with him and we can preserve our father's line."

Genesis 19:35 So again that night they got their father drunk with wine, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him; he was not aware when she lay down or when she got up.

Genesis 19:36 Thus both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father.

Genesis 19:37 The older daughter gave birth to a son and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites of today.

Genesis 19:38 The younger daughter also gave birth to a son, and she named him Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites of today.

Genesis 20:1 Now Abraham journeyed from there to the region of the Negev and settled between Kadesh and Shur. While he was staying in Gerar,

Genesis 20:2 Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." So Abimelech king of Gerar had Sarah brought to him.

Genesis 20:3 One night, however, God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken, for she is a married woman."

Genesis 20:4 Now Abimelech had not gone near her, so he replied, "Lord, would You destroy a nation even though it is innocent?"

Genesis 20:5 Didn't Abraham tell me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' I have done this in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands."

Genesis 20:6 Then God said to Abimelech in the dream, "Yes, I know that you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against Me. That is why I did not let you touch her.

Genesis 20:7 Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet; he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not restore her, be aware that you will surely die—you and all who belong to you."

Genesis 20:8 Early the next morning Abimelech got up and summoned all his servants; and when he described to them all that had happened, the men were terrified.

Genesis 20:9 Then Abimelech called Abraham and asked, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought such tremendous guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should not be done."

Genesis 20:10 Abimelech also asked Abraham, "What prompted you to do such a thing?"

Genesis 20:11 Abraham replied, "I thought to myself, 'Surely there is no fear of God in this place. They will kill me on account of my wife.'

Genesis 20:12 Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father—though not the daughter of my mother—and she became my wife.

Genesis 20:13 So when God had me journey from my father's house, I said to Sarah, 'This is how you can show your loyalty to me: Wherever we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

Genesis 20:14 So Abimelech brought sheep and cattle, menservants and maidservants, and he gave them to Abraham and restored his wife Sarah to him.

Genesis 20:15 And Abimelech said, "Look, my land is before you. Settle wherever you please."

Genesis 20:16 And he said to Sarah, "See, I am giving your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is your vindication before all who are with you; you are completely cleared."

Genesis 20:17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maidservants, so that they could again bear children—

Genesis 20:18 for on account of Abraham's wife Sarah, the LORD had completely closed all the wombs in Abimelech's household.

Genesis 21:1 Now the LORD attended to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised.

Genesis 21:2 So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised.

Genesis 21:3 And Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore to him.

Genesis 21:4 When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded him.

Genesis 21:5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Genesis 21:6 Then Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears of this will laugh with me."

Genesis 21:7 She added, "Who would have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Genesis 21:8 So the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham held a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.

Genesis 21:9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking her son,

Genesis 21:10 and she said to Abraham, "Expel the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac!"

Genesis 21:11 Now this matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son Ishmael.

Genesis 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to everything that Sarah tells you, for through Isaac your offspring will be reckoned. But I will also make a nation of the slave woman's son, because he is your offspring."

Genesis 21:13 Early in the morning, Abraham got up, took bread and a skin of water, put them on Hagar's shoulders, and sent her away with the boy. She left and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.

Genesis 21:14 When the water in the skin was gone, she left the boy under one of the bushes.

Genesis 21:15 Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she said, "I cannot bear to watch the boy die." And as she sat nearby, she fell asleep.

Genesis 21:16 Then God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, "What is wrong, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he lies.

Genesis 21:17 Get up, lift up the boy, and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

Genesis 21:18 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

Genesis 21:19 And God was with the boy, and he grew up and settled in the wilderness and became a great archer.

Genesis 21:20 And while he was dwelling in the Wilderness of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Genesis 21:21 At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do.

Genesis 21:22 Now, therefore, swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or descendants. Show to me and to the country in which you reside the same kindness that I have shown to you."

Genesis 21:23 And Abraham replied, "I swear it."



Genesis 21:25 But when Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well that Abimelech's servants had seized,

Genesis 21:26 Abimelech replied, "I do not know who has done this. You did not tell me, so I have not heard about it until today."

Genesis 21:27 So Abraham brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant.

Genesis 21:28 Abraham separated seven ewe lambs from the flock,

Genesis 21:29 and Abimelech asked him, "Why have you set apart these seven ewe lambs?"

Genesis 21:30 He replied, "You are to accept the seven ewe lambs from my hand as my witness that I dug this well."

Genesis 21:31 So this place was called Beersheba, because it was there that the two of them swore an oath.

Genesis 21:32 After they had made the covenant at Beersheba, Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army got up and returned to the land of the Philistines.

Genesis 21:33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

Genesis 21:34 Some time later God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

Genesis 22:1 "Here I am," he answered.

Genesis 22:2 "Take your son," God said, "your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

Genesis 22:3 So Abraham got up early the next morning, saddled his donkey, and took along two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had designated.

Genesis 22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

Genesis 22:5 "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told his servants. "The boy and I will go over there to worship, and then we will return to you."

Genesis 22:6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac. He himself carried the fire and the sacrificial knife, and the two of them walked on together.

Genesis 22:7 Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" "Here I am, my son," he replied. "The fire and the wood are here," said Isaac, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Genesis 22:8 Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two walked on together.

Genesis 22:9 When they arrived at the place God had designated, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar, atop the wood.

Genesis 22:10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Genesis 22:11 Just then the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

Genesis 22:12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him," said the angel, "for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me."

Genesis 22:13 Then Abraham looked up and saw behind him a ram in a thicket, caught by its horns. So he went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. So to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Genesis 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time,

Genesis 22:16 saying, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your only son,

Genesis 22:17 I will surely bless you, and I will multiply your descendants like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will possess the gates of their enemies.

Genesis 22:18 And through your offspring all nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Genesis 22:19 Abraham went back to his servants, and they got up and set out together for Beersheba. And Abraham settled in Beersheba.

Genesis 22:20 Some time later, Abraham was told, "Milcah has also borne sons to your brother Nahor:

Genesis 22:21 Uz the firstborn, his brother Buz, Kemuel (the father of Aram),

Genesis 22:22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.”

Genesis 22:23 And Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milcah bore these eight sons to Abraham’s brother Nahor.

Genesis 22:24 Moreover, Nahor’s concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

Genesis 23:1 Now Sarah lived to be 127 years old.

Genesis 23:2 She died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went out to mourn and to weep for her.

Genesis 23:3 Then Abraham got up from beside his dead wife and said to the Hittites,

Genesis 23:4 “I am a foreigner and an outsider among you. Give me a burial site among you so that I can bury my dead.”

Genesis 23:5 The Hittites replied to Abraham,

Genesis 23:6 “Listen to us, sir. You are God’s chosen one among us. Bury your dead in the finest of our tombs. None of us will withhold his tomb for burying your dead.”

Genesis 23:7 Then Abraham rose and bowed down before the people of the land, the Hittites.

Genesis 23:8 “If you are willing for me to bury my dead,” he said to them, “listen to me, and approach Ephron son of Zohar on my behalf

Genesis 23:9 to sell me the cave of Machpelah that belongs to him; it is at the end of his field. Let him sell it to me in your presence for full price, so that I may have a burial site.”

Genesis 23:10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. So in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city, Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham,

Genesis 23:11 “No, my lord. Listen to me. I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of my people. Bury your dead.”

Genesis 23:12 Again Abraham bowed down before the people of the land

Genesis 23:13 and said to Ephron in their presence, “If you will please listen to me, I will pay you the price of the field. Accept it from me, so that I may bury my dead there.”

Genesis 23:14 Ephron answered Abraham,

Genesis 23:15 “Listen to me, my lord. The land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between you and me? Bury your dead.”

Genesis 23:16 Abraham agreed to Ephron’s terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the standard of the merchants.

Genesis 23:17 So Ephron’s field at Machpelah near Mamre, the cave that was in it, and all the trees within the boundaries of the field were deeded over

Genesis 23:18 to Abraham’s possession in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city.

Genesis 23:19 After this, Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave of the field at Machpelah near Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 23:20 So the field and its cave were deeded by the Hittites to Abraham as a burial site.

Genesis 24:1 By now Abraham was old and well along in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

Genesis 24:2 So Abraham instructed the chief servant of his household, who managed all he owned, and he said to him, “Place your hand under my thigh.

Genesis 24:3 “I will have you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I am dwelling,

Genesis 24:4 but will go to my country and my kindred to take a wife for my son Isaac.”

Genesis 24:5 The servant asked him, “What if the woman is unwilling to follow me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the land from which you came?”

Genesis 24:6 The LORD replied, “Make sure that you do not take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:7 “The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me from my father’s house and my native land, who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’—He will send His angel before you so that you can take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:8 And if the woman is unwilling to follow you, then you are released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there.”

Genesis 24:9 So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

Genesis 24:10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed with all manner of good things from his master in hand. And he set out for Nahor’s hometown in Aram-naharaim.

Genesis 24:11 As evening approached, he made the camels kneel down near the well outside the town at the time when the women went out to draw water.

Genesis 24:12 “O LORD, God of my master Abraham,” he prayed, “please grant me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

Genesis 24:13 Here I am, standing beside the spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.

Genesis 24:14 Now may it happen that the girl to whom I say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who responds, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels as well’—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. By this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.”

Genesis 24:15 Before the servant had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor.

Genesis 24:16 Now the girl was very beautiful, a virgin who had not had relations with any man. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up again.

Genesis 24:17 So the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me have a little water from your jar.”

Genesis 24:18 “Drink, my lord,” she replied, and she quickly lowered her jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

Genesis 24:19 After she had given him a drink, she said, “I will also draw water for your camels, until they have had enough to drink.”

Genesis 24:20 And she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran back to the well to draw water, until she had drawn water for all his camels.

Genesis 24:21 Meanwhile, the man watched her silently to see whether or not the LORD had made his journey a success.

Genesis 24:22 And after the camels had finished drinking, he took out a gold ring weighing a beka, and two gold bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels.

Genesis 24:23 “Whose daughter are you?” he asked. “Please tell me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

Genesis 24:24 She replied, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milcah bore to Nahor.”

Genesis 24:25 Then she added, “We have plenty of straw and feed, as well as a place for you to spend the night.”

Genesis 24:26 Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD,

Genesis 24:27 saying, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not withheld His kindness and faithfulness from my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of my master’s relatives.”

Genesis 24:28 The girl ran and told her mother’s household about these things.

Genesis 24:29 Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he rushed out to the man at the spring.

Genesis 24:30 As soon as he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s wrists, and heard Rebekah’s words, “The man said this to me,” he went and found the man standing by the camels near the spring.

Genesis 24:31 “Come, you who are blessed by the LORD,” said Laban. “Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”

Genesis 24:32 So the man came to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and feed were brought to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of his companions.

Genesis 24:33 Then a meal was set before the man, but he said, “I will not eat until I have told you what I came to say.” So Laban said, “Please speak.”

Genesis 24:34 “I am Abraham’s servant,” he replied.

Genesis 24:35 "The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become rich. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, camels and donkeys.

Genesis 24:36 My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and my master has given him everything he owns.

Genesis 24:37 My master made me swear an oath and said, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I dwell,

Genesis 24:38 but you shall go to my father's house and to my kindred to take a wife for my son.'

Genesis 24:39 Then I asked my master, 'What if the woman will not come back with me?'

Genesis 24:40 And he told me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you may take a wife for my son from my kindred and from my father's house.

Genesis 24:41 And when you go to my kindred, if they refuse to give her to you, then you will be released from my oath.'

Genesis 24:42 So when I came to the spring today, I prayed: O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if only You would make my journey a success!

Genesis 24:43 Here I am, standing beside this spring. Now if a maiden comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,'

Genesis 24:44 and she replies, 'Drink, and I will draw water for your camels as well,' may she be the woman the LORD has appointed for my master's son.

Genesis 24:45 And before I had finished praying in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. So I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

Genesis 24:46 She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will water your camels as well.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

Genesis 24:47 Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She replied, 'I'm the daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.

Genesis 24:48 Then I bowed down and worshiped the LORD; and I blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who led me on the right road to take the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

Genesis 24:49 Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; but if not, let me know, so that I may go elsewhere."

Genesis 24:50 Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we have no choice in the matter.

Genesis 24:51 Rebekah is here before you. Take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, just as the LORD has decreed."

Genesis 24:52 When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD.

Genesis 24:53 Then he brought out jewels of silver and gold, and articles of clothing, and he gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious gifts to her brother and her mother.

Genesis 24:54 Then he and the men with him ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."

Genesis 24:55 But her brother and mother said, "Let the girl remain with us ten days or so. After that, she may go."

Genesis 24:56 But he replied, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has made my journey a success. Send me on my way so that I may go to my master."

Genesis 24:57 So they said, "We will call the girl and ask her opinion."

Genesis 24:58 They called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she replied.

Genesis 24:59 So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

Genesis 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands upon thousands. May your offspring possess the gates of their enemies."

Genesis 24:61 Then Rebekah and her servant girls got ready, mounted the camels, and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

Genesis 24:62 Now Isaac had just returned from Beer-lahai-roi, for he was living in the Negev.

Genesis 24:63 Early in the evening, Isaac went out to the field to meditate, and looking up, he saw the camels approaching.

Genesis 24:64 And when Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac, she got down from her camel

Genesis 24:65 and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "It is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

Genesis 24:66 Then the servant told Isaac all that he had done.

Genesis 24:67 And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah and took Rebekah as his wife. And Isaac loved her and was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 25:1 Now Abraham had taken another wife, named Keturah,

Genesis 25:2 and she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

Genesis 25:3 Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were the Asshurites, the Letushites, and the Leummites.

Genesis 25:4 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Keturah.

Genesis 25:5 Abraham left everything he owned to Isaac.

Genesis 25:6 But while he was still alive, Abraham gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from his son Isaac to the land of the east.

Genesis 25:7 Abraham lived a total of 175 years.

Genesis 25:8 And at a ripe old age he breathed his last and died, old and contented, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25:9 His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite.

Genesis 25:10 This was the field that Abraham had bought from the Hittites. Abraham was buried there with his wife Sarah.

Genesis 25:11 After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who lived near Beer-lahai-roi.

Genesis 25:12 This is the account of Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham.

Genesis 25:13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael in the order of their birth: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

Genesis 25:14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

Genesis 25:15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

Genesis 25:16 These were the sons of Ishmael, and these were their names by their villages and encampments—twelve princes of their tribes.

Genesis 25:17 Ishmael lived a total of 137 years. Then he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25:18 Ishmael's descendants settled from Havilah to Shur, which is near the border of Egypt as you go toward Asshur. And they lived in hostility toward all their brothers.

Genesis 25:19 This is the account of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac,

Genesis 25:20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and the sister of Laban the Aramean.

Genesis 25:21 Later, Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD heard his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

Genesis 25:22 But the children inside her struggled with each other, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So Rebekah went to inquire of the LORD.

Genesis 25:23 And the LORD answered her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Genesis 25:24 When her time came to give birth, there were indeed twins in her womb.

Genesis 25:25 The first one came out red, covered with hair like a fur coat; so they named him Esau.

Genesis 25:26 After this, his brother came out grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.

Genesis 25:27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man who stayed at home.

Genesis 25:28 Because Isaac had a taste for wild game, he loved Esau; but Rebekah loved Jacob.



Genesis 25:29 One day, while Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the field and was famished.

Genesis 25:30 He said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am famished." (That is why he was also called Edom.)

Genesis 25:31 "First sell me your birthright," Jacob replied.

Genesis 25:32 "Look," said Esau, "I am about to die, so what good is a birthright to me?"

Genesis 25:33 "Swear to me first," Jacob said. So Esau swore to Jacob and sold him the birthright.

Genesis 25:34 Then Jacob gave some bread and lentil stew to Esau, who ate and drank and then got up and went away. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 26:1 Now there was another famine in the land, subsequent to the one that had occurred in Abraham's time. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines at Gerar.

Genesis 26:2 The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt. Settle in the land where I tell you, and I will be with you and bless you. For I will give all these lands to you and your offspring, and I will confirm the oath that I swore to your father Abraham.

Genesis 26:3 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, and I will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations of the earth will be blessed, because Abraham listened to My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Genesis 26:4 So Isaac settled in Gerar.

Genesis 26:7 But when the men of that place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister." For he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," since he thought to himself, "The men of this place will kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is so beautiful."

Genesis 26:8 When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked down from the window and was surprised to see Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah.

Genesis 26:9 Abimelech sent for Isaac and said, "So she is really your wife! How could you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac replied, "Because I thought I might die on account of her."

Genesis 26:10 "What is this you have done to us?" asked Abimelech. "One of the people could easily have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

Genesis 26:11 So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever harms this man or his wife will surely be put to death."

Genesis 26:12 Now Isaac sowed seed in the land, and that very year he reaped a hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him,

Genesis 26:13 and he became richer and richer, until he was exceedingly wealthy.

Genesis 26:14 He owned so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

Genesis 26:15 So the Philistines took dirt and stopped up all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of his father Abraham.

Genesis 26:16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Depart from us, for you are much too powerful for us."

Genesis 26:17 So Isaac left that place and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there.

Genesis 26:18 Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died. And he gave these wells the same names his father had given them.

Genesis 26:19 Then Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found a well of fresh water there.

Genesis 26:20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek, because they contended with him.

Genesis 26:21 Then they dug another well and quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah.

Genesis 26:22 He moved on from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. He named it Rehoboth and said, "At last the LORD has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

Genesis 26:23 From there Isaac went up to Beersheba,

Genesis 26:24 and that night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of My servant Abraham."

Genesis 26:25 So Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there. His servants also dug a well there.

Genesis 26:26 Later, Abimelech came to Isaac from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army.

Genesis 26:27 "Why have you come to me?" Isaac asked them. "You hated me and sent me away."

Genesis 26:28 "We can plainly see that the LORD has been with you," they replied. "We recommend that there should now be an oath between us and you. Let us make a covenant with you that you will not harm us, just as we have not harmed you but have done only good to you, sending you on your way in peace. And now you are blessed by the LORD."

Genesis 26:29 So Isaac prepared a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

Genesis 26:30 And they got up early the next morning and swore an oath to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left him in peace.

Genesis 26:31 On that same day, Isaac's servants came and told him about the well they had dug. "We have found water!" they told him.

Genesis 26:32 So he called it Shibah, and to this day the name of the city is Beersheba.

Genesis 26:33 When Esau was forty years old, he took as his wives Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite and Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite.

Genesis 26:34 And they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 26:35 When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," Esau replied.

Genesis 27:1 "Look," said Isaac, "I am now old, and I do not know the day of my death. Take your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out into the field to hunt some game for me.

Genesis 27:2 Then prepare a tasty dish that I love and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Genesis 27:3 Now Rebekah was listening to what Isaac told his son Esau. So when Esau went into the field to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I overheard your father saying to your brother Esau,

Genesis 27:4 'Bring me some game and prepare me a tasty dish to eat, so that I may bless you in the presence of the LORD before I die.'

Genesis 27:5 Now, my son, listen to my voice and do exactly as I tell you.

Genesis 27:6 Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so that I can make them into a tasty dish for your father—the kind he loves.

Genesis 27:7 Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies."

Genesis 27:8 Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, but I am smooth-skinned.

Genesis 27:9 What if my father touches me? Then I would be revealed to him as a deceiver, and I would bring upon myself a curse rather than a blessing."

Genesis 27:10 His mother replied, "Your curse be on me, my son. Just obey my voice and go get them for me."

Genesis 27:11 So Jacob went and got two goats and brought them to his mother, who made the tasty food his father loved.

Genesis 27:12 And Rebekah took the finest clothes in the house that belonged to her older son Esau, and she put them on her young son Jacob. She also put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

Genesis 27:13 Then she handed her son Jacob the tasty food and bread she had made.

Genesis 27:14 So Jacob went to his father and said, "My father." "Here I am!" he answered. "Which one are you, my son?"

Genesis 27:15 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may bless me."

Genesis 27:16 But Isaac asked his son, "How did you ever find it so quickly, my son?" "Because the LORD your God brought it to me," he replied.

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Genesis 27:21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come closer so I can touch you, my son. Are you really my son Esau, or not?"

Genesis 27:22 So Jacob came close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

Genesis 27:23 Isaac did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him.

Genesis 27:24 Again he asked, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he replied, "I am."

Genesis 27:25 "Serve me," said Isaac, "and let me eat some of my son's game, so that I may bless you." Jacob brought it to him, and he ate; then he brought him wine, and he drank.

Genesis 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come near and kiss me, my son."

Genesis 27:27 So he came near and kissed him. When Isaac smelled his clothing, he blessed him and said: "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.

Genesis 27:28 May God give to you the dew of heaven and the richness of the earth—an abundance of grain and new wine.

Genesis 27:29 May peoples serve you and nations bow down to you. May you be the master of your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed, and those who bless you be blessed."

Genesis 27:30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing him and Jacob had left his father's presence, his brother Esau returned from the hunt.

Genesis 27:31 He too made some tasty food, brought it to his father, and said to him, "My father, sit up and eat of your son's game, so that you may bless me."

Genesis 27:32 But his father Isaac replied, "Who are you?" "I am Esau, your firstborn son," he answered.

Genesis 27:33 Isaac began to tremble violently and said, "Who was it, then, who hunted the game and brought it to me? Before you came in, I ate it all and blessed him—and indeed, he will be blessed!"

Genesis 27:34 When Esau heard his father's words, he let out a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me too, O my father!"

Genesis 27:35 But Isaac replied, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing."

Genesis 27:36 So Esau declared, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me twice. He took my birthright, and now he has taken my blessing." Then he asked, "Haven't you saved a blessing for me?"

Genesis 27:37 But Isaac answered Esau: "Look, I have made him your master and given him all his relatives as servants; I have sustained him with grain and new wine. What is left that I can do for you, my son?"

Genesis 27:38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, O my father!" Then Esau wept aloud.

Genesis 27:39 His father Isaac answered him: "Behold, your dwelling place shall be away from the richness of the land, away from the dew of heaven above.

Genesis 27:40 You shall live by the sword and serve your brother. But when you rebel, you will tear his yoke from your neck."

Genesis 27:41 Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. And Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Genesis 27:42 When the words of her older son Esau were relayed to Rebekah, she sent for her younger son Jacob and told him, "Look, your brother Esau is consoling himself by plotting to kill you.

Genesis 27:43 So now, my son, obey my voice and flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran.

Genesis 27:44 Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides—

Genesis 27:45 Then I will send for you and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

Genesis 27:46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a Hittite wife from among them, what good is my life?"

Genesis 28:1 So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. "Do not take a wife from the Canaanite women," he commanded.

Genesis 28:2 "Go at once to Paddan-aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel, and take a wife from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.

Genesis 28:3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, so that you may become a company of peoples.

Genesis 28:4 And may He give the blessing of Abraham to you and your descendants, so that you may possess the land where you dwell as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."

Genesis 28:5 So Isaac sent Jacob to Paddan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Genesis 28:6 Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him to Paddan-aram to take a wife there, commanding him, "Do not marry a Canaanite woman,"

Genesis 28:7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and gone to Paddan-aram.

Genesis 28:8 And seeing that his father Isaac disapproved of the Canaanite women,

Genesis 28:9 Esau went to Ishmael and married Mahalath, the sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Abraham's son Ishmael, in addition to the wives he already had.

Genesis 28:10 Meanwhile Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.

Genesis 28:11 On reaching a certain place, he spent the night there because the sun had set. And taking one of the stones from that place, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

Genesis 28:12 And Jacob had a dream about a ladder that rested on the earth with its top reaching up to heaven, and God's angels were going up and down the ladder.

Genesis 28:13 And there at the top the LORD was standing and saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you now lie.

Genesis 28:14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and east and north and south. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

Genesis 28:15 Look, I am with you, and I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised."

Genesis 28:16 When Jacob woke up, he thought, "Surely the LORD is at this place, and I was unaware of it."

Genesis 28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven!"

Genesis 28:18 Early the next morning, Jacob took the stone that he had placed under his head, and he set it up as a pillar. He poured oil on top of it,

Genesis 28:19 and he called that place Bethel, though previously the city had been named Luz.

Genesis 28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and watch over me on this journey, and if He will provide me with food to eat and clothes to wear,

Genesis 28:21 so that I may return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God.

Genesis 28:22 And this stone I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give You a tenth."

Genesis 29:1 Jacob resumed his journey and came to the land of the people of the east.

Genesis 29:2 He looked and saw a well in the field, and near it lay three flocks of sheep, because the sheep were watered from this well. And a large stone covered the mouth of the well.

Genesis 29:3 When all the flocks had been gathered there, the shepherds would roll away the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

Genesis 29:4 "My brothers," Jacob asked the shepherds, "where are you from?" "We are from Haran," they answered.

Genesis 29:5 "Do you know Laban the grandson of Nahor?" Jacob asked. "We know him," they replied.

Genesis 29:6 "Is he well?" Jacob inquired. "Yes," they answered, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with his sheep."

Genesis 29:7 "Look," said Jacob, "it is still broad daylight; it is not yet time to gather the livestock. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture."

Genesis 29:8 But they replied, "We cannot, until all the flocks have been gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

Genesis 29:9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachel arrived with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

Genesis 29:10 As soon as Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, with Laban's sheep, he went up and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.

Genesis 29:11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud.

Genesis 29:12 He told Rachel that he was Rebekah's son, a relative of her father, and she ran and told her father.

Genesis 29:13 When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran out to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, where Jacob told him all that had happened.

Genesis 29:14 Then Laban declared, "You are indeed my own flesh and blood." After Jacob had stayed with him a month,

Genesis 29:15 Laban said to him, "Just because you are my relative, should you work for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

Genesis 29:16 Now Laban had two daughters; the older was named Leah, and the younger was named Rachel.

Genesis 29:17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was shapely and beautiful.

Genesis 29:18 Since Jacob loved Rachel, he answered, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

Genesis 29:19 Laban replied, "Better that I give her to you than to another. Stay here with me."

Genesis 29:20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, yet it seemed but a few days because of his love for her.

Genesis 29:21 Finally Jacob said to Laban, "Grant me my wife, for my time is complete, and I want to sleep with her."

Genesis 29:22 So Laban invited all the men of that place and prepared a feast.

Genesis 29:23 But when evening came, Laban took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and he slept with her.

Genesis 29:24 And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her maidservant.

Genesis 29:25 When morning came, there was Leah! "What have you done to me?" Jacob said to Laban. "Wasn't it for Rachel that I served you? Why have you deceived me?"

Genesis 29:26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older.

Genesis 29:27 Finish this week's celebration, and we will give you the younger one in return for another seven years of work."

Genesis 29:28 And Jacob did just that. He finished the week's celebration, and Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

Genesis 29:29 Laban also gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant.

Genesis 29:30 Jacob slept with Rachel as well, and indeed, he loved Rachel more than Leah. So he worked for Laban another seven years.

Genesis 29:31 When the LORD saw that Leah was barren.

Genesis 29:32 And Leah conceived and gave birth to a son, and she named him Reuben, for she said, "The LORD has seen my affliction. Surely my husband will love me now."

Genesis 29:33 Again she conceived and gave birth to a son, and she said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, he has given me this son as well." So she named him Simeon.

Genesis 29:34 And she conceived and gave birth to a son, and she said, "Now my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.

Genesis 29:35 And once more she conceived and gave birth to a son and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." So she named him Judah. Then Leah stopped having children.

Genesis 30:1 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing any children for Jacob, she envied her sister. "Give me children, or I will die!" she said to Jacob.

Genesis 30:2 Jacob became angry with Rachel and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld children from you?"



Genesis 30:3 Then she said, "Here is my maidservant Bilhah. Sleep with her, that she may bear children for me, so that through her I too can build a family."

Genesis 30:4 So Rachel gave Jacob her servant Bilhah as a wife, and he slept with her,

Genesis 30:5 and Bilhah conceived and bore him a son.

Genesis 30:6 Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me; He has heard my plea and given me a son." So she named him Dan.

Genesis 30:7 And Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

Genesis 30:8 Then Rachel said, "In my great struggles, I have wrestled with my sister and won." So she named him Naphtali.

Genesis 30:9 When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she gave her servant Zilpah to Jacob as a wife.

Genesis 30:10 And Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

Genesis 30:11 Then Leah said, "How fortunate!" So she named him Gad.

Genesis 30:12 When Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son,

Genesis 30:13 Leah said, "How happy I am! For the women call me happy." So she named him Asher.

Genesis 30:14 Now during the wheat harvest, Reuben went out and found some mandrakes in the field. When he brought them to his mother, Rachel begged Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

Genesis 30:15 But Leah replied, "Is it not enough that you have taken away my husband? Now you want to take my son's mandrakes as well?" "Very well," said Rachel, "he may sleep with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes."

Genesis 30:16 When Jacob came in from the field that evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come with me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night.

Genesis 30:17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore a fifth son to Jacob.

Genesis 30:18 Then Leah said, "God has rewarded me for giving my maidservant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

Genesis 30:19 Again Leah conceived and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

Genesis 30:20 "God has given me a good gift," she said. "This time my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." And she named him Zebulun.

Genesis 30:21 After that, Leah gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

Genesis 30:22 Then God remembered Rachel. He listened to her and opened her womb,

Genesis 30:23 and she conceived and gave birth to a son. "God has taken away my shame," she said.

Genesis 30:24 She named him Joseph, and said, "May the LORD add to me another son."

Genesis 30:25 Now after Rachel had given birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can return to my homeland.

Genesis 30:26 Give me my wives and children for whom I have served you, that I may go on my way. You know how hard I have worked for you."

Genesis 30:27 But Laban replied, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you."

Genesis 30:28 And he added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them."

Genesis 30:29 Then Jacob answered, "You know how I have served you and how your livestock have thrived under my care.

Genesis 30:30 Indeed, you had very little before my arrival, but now your wealth has increased many times over. The LORD has blessed you wherever I set foot. But now, when may I also provide for my own household?"

Genesis 30:31 Laban asked, "You do not need to give me anything," Jacob replied. "If you do this one thing for me, I will keep on shepherding and keeping your flocks.

Genesis 30:32 Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb, and every spotted or speckled goat. These will be my wages.

Genesis 30:33 So my honesty will testify for me when you come to check on my wages in the future. If I have any goats that are not speckled or spotted, or any lambs that are not dark-colored, they will be considered stolen."

Genesis 30:34 "Agreed," said Laban. "Let it be as you have said."

Genesis 30:35 That very day Laban removed all the streaked or spotted male goats and every speckled or spotted female goat—every one that had any white on it—and every dark-colored lamb, and he placed them under the care of his sons.

Genesis 30:36 Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob was shepherding the rest of Laban's flocks.

Genesis 30:37 Jacob, however, took fresh branches of poplar, almond, and plane trees, and peeled the bark, exposing the white inner wood of the branches.

Genesis 30:38 Then he set the peeled branches in the watering troughs in front of the flocks coming in to drink. So when the flocks were in heat and came to drink,

Genesis 30:39 they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted apart the young, but made the rest face the streaked dark-colored sheep in Laban's flocks. Then he set his own stock apart and did not put them with Laban's animals.

Genesis 30:40 Whenever the stronger females of the flock were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs, in full view of the animals, so that they would breed in front of the branches.

Genesis 30:41 But if the animals were weak, he did not set out the branches. So the weaker animals went to Laban and the stronger ones to Jacob.

Genesis 30:42 Thus Jacob became exceedingly prosperous. He owned large flocks, maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.

Genesis 31:1 Now Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken away all that belonged to our father and built all this wealth at our father's expense."

Genesis 31:2 And Jacob saw from the countenance of Laban that his attitude toward him had changed.

Genesis 31:3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

Genesis 31:4 So Jacob sent word and called Rachel and Leah to the field where his flocks were,

Genesis 31:5 and he told them, "I can see from your father's countenance that his attitude toward me has changed; but the God of my father has been with me.

Genesis 31:6 You know that I have served your father with all my strength.

Genesis 31:7 And although he has cheated me and changed my wages ten times, God has not allowed him to harm me.

Genesis 31:8 If he said, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then the whole flock bore speckled offspring. If he said, 'The streaked will be your wages,' then the whole flock bore streaked offspring.

Genesis 31:9 Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given them to me.

Genesis 31:10 When the flocks were breeding, I saw in a dream that the streaked, spotted, and speckled males were mating with the females.

Genesis 31:11 In that dream the angel of God said to me, 'Jacob!' And I replied, 'Here I am.'

Genesis 31:12 'Look up,' he said, 'and see that all the males that are mating with the flock are streaked, spotted, or speckled; for I have seen all that Laban has done to you.

Genesis 31:13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and made a solemn vow to Me. Now Rachel and Leah replied, "Do we have any portion or inheritance left in our father's house?"

Genesis 31:14 Are we not regarded by him as outsiders? Not only has he sold us, but he has certainly squandered what was paid for us.

Genesis 31:15 Surely all the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. So do whatever God has told you."

Genesis 31:16 Then Jacob got up and put his children and his wives on camels,

Genesis 31:17 and he drove all his livestock before him, along with all the possessions he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land in Canaan.

Genesis 31:18 Moreover, Jacob was not shepherding his sheep. Rachel told him that he was handling away.

Genesis 31:19 So he fled with all his possessions, crossed the Euphrates, and headed for the hill country of Gilead.

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Genesis 31:22 On the third day Laban was informed that Jacob had fled.

Genesis 31:23 So he took his relatives with him, pursued Jacob for seven days, and overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

Genesis 31:24 But that night God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream and warned him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

Genesis 31:25 Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country of Gilead when Laban overtook him, and Laban and his relatives camped there as well.

Genesis 31:26 Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You have deceived me and carried off my daughters like captives of war!

Genesis 31:27 Why did you run away secretly and deceive me, without even telling me? I would have sent you away with joy and singing, with tambourines and harps.

Genesis 31:28 But you did not even let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters goodbye. Now you have done a foolish thing.

Genesis 31:29 I have power to do you great harm, but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.'

Genesis 31:30 Now you have gone off because you long for your father's house. But why have you stolen my gods?"

Genesis 31:31 Jacob answered, "for I thought you would take your daughters from me by force.

Genesis 31:32 If you find your gods with anyone here, he shall not live! In the presence of our relatives, see for yourself if anything is yours, and take it back." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the idols.

Genesis 31:33 So Laban went into Jacob's tent, then Leah's tent, and then the tents of the two maidservants, but he found nothing. Then he left Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

Genesis 31:34 Now Rachel had taken Laban's household idols, put them in the saddlebag of her camel, and was sitting on them. And Laban searched everything in the tent but found nothing.

Genesis 31:35 Rachel said to her father, "Sir, do not be angry that I cannot stand up before you; for I am having my period." So Laban searched, but could not find the household idols.

Genesis 31:36 Then Jacob became incensed and challenged Laban. "What is my crime?" he said. "For what sin of mine have you so hotly pursued me?

Genesis 31:37 You have searched all my goods! Have you found anything that belongs to you? Put it here before my brothers and yours, that they may judge between the two of us.

Genesis 31:38 I have been with you for twenty years now. Your sheep and goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flock.

Genesis 31:39 I did not bring you anything torn by wild beasts; I bore the loss myself. And you demanded payment from me for what was stolen by day or night, and sleep fled from my eyes.

Genesis 31:40 Thus for twenty years I have served in your household—fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flocks—and you have changed my wages ten times!

Genesis 31:41 If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, surely by now you would have sent me away empty-handed. But God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, and last night He rendered judgment."

Genesis 31:42 But Laban answered Jacob, "These daughters are my daughters, these sons are my sons, and these flocks are my flocks! Everything you see is mine! Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine or the children they have borne?

Genesis 31:43 Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between you and me."

Genesis 31:44 So Jacob picked out a stone and set it up as a pillar,

Genesis 31:45 and he said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and made a mound, and there by the mound they ate.

Genesis 31:46 Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, and Jacob called it Galeed.

Genesis 31:47 Then Laban declared, "This mound is a witness between you and me this day." Therefore the place was called Galeed.

Genesis 31:49 It was also called Mizpah, because Laban said, "May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are absent from each other.

Genesis 31:50 If you mistreat my daughters or take other wives, although no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me."

Genesis 31:51 Laban also said to Jacob, "Here is the mound, and here is the pillar I have set up between you and me.

Genesis 31:52 This mound is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this mound to harm you, and you will not go past this mound and pillar to harm me.

Genesis 31:53 May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.

Genesis 31:54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain and invited his relatives to eat a meal. And after they had eaten, they spent the night on the mountain.

Genesis 31:55 Early the next morning, Laban got up and kissed his grandchildren and daughters and blessed them. Then he left to return home.

Genesis 32:1 Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

Genesis 32:2 When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

Genesis 32:3 Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Genesis 32:4 He instructed them, "You are to say to my master Esau, 'Your servant Jacob says: I have been staying with Laban and have remained there until now.

Genesis 32:5 I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, menservants, and maidservants. I have sent this message to inform my master, so that I may find favor in your sight.'"

Genesis 32:6 When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you—he and four hundred men with him."

Genesis 32:7 In great fear and distress, Jacob divided his people into two camps, as well as the flocks and herds and camels.

Genesis 32:8 He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one camp, then the other camp can escape."

Genesis 32:9 Then Jacob declared, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, the LORD who told me, 'Go back to your country and to your kindred, and I will make you prosper,'

Genesis 32:10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness You have shown Your servant. Indeed, with only my staff I came across the Jordan, but now I have become two camps.

Genesis 32:11 Please deliver me from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid that he may come and attack me and the mothers and children with me.

Genesis 32:12 But You have said, 'I will surely make you prosper, and I will make your offspring like the sand of the sea, too numerous to count.'"

Genesis 32:13 Jacob spent the night there, and from what he had brought with him, he selected a gift for his brother Esau:

Genesis 32:14 200 female goats, 20 male goats, 400 ewes, 20 bulls, 20 female donkeys, and 10 male donkeys.

Genesis 32:15 200 female goats, 20 male goats, 400 ewes, 20 bulls, 20 female donkeys, and 10 male donkeys.

Genesis 32:16 He entrusted them to his servants in separate herds and told them, "Go on ahead of me, and keep some distance between the herds."

Genesis 32:17 He instructed the one in the lead, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'To whom do you belong, where are you going, and whose animals are these before you?'

Genesis 32:18 then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift, sent to my lord Esau. And behold, Jacob is behind us.'"

Genesis 32:19 He also instructed the second, the third, and all those following behind the herds: "When you meet Esau, you are to say the same thing to him.

Genesis 32:20 You are also to say, 'Look, your servant Jacob is right behind us.'" For he thought, "I will appease Esau with the gift that is going before me. After that I can face him, and perhaps he will accept me."

Genesis 32:21 So Jacob's gifts went on before him, while he spent the night in the camp.

Genesis 32:22 During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

Genesis 32:23 He took them and sent them across the stream, along with all his possessions.

Genesis 32:24 So Jacob was left all alone, and there a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

Genesis 32:25 When the man saw that he could not overpower Jacob, he struck the socket of Jacob's hip and dislocated it as they wrestled.

Genesis 32:26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

Genesis 32:27 "What is your name?" the man asked. "Jacob," he replied.

Genesis 32:28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed."

Genesis 32:29 And Jacob requested, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed Jacob there.

Genesis 32:30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, saying, "Indeed, I have seen God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Genesis 32:31 The sun rose above him as he passed by Penuel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32:32 Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon which is at the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was struck near that tendon.

Genesis 33:1 Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming toward him with four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.

Genesis 33:2 He put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph at the rear.

Genesis 33:3 But Jacob himself went on ahead and bowed to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

Genesis 33:4 Esau, however, ran to him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept.

Genesis 33:5 When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he asked, "Who are these with you?" Jacob answered, "These are the children God has graciously given your servant."

Genesis 33:6 Then the maidservants and their children approached and bowed down.

Genesis 33:7 Leah and her children also approached and bowed down, and then Joseph and Rachel approached and bowed down.

Genesis 33:8 "What do you mean by sending this whole company to meet me?" asked Esau. "To find favor in your sight, my lord," Jacob answered.

Genesis 33:9 "I already have plenty, my brother," Esau replied. "Keep what belongs to you."

Genesis 33:10 But Jacob insisted, "No, please! If I have found favor in your sight, then receive this gift from my hand. For indeed, I have seen your face, and it is like seeing the face of God, since you have received me favorably.

Genesis 33:11 Please accept my gift that was brought to you, because God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." So Jacob pressed him until he accepted.

Genesis 33:12 Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way, and I will go ahead of you."

Genesis 33:13 But Jacob replied, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and I must care for sheep and cattle that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard for even a day, all the animals will die.

Genesis 33:14 Please let my lord go ahead of his servant. I will continue on slowly, at a comfortable pace for the livestock and children, until I come to my lord at Seir."

Genesis 33:15 "Let me leave some of my people with you," Esau said. But Jacob replied, "Why do that? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

Genesis 33:16 So that day Esau started on his way back to Seir,

Genesis 33:17 but Jacob went on to Succoth, where he built a house for himself and shelters for his livestock; that is why the place was called Succoth.

Genesis 33:18 After Jacob had come from Paddan-aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in the land of Canaan, and he camped just outside the city.

Genesis 33:19 And the plot of ground where he pitched his tent, he purchased from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of silver.

Genesis 33:20 There he set up an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.



Genesis 34:1 Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the daughters of the land.

Genesis 34:2 When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the region, saw her, he took her and lay with her by force.

Genesis 34:3 And his soul was drawn to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young girl and spoke to her tenderly.

Genesis 34:4 So Shechem told his father Hamor, "Get me this girl as a wife."

Genesis 34:5 Jacob heard that Shechem had defiled his daughter Dinah, but since his sons were with his livestock in the field, he remained silent about it until they returned.

Genesis 34:6 Meanwhile, Shechem's father Hamor came to speak with Jacob.

Genesis 34:7 When Jacob's sons heard what had happened, they returned from the field. They were filled with grief and fury, because Shechem had committed an outrage in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter—a thing that should not be done.

Genesis 34:8 But Hamor said to them, "My son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife.

Genesis 34:9 Intermarry with us; give us your daughters, and take our daughters for yourselves.

Genesis 34:10 You may settle among us, and the land will be open to you. Live here, move about freely, and acquire your own property."

Genesis 34:11 Then Shechem said to Dinah's father and brothers, "Grant me this favor, and I will give you whatever you ask.

Genesis 34:12 Demand a high dowry and an expensive gift, and I will give you whatever you ask. Only give me the girl as my wife!"

Genesis 34:13 But because Shechem had defiled their sister Dinah, Jacob's sons answered him and his father Hamor deceitfully.

Genesis 34:14 "We cannot do such a thing," they said. "To give our sister to an uncircumcised man would be a disgrace to us.

Genesis 34:15 We will consent to this on one condition, that you become circumcised like us—every one of your males.

Genesis 34:16 Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We will dwell among you and become one people.

Genesis 34:17 But if you will not agree to be circumcised, then we will take our sister and go."

Genesis 34:18 Their offer seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem.

Genesis 34:19 The young man, who was the most respected of all his father's household, did not hesitate to fulfill this request, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter.

Genesis 34:20 So Hamor and his son Shechem went to the gate of their city and addressed the men of their city:

Genesis 34:21 "These men are at peace with us. Let them live and trade in our land; indeed, it is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters in marriage and give our daughters to them.

Genesis 34:22 But only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us and be one people: if all our men are circumcised as they are.

Genesis 34:23 Will not their livestock, their possessions, and all their animals become ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell among us."

Genesis 34:24 All the men who went out of the city gate listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and ~~they~~ <sup>three days later, while they were still in</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> gave their consent.

Genesis 34:25 Simeon and Levi) took their swords, went into the unsuspecting city, and slaughtered every male.

Genesis 34:26 They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with their swords, took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went away.

Genesis 34:27 Jacob's other sons came upon the slaughter and looted the city, because their sister had ~~been defiled~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> defiled.

Genesis 34:28 They took their flocks and herds and donkeys, and everything else in the city or in the field.

Genesis 34:29 They carried off all their possessions and women and children, and they plundered everything in their houses.

Genesis 34:30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble upon me by making me a stench to the Canaanites and Perizzites, the people of this land. We are few in number; if they unite against me and attack me, I and my household will be destroyed."

Genesis 34:31 But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

Genesis 35:1 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and settle there. Build an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau."

Genesis 35:2 So Jacob told his household and all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you. Purify yourselves and change your garments."

Genesis 35:3 Then let us arise and go to Bethel. I will build an altar there to God, who answered me in my day of distress. He has been with me wherever I have gone."

Genesis 35:4 So they gave Jacob all their foreign gods and all their earrings, and Jacob buried them under the oak near Shechem.

Genesis 35:5 As they set out, a terror from God fell over the surrounding cities, so that they did not pursue Jacob's sons.

Genesis 35:6 So Jacob and everyone with him arrived in Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 35:7 There Jacob built an altar, and he called that place El-bethel, because it was there that God had revealed Himself to Jacob as he fled from his brother.

Genesis 35:8 Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried under the oak below Bethel. So Jacob named it Allon-hachur.

Genesis 35:9 And Jacob had returned from Paddan-aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him.

Genesis 35:10 And God said to him, "Though your name is Jacob, you will no longer be called Jacob. Instead, your name will be Israel." So God named him Israel.

Genesis 35:11 And God told him, "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation—even a company of nations—shall come from you, and kings shall descend from you.

Genesis 35:12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you."

Genesis 35:13 Then God went up from the place where He had spoken with him.

Genesis 35:14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where God had spoken with him—a stone marker—and he poured out a drink offering on it and anointed it with oil.

Genesis 35:15 Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Genesis 35:16 Later, they set out from Bethel, and while they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth, and her labor was difficult.

Genesis 35:17 During her severe labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you are having another son."

Genesis 35:18 And with her last breath—for she was dying—she named him Ben-oni. But his father called him Benjamin.

Genesis 35:19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

Genesis 35:20 Jacob set up a pillar on her grave; it marks Rachel's tomb to this day.

Genesis 35:21 Israel again set out and pitched his tent beyond the Tower of Eder.

Genesis 35:22 While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard about it. Jacob had twelve sons:

Genesis 35:23 The sons of Leah were Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

Genesis 35:24 The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.

Genesis 35:25 The sons of Rachel's maidservant Bilhah were Dan and Naphtali.

Genesis 35:26 And the sons of Leah's maidservant Zilpah were Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

Genesis 35:27 Jacob returned to his father Isaac at Mamre, near Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had stayed.

Genesis 35:28 And Isaac lived 180 years.

Genesis 35:29 Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 36:1 This is the account of Esau (that is, Edom).

Genesis 36:2 Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite, and Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.

Genesis 36:3 And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, Basemath gave birth to Reuel,

Genesis 36:4 and Oholibamah gave birth to Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

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Genesis 36:6 Later, Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the people of his household, along with his livestock, all his other animals, and all the property he had acquired in Canaan, and he moved to a land far away from his brother Jacob.

Genesis 36:7 For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together; the land where they stayed could not support them because of their livestock.

Genesis 36:8 So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the area of Mount Seir.

Genesis 36:9 This is the account of Esau, the father of the Edomites, in the area of Mount Seir.

Genesis 36:10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel son of Esau's wife Basemath.

Genesis 36:11 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

Genesis 36:12 Additionally, Timna, a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz, gave birth to Amalek. These are the grandsons of Esau's wife Adah.

Genesis 36:13 These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. They are the grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

Genesis 36:14 These are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah (daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon) whom she bore to Esau: Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

Genesis 36:15 These are the chiefs among the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: Chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,

Genesis 36:16 Korah, Gatam, and Amalek. They are the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom, and they are the grandsons of Adah.

Genesis 36:17 These are the sons of Esau's son Reuel: Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. They are the chiefs descended from Reuel in the land of Edom, and they are the grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

Genesis 36:18 These are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: Chiefs Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. They are the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

Genesis 36:19 All these are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and they were their chiefs.

Genesis 36:20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who were living in the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

Genesis 36:21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. They are the chiefs of the Horites, the descendants of Seir in the land of Edom.

Genesis 36:22 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam. Timna was Lotan's sister.

Genesis 36:23 These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

Genesis 36:24 These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. (This is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness as he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.)

Genesis 36:25 These are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

Genesis 36:26 These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

Genesis 36:27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.

Genesis 36:28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

Genesis 36:29 These are the chiefs of the Horites: Chiefs Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

Genesis 36:30 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. They are the chiefs of the Horites, according to their divisions in the land of Seir.

Genesis 36:31 These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites:

Genesis 36:32 Bela son of Beor reigned in Edom; the name of his city was Dinhabah.

Genesis 36:33 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah reigned in his place.

Genesis 36:34 When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

Genesis 36:35	When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Avith.
Genesis 36:36	When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.
Genesis 36:37	When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the Euphrates reigned in his place.
Genesis 36:38	When Shaul died, Baal-hanan son of Achbor reigned in his place.
Genesis 36:39	When Baal-hanan son of Achbor died, Hadad reigned in his place. His city was named Pau, and his wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab.
Genesis 36:40	These are the names of Esau's chiefs, according to their families and regions, by their names: Chiefs Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,
Genesis 36:41	Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,
Genesis 36:42	Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,
Genesis 36:43	Magdiel, and Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they possessed. Esau was the father of the Edomites.
Genesis 37:1	Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had resided, the land of Canaan.
Genesis 37:2	This is the account of Jacob. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he was tending the flock with his brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah, and he brought their father a bad report about them.
Genesis 37:3	Now Israel loved Joseph more than his other sons, because Joseph had been born to him in his old age; so he made him a robe of many colors.
Genesis 37:4	When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.
Genesis 37:5	Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.
Genesis 37:6	He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had:
Genesis 37:7	We were binding sheaves of grain in the field, and suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to mine."
Genesis 37:8	"Do you intend to reign over us?" his brothers asked. "Will you actually rule us?" So they hated him even more because of his dream and his statements.
Genesis 37:9	Then Joseph had another dream and told it to his brothers. "Look," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."
Genesis 37:10	He told his father and brothers, but his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream that you have had? Will your mother and brothers and I actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"
Genesis 37:11	And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept them in what he said.
Genesis 37:12	Shechem.
Genesis 37:13	Israel said to him, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flocks at Shechem? Get ready; I am sending you to them." "I am ready," Joseph replied.
Genesis 37:14	Then Israel told him, "Go now and see how your brothers and the flocks are faring, and bring word back to me." So he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. And when Joseph arrived in Shechem,
Genesis 37:15	a man found him wandering in the field and asked, "What are you looking for?"
Genesis 37:16	"I am looking for my brothers," Joseph replied. "Can you please tell me where they are pasturing their flocks?"
Genesis 37:17	"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph set out after his brothers and found them at Dothan.
Genesis 37:18	Now Joseph's brothers saw him in the distance, and before he arrived, they plotted to kill him.
Genesis 37:19	"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to one another.
Genesis 37:20	"Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. We can say that a vicious animal has devoured him. Then we shall see what becomes of his dreams!"
Genesis 37:21	When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue Joseph from their hands. "Let us not take his life," he said. "Do not shed his blood. Throw him into this pit in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him." Reuben said this so that he could rescue Joseph from their hands and return him to his father.
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Genesis 37:23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the robe of many colors he was wearing—

Genesis 37:24 And they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, with no water in it.

Genesis 37:25 And the boys sat down and ate their meal, they picked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were carrying spices, balm, and myrrh on their way down to Egypt.

Genesis 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?

Genesis 37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay a hand on him; for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And they agreed.

Genesis 37:28 So when the Midianite traders passed by, his brothers pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Genesis 37:29 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes,

Genesis 37:30 returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone! What am I going to do?”

Genesis 37:31 Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a young goat, and dipped the robe in its blood.

Genesis 37:32 They sent the robe of many colors to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe or not.”

Genesis 37:33 His father recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! A vicious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces!”

Genesis 37:34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth around his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

Genesis 37:35 All his sons and daughters tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said. “I will go down to Sheol mourning for my son.” So his father wept for him.

Genesis 37:36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard, and Judah left his brothers and settled near a man named Hirah, an Adullamite.

Genesis 38:1 There Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua, and he took her as a wife and slept with her.

Genesis 38:3 So she conceived and gave birth to a son, and Judah named him Er.

Genesis 38:4 Again she conceived and gave birth to a son, and she named him Onan.

Genesis 38:5 Then she gave birth to another son and named him Shelah; it was at Chezib that she gave birth to him.

Genesis 38:6 Now Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD put him to death.

Genesis 38:7 Then Judah said to Onan, “Sleep with your brother’s wife. Perform your duty as her brother-in-law and raise up offspring for your brother.”

Genesis 38:8 But Onan knew that the offspring would not belong to him; so whenever he would sleep with his brother’s wife, he would spill his seed on the ground so that he would not produce offspring for his brother.

Genesis 38:9 What he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so He put Onan to death as well.

Genesis 38:10 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Live as a widow in your father’s house until my son Shelah grows up.” For he thought, “He may die too, like his brothers.” So Tamar went to live in her father’s house.

Genesis 38:12 After a long time Judah’s wife, the daughter of Shua, died. When Judah had finished mourning, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah.

Genesis 38:13 When Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,”

Genesis 38:14 she removed her widow’s garments, covered her face with a veil to disguise herself, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah. For she saw that although Shelah had grown up, she had not been given to him as a wife.

Genesis 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute because she had covered her face.

Genesis 38:16 Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.” “What will you give me for sleeping with you?” she inquired.

Genesis 38:17 “I will send you a young goat from my flock,” Judah answered. But she replied, “Only if you leave me something as a pledge until you send it.”



Genesis 38:18 "What pledge should I give you?" he asked. She answered, "Your seal and your cord, and the staff in your hand." So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him.

Genesis 38:19 Then Tamar got up and departed. And she removed her veil and put on her widow's garments again.

Genesis 38:20 Now when Judah sent his friend Hirah the Adullamite with the young goat to collect the items he had left with the woman, he could not find her.

Genesis 38:21 He asked the men of that place, "Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?" "No shrine prostitute has been here," they answered.

Genesis 38:22 So Hirah returned to Judah and said, "I could not find her, and furthermore, the men of that place said, 'No shrine prostitute has been here.'"

Genesis 38:23 "Let her keep the items," Judah replied. "Otherwise we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did send her this young goat as you could not find her."

Genesis 38:24 About three months later, Tamar's daughter-in-law Tamar has prostituted herself, and now she is pregnant." "Bring her out!" Judah replied. "Let her be burned to death!"

Genesis 38:25 As she was being brought out, Tamar sent a message to her father-in-law: "I am pregnant by the man to whom these items belong." And she added, "Please examine them. Whose seal and cord and staff are these?"

Genesis 38:26 Judah recognized the items and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not have relations with her again.

Genesis 38:27 When the time came for Tamar to give birth, there were twins in her womb.

Genesis 38:28 And as she was giving birth, one of them put out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it around his wrist. "This one came out first," she announced.

Genesis 38:29 But when he pulled his hand back and his brother came out, she said, "You have broken the first! So he was named Perez."

Genesis 38:30 The second child came out with the scarlet thread around his wrist, and he was named Zerah.

Genesis 39:1 Meanwhile, Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, where an Egyptian named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

Genesis 39:2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, serving in the household of his Egyptian master.

Genesis 39:3 When his master saw that the LORD was with him and made him prosper in all he did,

Genesis 39:4 Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household and entrusted him with everything he owned.

Genesis 39:5 From the time that he put Joseph in charge of his household and all he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's household on account of him. The LORD's blessing was on everything he owned, both in his house and in his field.

Genesis 39:6 So Potiphar left all that he owned in Joseph's care; he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Genesis 39:7 Now Joseph was well built and handsome, and after some time his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and said, "Sleep with me."

Genesis 39:8 But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has entrusted everything he owns to my care.

Genesis 39:9 No one in this house is greater than I am. He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. So how could I do such a great evil and sin against God?"

Genesis 39:10 Although Potiphar's wife spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be near her.

Genesis 39:11 One day, however, Joseph went into the house to attend to his work, and not a single household servant was inside.

Genesis 39:12 She grabbed Joseph by his cloak and said, "Sleep with me!" But leaving his cloak in her hand, he escaped and ran outside.

Genesis 39:13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house,

Genesis 39:14 she called her household servants. "Look," she said, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us. He came to me so he could sleep with me, but I screamed as loud as I could.

Genesis 39:15 When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

Genesis 39:16 So Potiphar's wife kept Joseph's cloak beside her until his master came home.

Genesis 39:17 Then she told him the same story: "The Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me,

Genesis 39:18 but when I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

Genesis 39:19 When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," he burned with anger.

Genesis 39:20 So Joseph's master took him and had him thrown into the prison where the king's prisoners were confined. While Joseph was there in the prison,

Genesis 39:21 the LORD was with him and extended kindness to him, granting him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 39:22 And the warden put all the prisoners under Joseph's care, so that he was responsible for all that was done in the prison.

Genesis 39:23 The warden did not concern himself with anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Genesis 40:1 Some time later, the king's cupbearer and baker offended their master, the king of Egypt.

Genesis 40:2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker,

Genesis 40:3 and imprisoned them in the house of the captain of the guard, the same prison where Joseph was confined.

Genesis 40:4 The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he became their personal attendant. After they had been in custody for some time,

Genesis 40:5 both of these men—the Egyptian king's cupbearer and baker, who were being held in the prison—had a dream on the same night, and each dream had its own meaning.

Genesis 40:6 When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were distraught.

Genesis 40:7 So he asked the officials of Pharaoh who were in custody with him in his master's house, "Why are your faces so downcast today?"

Genesis 40:8 "We both had dreams," they replied, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

Genesis 40:9 So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream: "In my dream there was a vine before me,

Genesis 40:10 and on the vine were three branches. As it budded, its blossoms opened and its clusters ripened into grapes.

Genesis 40:11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into his cup, and placed the cup in his hand."

Genesis 40:12 Joseph replied, "This is the interpretation: The three branches are three days.

Genesis 40:13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore your position. You will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you did when you were his cupbearer.

Genesis 40:14 But when it goes well for you, please remember me and show me kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh, that he might bring me out of this prison.

Genesis 40:15 For I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing for which they should have put me in this dungeon."

Genesis 40:16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I too had a dream: There were three baskets of white bread on my head.

Genesis 40:17 In the top basket were all sorts of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

Genesis 40:18 Joseph replied, "This is the interpretation: The three baskets are three days.

Genesis 40:19 Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and hang you on a tree. Then the birds will eat the flesh of your body."

Genesis 40:20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he held a feast for all his officials, and in their presence he lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

Genesis 40:21 Pharaoh restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

Genesis 40:22 But Pharaoh hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had described to them in his interpretation.

Genesis 40:23 The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot all about him.

Genesis 41:1 After two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing beside the Nile,

Genesis 41:2 when seven cows, sleek and well-fed, came up from the river and began to graze among the reeds.

Genesis 41:3 After them, seven other cows, sickly and thin, came up from the Nile and stood beside the well-fed cows on the bank of the river.

Genesis 41:4 And the cows that were sickly and thin devoured the seven sleek, well-fed cows. Then Pharaoh woke up,

Genesis 41:5 but he fell back asleep and dreamed a second time: Seven heads of grain, plump and ripe, came up on one stalk.

Genesis 41:6 After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted, thin and scorched by the east wind.

Genesis 41:7 And the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven plump, ripe ones. Then Pharaoh awoke and realized it was a dream.

Genesis 41:8 In the morning his spirit was troubled, so he summoned all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.

Genesis 41:9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I recall my failures.

Genesis 41:10 Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he put me and the chief baker in the custody of the captain of the guard.

Genesis 41:11 One night both the chief baker and I had dreams, and each dream had its own meaning.

Genesis 41:12 Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams and he interpreted them for us individually.

Genesis 41:13 And it happened to us just as he had interpreted: I was restored to my position, and the other man was hanged."

Genesis 41:14 So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, who was quickly brought out of the dungeon. After he had shaved and changed his clothes, he went in before Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

Genesis 41:16 "I myself cannot do it," Joseph replied, "but God will give Pharaoh a sound answer."

Genesis 41:17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile,

Genesis 41:18 when seven cows, well-fed and sleek, came up from the river and began to graze among the reeds.

Genesis 41:19 After them, seven other cows—sickly, ugly, and thin—came up. I have never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt!

Genesis 41:20 Then the thin, ugly cows devoured the seven well-fed cows that were there first.

Genesis 41:21 When they had devoured them, however, no one could tell that they had done so; their appearance was as ugly as it had been before. Then I awoke.

Genesis 41:22 In my dream I also saw seven heads of grain, plump and ripe, growing on a single stalk.

Genesis 41:23 After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind.

Genesis 41:24 And the thin heads of grain swallowed the seven plump ones. I told this dream to the magicians, but no one could explain it to me."

Genesis 41:25 At this, Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Genesis 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven ripe heads of grain are seven years. The seven ugly, thin cows that came up after them are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind—they are seven years of famine.

Genesis 41:27 It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Genesis 41:28 Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt,

Genesis 41:30 but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will devastate the land.

Genesis 41:31 The abundance in the land will not be remembered, since the famine that follows it will be so severe.

Genesis 41:32 Moreover, because the dream was given to Pharaoh in two versions, the matter has been decreed by God, and He will carry it out shortly.

Genesis 41:33 Now, therefore, Pharaoh should look for a discerning and wise man and set him over the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:34 Let Pharaoh take action and appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance.

Genesis 41:35 Under the authority of Pharaoh, let them collect all the excess food from these good years, that they may come and lay up the grain to be preserved as food in the cities.

Genesis 41:36 This food will be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine to come upon the land of Egypt. Then the country will not perish in the famine."

Genesis 41:37 This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his officials.

Genesis 41:38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, in whom the Spirit of God abides?"

Genesis 41:39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

Genesis 41:40 You shall be in charge of my house, and all my people are to obey your commands. Only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

Genesis 41:41 Pharaoh also told Joseph, "I hereby place you over all the land of Egypt."

Genesis 41:42 Then Pharaoh removed the signet ring from his finger, put it on Joseph's finger, clothed him in garments of fine linen, and placed a gold chain around his neck.

Genesis 41:43 He had Joseph ride in his second chariot, with men calling out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he placed him over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:44 And Pharaoh declared to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your permission, no one in all the land of Egypt shall lift his hand or foot."

Genesis 41:45 Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-paneah, and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph took charge of all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph left Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:47 During the seven years of abundance, the land brought forth bountifully.

Genesis 41:48 During those seven years, Joseph collected all the excess food in the land of Egypt and stored it in the cities. In every city he laid up the food from the fields around it.

Genesis 41:49 So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance, like the sand of the sea, that he stopped keeping track of it; for it was beyond measure.

Genesis 41:50 Before the years of famine arrived, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On.

Genesis 41:51 Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, saying, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's household."

Genesis 41:52 And the second son he named Ephraim, saying, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Genesis 41:53 When the seven years of abundance in the land of Egypt came to an end,

Genesis 41:54 the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. And although there was famine in every country, there was food throughout the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:55 When extreme hunger came to all the land of Egypt and the people cried out to Pharaoh for food, he told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you."

Genesis 41:56 When the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened up all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians; for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:57 And every nation came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Genesis 42:1 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you staring at one another?"

Genesis 42:2 "Look," he added, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

Genesis 42:3 So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

Genesis 42:4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "I am afraid that harm might befall him."

Genesis 42:5 So the sons of Israel were among those who came to buy grain, since the famine had also spread to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 42:6 Now Joseph was the ruler of the land; he was the one who sold grain to all its people. So when his brothers arrived, they bowed down before him with their faces to the ground.

Genesis 42:7 And when Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them as strangers and spoke harshly to them. "Where have you come from?" he asked. "From the land of Canaan," they replied. "We are here to buy food."

Genesis 42:8 Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

Genesis 42:9 Joseph remembered his dreams about them and said, "You are spies! You have come to see if our land is vulnerable."

Genesis 42:10 "Not so, my lord," they replied. "Your servants have come to buy food.

Genesis 42:11 We are all sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies."

Genesis 42:12 "No," he told them. "You have come to see if our land is vulnerable."

Genesis 42:13 But they answered, "Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more."

Genesis 42:14 Then Joseph declared, "Just as I said, you are spies!

Genesis 42:15 And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

Genesis 42:16 Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be confined so that the truth of your words may be tested. If they are untrue, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!"

Genesis 42:17 So Joseph imprisoned them for three days,

Genesis 42:18 and on the third day he said to them, "I fear God. So do this and you will live:

Genesis 42:19 If you are honest, leave one of your brothers in custody while the rest of you go and take back grain to relieve the hunger of your households.

Genesis 42:20 Then bring your youngest brother to me so that your words can be verified, that you may not die." And to this they consented.

Genesis 42:21 Then they said to one another, "Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us."

Genesis 42:22 And Reuben responded, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you would not listen. Now we must account for his blood!"

Genesis 42:23 They did not realize that Joseph understood them, since there was an interpreter between them.

Genesis 42:24 And he turned away from them and wept. When he turned back and spoke to them, he took Simeon from them and had him bound before their eyes.

Genesis 42:25 Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return each man's silver to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This order was carried out,

Genesis 42:26 and they loaded the grain on their donkeys and departed.

Genesis 42:27 At the place where they lodged for the night, one of them opened his sack to get feed for his donkey, and he saw his silver in the mouth of the sack.

Genesis 42:28 "My silver has been returned!" he said to his brothers. "It is here in my sack." Their hearts sank, and trembling, they turned to one another and said, "What is this that God has done to us?"

Genesis 42:29 When they reached their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they described to him all that had happened to them:



Genesis 42:30 “The man who is lord of the land spoke harshly to us and accused us of spying on the country.

Genesis 42:31 But we told him, ‘We are honest men, not spies.

Genesis 42:32 We are twelve brothers, sons of one father. One is no more, and the youngest is now with the father in the land of Canaan.’

Genesis 42:33 The father in the land of Canaan said to us, ‘This is how I will know whether you are honest: Leave one brother with me, take food to relieve the hunger of your households, and go.

Genesis 42:34 But bring your youngest brother back to me so I will know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will give your brother back to you, and you can trade in the land.’”

Genesis 42:35 As they began emptying their sacks, there in each man’s sack was his bag of silver! And when they and their father saw the bags of silver, they were dismayed.

Genesis 42:36 Their father Jacob said to them, “You have deprived me of my sons. Joseph is gone and Simeon is no more. Now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is going against me!”

Genesis 42:37 Then Reuben said to his father, “You may kill my two sons if I fail to bring him back to you. Put him in my care, and I will return him.”

Genesis 42:38 But Jacob replied, “My son will not go down there with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If any harm comes to him on your journey, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.”

Genesis 43:1 Now the famine was still severe in the land.

Genesis 43:2 So when Jacob’s sons had eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go back and buy us a little more food.”

Genesis 43:3 But Judah replied, “The man solemnly warned us, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’

Genesis 43:4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you.

Genesis 43:5 But if you will not send him, we will not go; for the man told us, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’”

Genesis 43:6 “Why did you bring this trouble upon me?” Israel asked. “Why did you tell the man you had another brother?”

Genesis 43:7 They replied, “The man questioned us in detail about ourselves and our family: ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ And we answered him accordingly. How could we possibly know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother here’?”

Genesis 43:8 And Judah said to his father Israel, “Send the boy with me, and we will go at once, so that we may live and not die—neither we, nor you, nor our children.

Genesis 43:9 I will guarantee his safety. You may hold me personally responsible. If I do not bring him back and set him before you, then may I bear the guilt before you all my life.

Genesis 43:10 If we had not delayed, we could have come and gone twice by now.”

Genesis 43:11 Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: Put some of the best products of the land in your packs and carry them down as a gift for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachios and almonds.

Genesis 43:12 Take double the silver with you so that you may return the silver that was put back into the mouths of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake.

Genesis 43:13 Take your brother as well, and return to the man at once.

Genesis 43:14 May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother along with Benjamin. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved.”

Genesis 43:15 So the men took these gifts, along with double the amount of silver, and Benjamin as well. When they hurried down to Egypt and stood before Joseph,

Genesis 43:16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with his brothers, he said to the steward of his house, “Take these men to my house. Slaughter an animal and prepare it, for they shall dine with me at noon.”

Genesis 43:17 The man did as Joseph had commanded and took the brothers to Joseph’s house.

Genesis 43:18 But the brothers were frightened that they had been taken to Joseph’s house. “We have been brought here because of the silver that was returned in our bags the first time,” they said. “They intend to overpower us and take us as slaves, along with our donkeys.”

Genesis 43:19 So they approached Joseph’s steward and spoke to him at the entrance to the house.

Genesis 43:20 “Please, sir,” they said, “we really did come down here the first time to buy food.

Genesis 43:21 But when we came to the place we lodged for the night, we opened our sacks and, behold, each of us found his silver in the mouth of his sack! It was the full amount of our silver, and we have brought it back with us.

Genesis 43:22 We have brought additional silver with us to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks," said the steward. "Do not be afraid. Your God, the God of your father, gave you the treasure that was in your sacks. I received your silver." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

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Genesis 43:24 And the steward took the men into Joseph's house, gave them water to wash their feet, and provided food for their donkeys.

Genesis 43:25 Since the brothers had been told that they were going to eat a meal there, they prepared their gift for Joseph's arrival at noon.

Genesis 43:26 When Joseph came home, they presented him with the gifts they had brought, and they bowed to the ground before him.

Genesis 43:27 He asked if they were well, and then he asked, "How is your elderly father you told me about? Is he still alive?"

Genesis 43:28 "Your servant our father is well," they answered. "He is still alive." And they bowed down to honor him.

Genesis 43:29 When Joseph looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother's son, he asked, "Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?" Then he declared, "May God be gracious to you, my son."

Genesis 43:30 Joseph hurried out because he was moved to tears for his brother, and he went to a private room to weep.

Genesis 43:31 Then he washed his face and came back out. Regaining his composure, he said, "Serve the meal." They separately served Joseph, his brothers, and the Egyptians. They ate separately because the Egyptians would not eat with the Hebrews, since that was detestable to them.

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Genesis 43:33 They were seated before Joseph in order by age, from the firstborn to the youngest, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.

Genesis 43:34 When the portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was five times larger than any of the others. So they feasted and drank freely with Joseph.

Genesis 44:1 Then Joseph instructed his steward: "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each one's silver in the mouth of his sack.

Genesis 44:2 Put my cup, the silver one, in the mouth of the youngest one's sack, along with the silver for his grain." So the steward did as Joseph had instructed.

Genesis 44:3 At daybreak, the men were sent on their way with their donkeys.

Genesis 44:4 They had not gone far from the city when Joseph told his steward, "Pursue the men at once, and when you overtake them, ask, 'Why have you repaid good with evil? Is this not the cup my master drinks from and uses for divination? What you have done is wicked!'"

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Genesis 44:6 When the steward overtook them, he relayed these words to them.

Genesis 44:7 "Why does my lord say these things?" they asked. "Your servants could not possibly do such a thing.

Genesis 44:8 We even brought back to you from the land of Canaan the silver we found in the mouths of our sacks. Why would we steal silver or gold from your master's house?

Genesis 44:9 If any of your servants is found to have it, he must die, and the rest will become slaves of my lord."

Genesis 44:10 "As you say," replied the steward. "But only the one who is found with the cup will be my slave, and the rest of you shall be free of blame."

Genesis 44:11 So each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground and opened it.

Genesis 44:12 The steward searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest—and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

Genesis 44:13 Then they all tore their clothes, loaded their donkeys, and returned to the city.

Genesis 44:14 When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him.

Genesis 44:15 "What is this deed you have done?" Joseph declared. "Do you not know that a man like me can surely divine the truth?"

Genesis 44:16 "What can we say to my lord?" Judah replied. "How can we plead? How can we justify ourselves? God has exposed the iniquity of your servants. We are now my lord's slaves—both we and the one who was found with the cup."

Genesis 44:17 But Joseph replied, "Far be it from me to do this. The man who was found with the cup will be my slave. The rest of you may return to your father in peace."

Genesis 44:18 Then Judah approached Joseph and said, "Sir, please let your servant speak personally to my lord. Do not be angry with your servant, for you are equal to Pharaoh himself.

Genesis 44:19 My lord asked his servants, 'Do you have a father or a brother?'

Genesis 44:20 And we answered, 'We have an elderly father and a younger brother, the child of his old age. The boy's brother is dead. He is the only one of his mother's sons left, and his father loves him.'

Genesis 44:21 Then you told your servants, 'Bring him down to me so that I can see him for myself.'

Genesis 44:22 So we said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father. If he were to leave, his father would die.'

Genesis 44:23 But you said to your servants, 'Unless your younger brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.'

Genesis 44:24 Now when we returned to your servant my father, we relayed your words to him.

Genesis 44:25 Then our father said, 'Go back and buy us some food.'

Genesis 44:26 But we answered, 'We cannot go down there unless our younger brother goes with us. So if our younger brother is not with us, we cannot see the man.'

Genesis 44:27 And your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons.

Genesis 44:28 When one of them was gone, I said: "Surely he has been torn to pieces." And I have not seen him since.

Genesis 44:29 Now if you also take this one from me and harm comes to him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.'

Genesis 44:30 So if the boy is not with us when I return to your servant, and if my father, whose life is wrapped up in the boy's life,

Genesis 44:31 sees that the boy is not with us, he will die. Then your servants will have brought the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.

Genesis 44:32 Indeed, your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father, saying, 'If I do not return him to you, I will bear the guilt before you, my father, all my life.'

Genesis 44:33 Now please let your servant stay here as my lord's slave in place of the boy. Let him return with his brothers.

Genesis 44:34 For how can I go back to my father without the boy? I could not bear to see the misery that would overwhelm him."

Genesis 45:1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me!" So none of them were with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household soon heard of it.

Genesis 45:2 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But they were unable to answer him, because they were terrified in his presence.

Genesis 45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near me." And they did so. "I am Joseph, your brother," he said, "the one you sold into Egypt!

Genesis 45:5 And now, do not be distressed or angry with yourselves that you sold me into this place, because it was to save lives that God sent me before you.

Genesis 45:6 For the famine has covered the land these two years, and there will be five more years without plowing or harvesting.

Genesis 45:7 God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:8 Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God, who has made me a father to Pharaoh—lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:9 Now return quickly to my father and tell him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me without delay.

Genesis 45:10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen and be near me—you and your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own.

Genesis 45:11 And there I will provide for you, because there will be five more years of famine. Otherwise you and your household and everything you own will come to destitution.’

Genesis 45:12 ~~Benjamin, you and my brother Benjamin can see that I, Joseph, am the one speaking with you.~~

Genesis 45:13 Tell my father about all my splendor in Egypt and everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

Genesis 45:14 Then Joseph threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin wept as they embraced.

Genesis 45:15 Joseph kissed each of his brothers as he wept over them. And afterward his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45:16 When the news reached Pharaoh’s house that Joseph’s brothers had come, Pharaoh and his servants were pleased.

Genesis 45:17 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, ‘Do as follows: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 45:18 Then bring your father and your families and return to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat from the fat of the land.’

Genesis 45:19 You are also directed to tell them: ‘Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your young children and your wives, and bring your father and come back.

Genesis 45:20 But pay no regard to your belongings, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.”

Genesis 45:21 So the sons of Israel did as they were told. Joseph gave them wagons as Pharaoh had instructed, and he also gave them provisions for their journey.

Genesis 45:22 He gave new garments to each of them, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.

Genesis 45:23 And he sent to his father the following: ten donkeys loaded with the best of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provisions for his father’s journey.

Genesis 45:24 Then Joseph sent his brothers on their way, and as they were leaving, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the way!”

Genesis 45:25 ~~So the brothers went on the way.~~

Genesis 45:26 ~~So the brothers went on the way.~~

Genesis 45:26 “Joseph is still alive,” they said, “and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt!” But Jacob was stunned, for he did not believe them.

Genesis 45:27 However, when they relayed all that Joseph had told them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob was revived.

Genesis 45:28 “Enough!” declared Israel. “My son Joseph is still alive! I will go to see him before I die.”

Genesis 46:1 So Israel set out with all that he had, and when he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Genesis 46:2 And that night God spoke to Israel in a vision: “Jacob, Jacob!” He said. “Here I am,” replied Jacob.

Genesis 46:3 “I am God,” He said, “the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.

Genesis 46:4 I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will surely bring you back. And Joseph’s own hands will close your eyes.”

Genesis 46:5 Then Jacob departed from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel took their father Jacob in the wagons Pharaoh had sent to carry him, along with their children and wives.

Genesis 46:6 They also took the livestock and possessions they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt.

Genesis 46:7 Jacob took with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons, and his daughters and granddaughters—all his offspring.

Genesis 46:8	Now these are the names of the sons of Israel (Jacob and his descendants) who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.
Genesis 46:9	The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
Genesis 46:10	The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.
Genesis 46:11	The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
Genesis 46:12	The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.
Genesis 46:13	The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron.
Genesis 46:14	The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.
Genesis 46:15	These are the sons of Leah born to Jacob in Paddan-aram, in addition to his daughter Dinah. The total number of sons and daughters was thirty-three.
Genesis 46:16	The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.
Genesis 46:17	The children of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.
Genesis 46:18	These are the sons of Jacob born to Zilpah—whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah—sixteen in all.
Genesis 46:19	The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.
Genesis 46:20	Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On.
Genesis 46:21	The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.
Genesis 46:22	These are the sons of Rachel born to Jacob—fourteen in all.
Genesis 46:23	The son of Dan: Hushim.
Genesis 46:24	The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.
Genesis 46:25	These are the sons of Jacob born to Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel—seven in all.
Genesis 46:26	All those belonging to Jacob who came to Egypt—his direct descendants, besides the wives of Jacob's sons—numbered sixty-six persons.
Genesis 46:27	And with the two sons who had been born to Joseph in Egypt, the members of Jacob's family who went to Egypt were seventy in all.
Genesis 46:28	Now Jacob had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to get directions to Goshen. When Jacob's family arrived in the land of Goshen,
Genesis 46:29	Joseph prepared his chariot and went there to meet his father Israel. Joseph presented himself to him, embraced him, and wept profusely.
Genesis 46:30	Then Israel said to Joseph, "Finally I can die, now that I have seen your face and know that you are still alive!"
Genesis 46:31	Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and inform Pharaoh: 'My brothers and my father's household from the land of Canaan have come to me.'
Genesis 46:32	The men are shepherds; they raise livestock, and they have brought their flocks and herds and all that they own.'
Genesis 46:33	When Pharaoh summons you and asks, 'What is your occupation?'
Genesis 46:34	you are to say, 'Your servants have raised livestock ever since our youth—both we and our fathers.' Then you will be allowed to settle in the land of Goshen, since all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."
Genesis 47:1	So Joseph went and told Pharaoh: "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all they own, have come from the land of Canaan and are now in Goshen."
Genesis 47:2	And he chose five of his brothers and presented them before Pharaoh.
Genesis 47:3	"What is your occupation?" Pharaoh asked Joseph's brothers. "Your servants are shepherds," they replied, "both we and our fathers."
Genesis 47:4	Then they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to live in the land for a time, because there is no pasture for the flocks of your servants, since the famine in the land of Canaan has been severe. So now, please allow your servants to settle in the land of Goshen."



Genesis 47:5 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Now that your father and brothers have come to you, the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and brothers in the best part of the land. They may dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know of any talented men among them, put them in charge of my own livestock."

Genesis 47:6

Genesis 47:7 Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

Genesis 47:8 "How many years have you lived?" Pharaoh asked.

Genesis 47:9 "My travels have lasted 130 years," Jacob replied. "My years have been few and hard, and they have not matched the years of the travels of my fathers."

Genesis 47:10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and departed from his presence.

Genesis 47:11 So Joseph settled his father and brothers in the land of Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

Genesis 47:12 Joseph also provided his father and brothers and all his father's household with food for their families.

Genesis 47:13 There was no food, however, in all that region, because the famine was so severe; the lands of Egypt and Canaan had been exhausted by the famine.

Genesis 47:14 Joseph collected all the money to be found in the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan in exchange for the grain they were buying, and he brought it into Pharaoh's palace.

Genesis 47:15 When the money from the lands of Egypt and Canaan was gone, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our funds have run out!"

Genesis 47:16 "Then bring me your livestock," said Joseph. "Since the money is gone, I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock."

Genesis 47:17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their flocks and herds, and their donkeys. Throughout that year he provided them with food in exchange for all their livestock.

Genesis 47:18 When that year was over, they came to him the second year and said, "We cannot hide from our lord that our money is gone and all our livestock belongs to you. There is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land.

Genesis 47:19 Why should we perish before your eyes—we and our land as well? Purchase us and our land in exchange for food. Then we, along with our land, will be slaves to Pharaoh. Give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate."

Genesis 47:20 So Joseph acquired for Pharaoh all the land in Egypt; the Egyptians, one and all, sold their fields because the famine was so severe upon them. The land became Pharaoh's, and Joseph reduced the people to servitude from one end of Egypt to the other.

Genesis 47:21 However, he did not acquire the priests' portion of the land, for it had been given to them by Pharaoh. They ate the rations that Pharaoh supplied; so they did not sell their land.

Genesis 47:22 Then Joseph said to the people, "Now that I have acquired you and your land for Pharaoh this day, here is seed for you to sow in the land.

Genesis 47:23 At harvest time, you are to give a fifth of it to Pharaoh, and four-fifths will be yours as seed for the field and food for yourselves and your households and children."

Genesis 47:24 "You have saved our lives," they said. "We have found favor in our lord's eyes, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

Genesis 47:25 So Joseph established a law that a fifth of the produce belongs to Pharaoh, and it is in effect in the land of Egypt to this day. Only the priests' land does not belong to Pharaoh.

Genesis 47:26 Now the Israelites settled in the land of Egypt, in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and became fruitful and increased greatly, and the number of them grew.

Genesis 47:27 Joseph lived in Egypt seventy years, and the length of his life was 147 years.

Genesis 47:28 When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise to show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt,

Genesis 47:29 but when I lie down with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me with them." Joseph answered, "I will do as you have requested."

Genesis 47:30

Genesis 47:31 "Swear to me," Jacob said. So Joseph swore to him, and Israel bowed in worship at the head of his bed.

Genesis 48:1 Some time later Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he set out with his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

Genesis 48:2 When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," Israel rallied his strength and sat up in bed.

Genesis 48:3 Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me, saying, 'I will make you fruitful and multiply you; I will make you a multitude of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.'

Genesis 48:4 And now your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here shall be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.

Genesis 48:5 Any children born to you after them shall be yours, and they shall be called by the names of their brothers in the territory they inherit.

Genesis 48:6 Now as for me, when I was returning from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died along the way in the land of Canaan, some distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem).

Genesis 48:7 When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?"

Genesis 48:8 Joseph said to his father, "They are the sons God has given me in this place." So Jacob said, "Please bring them to me, that I may bless them."

Genesis 48:9 Now Israel's eyesight was poor because of old age; he could hardly see. Joseph brought his sons to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them.

Genesis 48:10 "I never expected to see your face again," Israel said to Joseph, "but now God has let me see your children as well."

Genesis 48:11 Then Joseph removed his sons from his father's knees and bowed facedown.

Genesis 48:12 And Joseph took both of them—with Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand—and brought them close to him, crossing his hands, he put his left on Manasseh's head, although Manasseh was the firstborn.

Genesis 48:13 Then he blessed Joseph and said: "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm—may He bless these boys. And may they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they grow into a multitude upon the earth."

Genesis 48:14 When Joseph saw that his father had placed his right hand on Ephraim's head, he was displeased, and took Joseph's hands to move them from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

Genesis 48:15 But his father refused. "I know, my son, I know!" he said. "He too shall become a people, and he too shall be great; nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations."

Genesis 48:16 So that day Jacob blessed them and said: "By you shall Israel pronounce this blessing: 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

Genesis 48:17 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Look, I am about to die, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

Genesis 48:18 And to you, as one who is above your brothers, I give the ridge of land that I took from the Amorites with my sword and bow."

Genesis 48:19 Then Jacob called for his sons and said, "Gather around so that I can tell you what will happen to you in the days to come:

Genesis 48:20 Come together and listen, O sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel.

Genesis 48:21 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, excelling in honor, excelling in power.

Genesis 48:22 Uncontrolled as the waters, you will no longer excel, because you went up to your father's bed, onto my couch, and defiled it.

Genesis 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brothers; their swords are weapons of violence.  
 Genesis 49:6 May I never enter their council; may I never join their assembly. For they kill men in their anger, and hamstring oxen on a whim.  
 Genesis 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it is strong, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will disperse them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.  
 Genesis 49:8 Judah, your brothers shall praise you. Your hand shall be on the necks of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down to you.  
 Genesis 49:9 Judah is a young lion—my son, you return from the prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down; like a lioness, who dares to rouse him?  
 Genesis 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes and the allegiance of the nations is his.  
 Genesis 49:11 He ties his donkey to the vine, his colt to the choicest branch. He washes his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes.  
 Genesis 49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth are whiter than milk.  
 Genesis 49:13 Zebulun shall dwell by the seashore and become a harbor for ships; his border shall extend to Sidon.  
 Genesis 49:14 Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds.  
 Genesis 49:15 He saw that his resting place was good and that his land was pleasant, so he bent his shoulder to the burden and submitted to labor as a servant.  
 Genesis 49:16 Dan shall provide justice for his people as one of the tribes of Israel.  
 Genesis 49:17 He will be a snake by the road, a viper in the path that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward.  
 Genesis 49:18 I await Your salvation, O LORD.  
 Genesis 49:19 Gad will be attacked by raiders, but he will attack their heels.  
 Genesis 49:20 Asher's food will be rich; he shall provide royal delicacies.  
 Genesis 49:21 Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.  
 Genesis 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful vine—a fruitful vine by a spring, whose branches scale the wall.  
 Genesis 49:23 The archers attacked him with bitterness; they aimed at him in hostility.  
 Genesis 49:24 Yet he steadied his bow, and his strong arms were tempered by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, in the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,  
 Genesis 49:25 by the God of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you, with blessings of the heavens above, with blessings of the depths below, with blessings of the breasts and womb.  
 Genesis 49:26 The blessings of your father have surpassed the blessings of the ancient mountains and the bounty of the everlasting hills. May they rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince of his brothers.  
 Genesis 49:27 Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder."  
 Genesis 49:28 These are the tribes of Israel, twelve in all, and this was what their father said to them. He blessed them, and he blessed each one with a suitable blessing.  
 Genesis 49:29 Then Jacob instructed them, "I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite.  
 Genesis 49:30 The cave is in the field of Machpelah near Mamre, in the land of Canaan. This is the field Abraham purchased from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site.  
 Genesis 49:31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah are buried, and there I buried Leah.  
 Genesis 49:32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the Hittites."  
 Genesis 49:33 When Jacob had finished instructing his sons, he pulled his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and he was gathered to his people.  
 Genesis 50:1 Then Joseph fell upon his father's face, wept over him, and kissed him.  
 Genesis 50:2 And Joseph directed the physicians in his service to embalm his father Israel. So they embalmed him,

Genesis 50:3	taking the forty days required to complete the embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.
Genesis 50:4	When the days of mourning had passed, Joseph said to Pharaoh's court, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please tell Pharaoh that
Genesis 50:5	my father made me swear an oath when he said, 'I am about to die. You must bury me in the tomb that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.' Now let me go and bury my father, and then return."
Genesis 50:6	Pharaoh replied, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do."
Genesis 50:7	Then Joseph went to bury his father, and all the servants of Pharaoh accompanied him—the elders of Pharaoh's household and all the elders of the land of Egypt—
Genesis 50:8	along with all of Joseph's household, and his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children and flocks and herds were left in Goshen. It was an exceedingly large procession.
Genesis 50:9	When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, which is across the Jordan, they lamented and wailed loudly, and Joseph mourned for his father seven days.
Genesis 50:10	When the Canaanites of the land saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a solemn ceremony of mourning by the Egyptians." Thus the place across the Jordan is called Abel-mizraim.
Genesis 50:11	So Jacob's sons did as he had charged them.
Genesis 50:12	They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave at Machpelah in the field near Mamre, which Abraham had purchased from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site.
Genesis 50:13	After Joseph had buried his father, he returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone with him to bury his father.
Genesis 50:14	When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge? Then he will surely repay us for all the evil that we did to him."
Genesis 50:15	So they went to Joseph, saying, "Before you died, your father commanded: 'Do not bury me in Egypt, for my father made me swear an oath, saying, "Before you die, please forgive the transgression and sin of your brothers, for they did you wrong." So now, Joseph, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" When their message came to him, Joseph wept.
Genesis 50:16	His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, "We are your slaves!"
Genesis 50:17	But Joseph replied, "Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God?
Genesis 50:18	As for you, what you intended against me for evil, God intended for good, in order to accomplish a day like this—to preserve the lives of many people.
Genesis 50:19	Therefore do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones." So Joseph reassured his brothers and spoke kindly to them.
Genesis 50:20	Now Joseph and his father's household remained in Egypt, and Joseph lived to the age of 110.
Genesis 50:21	He saw Ephraim's sons to the third generation, and indeed the sons of Machir son of Manasse were brought up on Joseph's knees.
Genesis 50:22	Manasse was said to die, but God will surely visit you and bring you up from this land to the land He promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
Genesis 50:23	And Joseph made the sons of Israel take an oath and said, "God will surely attend to you, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."
Genesis 50:24	So Joseph died at the age of 110. And they embalmed his body and placed it in a coffin in Egypt.
Genesis 50:25	These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family:
Exodus 1:1	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;
Exodus 1:2	Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;
Exodus 1:3	Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher.
Exodus 1:4	The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all, including Joseph, who was already in Egypt.
Exodus 1:5	Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died,
Exodus 1:6	but the Israelites were fruitful and increased rapidly; they multiplied and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.
Exodus 1:7	

Exodus 1:8 Then a new king, who did not know Joseph, came to power in Egypt.

Exodus 1:9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become too numerous and too powerful for us.

Exodus 1:10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase even more; and if a war breaks out, they may join our enemies, fight against us, and leave the country."

Exodus 1:11 So the Egyptians appointed taskmasters over the Israelites to oppress them with forced labor. As a result, they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

Exodus 1:12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and flourished; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

Exodus 1:13 They worked the Israelites ruthlessly

Exodus 1:14 and made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar, and with all kinds of work in the fields. Every day they imposed harsh

Exodus 1:15 labor on the Israelites. Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,

Exodus 1:16 "When you help the Hebrew women give birth, observe them on the birthstools. If the child is a son, kill him; but if it is a daughter, let her live."

Exodus 1:17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had instructed; they let the boys live.

Exodus 1:18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

Exodus 1:19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before a midwife arrives."

Exodus 1:20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied and became even more numerous.

Exodus 1:21 And because the midwives feared God, He gave them families of their own.

Exodus 1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people: "Every son born to the Hebrews you must throw into the Nile, but every daughter you may allow to live."

Exodus 2:1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a daughter of Levi,

Exodus 2:2 and she conceived and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him for three months.

Exodus 2:3 But when she could no longer hide him, she got him a papyrus basket and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in the basket and set it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.

Exodus 2:4 And his sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:5 Soon the daughter of Pharaoh went down to bathe in the Nile, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. And when she saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maidservant to retrieve it.

Exodus 2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the little boy was crying. So she had compassion on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew children."

Exodus 2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Exodus 2:8 "Go ahead," Pharaoh's daughter told her. And the girl went and called the boy's mother.

Exodus 2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the boy and nursed him.

Exodus 2:10 When the child had grown older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses and explained, "I drew him out of the water."

Exodus 2:11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his own people and observed their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.

Exodus 2:12 After looking this way and that and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.

Exodus 2:13 The next day Moses went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you attacking your companion?"



Exodus 2:14 But the man replied, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you planning to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "This thing I have done has surely become known."

Exodus 2:15 When Pharaoh heard about this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, where he sat down beside a well.

Exodus 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

Exodus 2:17 And when some shepherds came along and drove them away, Moses rose up to help them and watered their flock.

Exodus 2:18 When the daughters returned to their father Reuel, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

Exodus 2:19 "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds," they replied. "He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

Exodus 2:20 "So where is he?" their father asked. "Why did you leave the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat." Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

Exodus 2:21 And she gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

Exodus 2:22 After a long time, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned and cried out under their burden of slavery, and their cry for deliverance from bondage ascended to God.

Exodus 2:23 So God heard their groaning, and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Exodus 2:24 God saw the Israelites and took notice.

Exodus 2:25 God said to Moses, "I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:1 Midian. He led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Exodus 3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw the bush ablaze with fire, but it was not consumed.

Exodus 3:3 So Moses thought, "I must go over and see this marvelous sight. Why is the bush not burning up?"

Exodus 3:4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called out to him from within the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Here I am," he answered.

Exodus 3:5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Exodus 3:6 Then He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the affliction of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I am aware of their sufferings.

Exodus 3:8 I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

Exodus 3:9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen how severely the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Exodus 3:10 Therefore, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:11 But Moses asked God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:12 "I will surely be with you," God said, "and this will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship God on this mountain."

Exodus 3:13 Then Moses asked God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' What should I tell them?"

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:15 God also told Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.

Exodus 3:16 Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—has appeared to me and said: I have surely attended to you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.

Exodus 3:17 And I have promised to bring you up out of your affliction in Egypt, into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:18 The elders of Israel will listen to what you say, and you must go with them to the king of Egypt and tell him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Now please let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go unless a mighty hand compels him.

Exodus 3:19 So I will stretch out My hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders I will perform among them. And after that, he will release you.

Exodus 3:20 And I will grant this people such favor in the sight of the Egyptians that when you leave, you will not go away empty-handed.

Exodus 3:21 Every woman shall ask her neighbor and any woman staying in her house for silver and gold jewelry and clothing, and you will put them on your sons and daughters. So you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 4:1 Then Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to my voice? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

Exodus 4:2 And the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

Exodus 4:3 "Throw it on the ground," said the LORD. So Moses threw it on the ground, and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

Exodus 4:4 "Stretch out your hand and grab it by the tail," the LORD said to Moses, who reached out his hand and caught the snake, and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Exodus 4:5 "This is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

Exodus 4:6 Furthermore, the LORD said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, white as snow.

Exodus 4:7 "Put your hand back inside your cloak," said the LORD. So Moses put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his skin.

Exodus 4:8 And the LORD said, "If they refuse to believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe that of the second.

Exodus 4:9 But if they do not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. Then the water you take from the Nile will become blood on the ground."

Exodus 4:10 "Please, Lord," Moses replied, "I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since You have spoken to Your servant, for I am slow of speech and tongue."

Exodus 4:11 And the LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Or who makes the mute or the deaf, the sighted or the blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

Exodus 4:12 Now go! I will help you as you speak, and I will teach you what to say."

Exodus 4:13 But Moses replied, "Please, Lord, send someone else."

Exodus 4:14 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well, and he is now on his way to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:15 You are to speak to him and put the words in his mouth. I will help both of you to speak, and I will teach you what to do.

Exodus 4:16 He will speak to the people for you. He will be your spokesman, and it will be as if you were God to him.

Exodus 4:17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform signs with it."

Exodus 4:18 Then Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro and said to him, "Please let me return to my brothers in Egypt to see if they are still alive." "Go in peace," Jethro replied.

Exodus 4:19 Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who sought to kill you are dead."

Exodus 4:20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey, and headed back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

Exodus 4:21 The LORD instructed Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders that I have put within your power. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

Exodus 4:22 Then tell Pharaoh that this is what the LORD says: 'Israel is My firstborn son,

Exodus 4:23 and I told you to let My son go so that he may worship Me. But since you have refused to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son!'"

Exodus 4:24 Now at a lodging place along the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him.

Exodus 4:25 But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin, and touched it to Moses' feet. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said.

Exodus 4:26 So the LORD let him alone. (When she said, "bridegroom of blood," she was referring to the circumcision.)

Exodus 4:27 Meanwhile, the LORD had said to Aaron, "Go and meet Moses in the wilderness." So he went and met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him.

Exodus 4:28 And Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and all the signs He had commanded him to perform.

Exodus 4:29 Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites,

Exodus 4:30 and Aaron relayed everything the LORD had said to Moses. And Moses performed the signs before the people,

Exodus 4:31 and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD had attended to the Israelites and had seen their affliction, they bowed down and worshiped.

Exodus 5:1 After that, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let My people go, so that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

Exodus 5:2 But Pharaoh replied, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."

Exodus 5:3 "The God of the Hebrews has met with us," they answered. "Please let us go on a three-day journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or He may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

Exodus 5:4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you draw the people away from their work? Get back to your labor!"

Exodus 5:5 Pharaoh also said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you would be stopping them from their labor."

Exodus 5:6 That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen:

Exodus 5:7 "You shall no longer supply the people with straw for making bricks. They must go and gather their own straw.

Exodus 5:8 But require of them the same quota of bricks as before; do not reduce it. For they are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' Make the work harder on them, so they will obey and sacrifice to pay no attention to these lies."

Exodus 5:9 So the taskmasters and foremen of the people went out and said to them, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I am no longer giving you straw.

Exodus 5:10 Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it; but your workload will in no way be reduced.'"

Exodus 5:11 So the people scattered all over the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

Exodus 5:12 The taskmasters kept pressing them, saying, "Fulfill your quota each day, just as you did when straw was provided."

Exodus 5:13 Then the Israelite foremen, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over the people, were beaten and asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as you did before?"

Exodus 5:15 So the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: "Why are you treating your servants this way?"

Exodus 5:16 No straw has been given to your servants, yet we are told, 'Make bricks!' Look, your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people."

Exodus 5:17 "You are slackers!" Pharaoh replied. "Slackers! That is why you keep saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.'"

Exodus 5:18 Now get to work. You will be given no straw, yet you must deliver the full quota of bricks."

Exodus 5:19 The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You must not when you deliver your quota of bricks."

Exodus 5:20 When they returned to Pharaoh, they confronted Moses and Aaron, who stood waiting to meet them.

Exodus 5:21 "May the LORD look upon you and judge you," the foremen said, "for you have made us a stench before Pharaoh and his officials; you have placed in their hand a sword to kill us!"

Exodus 5:22 So Moses returned to the LORD and asked, "Lord, why have You brought trouble upon this people? Is this why You sent me?"

Exodus 5:23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and You have not delivered Your people in any way."

Exodus 6:1 But the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh, for because of My mighty hand he will let the people go; because of My strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

Exodus 6:2 God also told Moses, "I am the LORD.

Exodus 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by My name the LORD I did not make Myself known to them.

Exodus 6:4 I also established My covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they lived as foreigners.

Exodus 6:5 Furthermore, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered My covenant.

Exodus 6:6 Therefore tell the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians and deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

Exodus 6:7 I will take you as My own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

Exodus 6:8 And I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD!"

Exodus 6:9 Moses relayed this message to the Israelites, but on account of their broken spirit and cruel bondage, they did not listen to him.