

# THE BOOK OF GENESIS ACCORDING TO THE SEPTUAGINT

## *Introduction*

This English translation of the Book of Genesis from the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint, is offered by an English Orthodox layman for the service of the Orthodox Church. The Greek Septuagint differs very considerably from the Masoretic Hebrew Bible on which most English translations of the Old Testament are based, and the services of the Orthodox Church are a virtual mosaic of scriptural quotations and allusions from the Septuagint.

The Orthodox Church has no definitive or fixed text of the Septuagint as it has for the New Testament in the edition published in 1904 by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The most authoritative versions of the Old Testament texts are those that are included in the various liturgical books. The Church of Greece's *Apostoliki Diakonia* has published a text of the Septuagint<sup>1</sup> which is very similar to that of the Alfred Rahlfs's standard critical edition<sup>2</sup>, but which has been adjusted to conform to a limited extent to traditional Orthodox readings of the Septuagint as they are found in the liturgical readings of the Church and throughout the writings of the Fathers. This text may be consulted on the *Apostoliki Diakonia* website (the online text differs in a few minor respects from that of the printed edition). I have taken *Apostoliki Diakonia's* text as the starting point for this English version of Genesis because it is published with the authority of the Church of Greece and is readily accessible.

I have sought to be faithful both to the Septuagint and to English culture. I have therefore taken as my English base text the Authorised Version of the Bible (The King James Version), and emended it where it differs from the Septuagint. I have consulted most of the existing English translations; of these I have constantly referred to Sir Lancelot C L Brenton's translation of the Septuagint<sup>3</sup>, which has been almost continuously in print since it was first published in 1851. Brenton has been much criticized, but his translation was invaluable for my purpose, for Brenton obviously kept a very close eye on the King James text.

Although the Greek forms of Old Testament proper names are unfamiliar to many English-speaking Orthodox who come from one of the western Christian traditions, they are often of very great typological significance and are much quoted by the Church Fathers. For this reason I had intended to transliterate them directly from the Greek as they appear in *Apostoliki Diakonia's* edition of the Septuagint. However, on this occasion I have reluctantly substituted the Hebrew

forms for the Greek, because they are so much more familiar in English. I have followed the format of *Apostoliki Diakonia's* edition for verse, paragraph and chapter division. I have not attempted to modernize the text of the King James Bible in any way. My aim has simply been as far as possible to make a translation of Genesis such as King James' translators might have made had they been working from the Greek Septuagint instead of the Masoretic Hebrew text.

For many Orthodox my decision to use the King James Version of the Old Testament as my template instead of a modern text may be surprising. But I have simply followed the example of Mother Mary and the then Archimandrite, now Metropolitan, Kallistos of Diokleia, who took for their model the language of the King James Bible when they translated *The Festal Menaion*<sup>4</sup> and *The Lenten Triodion*<sup>5</sup> from the Greek. In their words: "As we see it, the language of the Authorized Version is best adapted to convey the spirit of the original liturgical Greek. We do not dispute the necessity for more modern translations of scripture, and their great value - in certain contexts: but for our present purpose it was the Authorized Version that provided what we most required. For three centuries and more the Authorized Version, and along with it the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, have provided the words with which the English-speaking peoples throughout the world have addressed God; and these two books have become a part not only of our literary but of our spiritual inheritance." Quite so: even today the King James Bible is one of the world's best selling books, widely loved by millions. Many English-speaking Orthodox still cherish and use traditional liturgical language in their services, and the widespread success of Mother Mary and Metropolitan Kallistos' translations of *The Festal Menaion* and *The Lenten Triodion* and the recent publication of their *Supplement* to the latter only confirms the truth of what they wrote in 1969.

*N.B. : this English version of the Book of Genesis is based upon the text of the Authorised Version of the Bible (the King James Version), the rights of which are vested in the Crown.*

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<sup>1</sup>*He Palaia Diatheki Kata Tous Hebdomekonta: Ekadosis Apostoliki Diakonias Tes Ekklesias Tes Hellados. Athena, 1997*

<sup>2</sup>*Septuaginta. Id est Vetus Testamentum Graece iuxta LXX Interpretes. Stuttgart: Wurttembergische Bibelanstalt, 1935*

<sup>3</sup>*Lancelot C L Brenton: The Septuagint with Apocrypha: Greek and English; Samuel Bagster and Sons 1851; repr. Hendrikson 1986*

<sup>4</sup> *Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware, The Festal Menaion, translated from the original Greek; pp.13-14: Faber and Faber 1969*

<sup>5</sup>*Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware, The Lenten Triodion, translated from the original Greek; Faber and Faber 1978. (Supplement, St Tikhon's Press 2008)*

# GENESIS

## CHAPTER 1

In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup>But the earth was invisible, and without form; and darkness was upon the deep, and the spirit of God was borne over the water. <sup>3</sup>And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided between the light and between the darkness. <sup>5</sup>And God called the light day and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the water, and let there be a division between the water and the water. And it was so. <sup>7</sup>And God made the firmament, and God divided between the water which was under the firmament, and between the water which was above the firmament. <sup>8</sup>And God called the firmament heaven. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, Let the water that is under the heaven be gathered into one gathering, and let the dry land appear. And it was so. And the water that was under the heaven was gathered together into their gatherings, and the dry land appeared. <sup>10</sup>And God called the dry land earth and the gatherings of the waters called He seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, Let the earth bring forth herb of grass, sowing seed according to his kind and according to his likeness, and the fruit tree bearing fruit, whose fruit is in itself according to his kind upon the earth. And it was so. <sup>12</sup>And the earth brought forth herb of grass, sowing seed according to his kind and according to his likeness, and the fruit tree, bearing fruit, whose seed is in itself according to his kind upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

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

<sup>20</sup>And God said, Let the waters bring forth creeping things that have life, and fowl that fly above the earth in the firmament of heaven. And it

was so. <sup>21</sup>And God made the great sea monsters and every creature that creepeth, which the waters brought forth according to their kind, and every winged fowl according to his kind. And God saw that they were good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, Let the earth bring forth the soul of the living creature according to his kind: four footed beasts, and creeping things, and wild beasts of the earth according to their kind. And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and the cattle according to their kind, and all the creeping things of the earth according to their kind. And God saw that they were good. <sup>26</sup>And God said, Let Us make man according to Our image and according to Our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creeping things that creep upon the earth. <sup>27</sup>And God made man, according to the image of God made He him, male and female made He them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of heaven, and all the cattle and all the earth, and all the creeping things that creep upon the earth. <sup>29</sup>And God said, Behold, I have given you every seed bearing herb, sowing seed which is upon all the earth, and every tree, that hath in itself the fruit of seed that is sown: to you it shall be for meat, <sup>30</sup>and for all the wild beasts of the earth, and for all the fowl of the heaven, and for every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, which hath in itself the breath of life, even all green herb for meat. And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw all the things that He had made; and behold, they were very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

## **CHAPTER 2**

And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the order of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the sixth day God ended His works which He had made; and He ceased on the seventh day from all His works which He had made. <sup>3</sup>And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it He ceased from all his works, which God had begun to make.

<sup>4</sup>This is the book of the generation of heaven and earth when they were made, in the day that the Lord God made the heaven and the earth, <sup>5</sup>and all herb of the field before it was upon the earth, and all grass of the field before it sprang up; for God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground: <sup>6</sup>but there went up a fountain from the earth, and watered the whole face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>And God formed man of dust of the earth, and breathed into his face a breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

<sup>8</sup>And God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man, whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground made God to spring up also every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowing that which is to be known of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>And a river goeth out of Eden to water the garden; from thence it parteth into four heads. <sup>11</sup>The name of the one is Phison: this is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>and the gold of that land is good, and there also is carbuncle and emerald. <sup>13</sup>And the name of the second river is Gihon; this is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. <sup>14</sup>And the third river is the Tigris; this is that which goeth over against the Assyrians. And the fourth river, this is Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>And the Lord God took the man whom He had formed, and put him in the garden, to work it and to keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded Adam, saying, Of every tree which is in the garden thou mayest eat for food, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, ye shall not eat of it; but in whatsoever day ye shall eat thereof, by death shall ye die.

<sup>18</sup>And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; let Us make for him an help meet for him. <sup>19</sup>And out of the earth God formed yet further all the wild beasts of the field, and all the fowls of the heaven; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them. And whatsoever Adam called any living creature, that was the name thereof. <sup>20</sup>And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to all the fowls of the heaven, and to all the wild beasts of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help like unto him. <sup>21</sup>And God brought a trance upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs and filled up the flesh in place thereof. <sup>22</sup>And the rib which He had taken from Adam, did the Lord God form into a woman, and brought her unto Adam. <sup>23</sup>And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of her man. <sup>24</sup>Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall be joined unto his wife: and they two shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the two were naked, both Adam and his wife, and were not ashamed.

### CHAPTER 3

Now the serpent was the most sagacious of all the wild beasts of the earth which the Lord God had made. And the serpent said unto the woman, Wherefore hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup>And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup>but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. <sup>4</sup>And the serpent said unto the woman, By death ye shall not die: <sup>5</sup>for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. <sup>6</sup>And the woman saw that the tree was

good for food, and that it was pleasant for the eyes to look upon, and fair to contemplate; and she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave it also to her husband with her; and they did eat. <sup>7</sup>And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons to go about them.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the evening, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Adam, where art thou? <sup>10</sup>And he said unto Him, I heard Thy voice as Thou walkedst in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself. <sup>11</sup>And God said unto him, Who told thee that thou wast naked? except thou hast eaten of the tree whereof only I commanded thee not to eat? <sup>12</sup>And Adam said, The woman, whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I did eat. <sup>14</sup>And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all the cattle, and all the wild beasts of the earth; upon thy breast and thy belly shalt thou go and earth shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between thee and between the woman, and between thy seed and between her seed: he shall watch thy head, and thou shalt watch his heel. <sup>16</sup>And He said unto the woman, I will greatly multiply thy pains and thy groanings; in pains thou shalt bring forth children, and thy recourse shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. <sup>17</sup>And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree, of which alone I commanded thee not to eat, cursed is the ground in thy labours; in pains shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life: <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup>In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread, till thou return unto the ground out of which thou wast taken; for earth thou art, and unto earth shalt thou return. <sup>20</sup>And Adam called his wife's name Life, because she is the mother of all the living.

<sup>21</sup>Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make garments of skin, and clothed them. <sup>22</sup>And God said, Behold, Adam is become as one of Us, to know good and evil; and now lest he put forth his hand, and take of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. <sup>23</sup>And the Lord God sent him forth from the garden to till the earth from whence he was taken. <sup>24</sup>And He cast out Adam and caused him to dwell over against the garden of delight; and He stationed the Cherubim and the fiery sword that turneth about to keep the way of the tree of life.

## **CHAPTER 4**

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bare Cain and said, I have gotten a man through God. <sup>2</sup>And she again bare his brother

Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the earth. <sup>3</sup>And after some days it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruits of the earth a sacrifice unto the Lord. <sup>4</sup>And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his sheep and of his fatlings. And God looked upon Abel and upon his gifts, <sup>5</sup>but upon Cain and upon his sacrifices He was not intent. And Cain was exceeding sorrowful, and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord God said unto Cain, Why art thou become exceeding sorrowful, and why is thy countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>Hast thou not sinned, if thou hast offered it rightly, but not rightly divided it? Be still: unto thee shall be his recourse, and thou shalt rule over him. <sup>8</sup>And Cain said unto his brother Abel, Let us go out into the plain. And it came to pass when they were in the plain that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord God said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? and he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? <sup>10</sup>And the Lord said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the earth. <sup>11</sup>And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand. <sup>12</sup>When thou tillest the earth, then it shall not continue to give unto thee her strength: groaning and trembling shalt thou be upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And Cain said unto the Lord God, My crime is too great for me to be forgiven. <sup>14</sup>If Thou castest me out this day from the face of the earth, then shall I be hid from Thy face: and I shall be groaning and trembling upon the earth; and it shall come to pass, that any one that findeth me shall slay me. <sup>15</sup>And the Lord God said unto him, Not so: any one that slayeth Cain shall loose vengeance sevenfold. And the Lord God set a mark upon Cain, that none finding him should kill him. <sup>16</sup>So Cain went out from the presence of God, and dwelt in the land of Nod over against Eden.

<sup>17</sup>And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bare Enoch. And he builded a city, and he called the city after the name of his son, Enoch. <sup>18</sup>And unto Enoch was born Irad, and Irad begat Mehujael, and Mehujael begat Methuselah, and Methuselah begat Lamech. <sup>19</sup>And Lamech took unto him two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah. <sup>20</sup>And Adah bare Jabel: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, feeding cattle. <sup>21</sup>And the name of his brother was Jubal: he it was that made known the psaltery and harp. <sup>22</sup>And Zillah, she also bare Tubal: he was a smith, a forger of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal was Naamah. <sup>23</sup>And Lamech said unto his wives Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my words; for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. <sup>24</sup>Because vengeance is exacted sevenfold by Cain, by Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

<sup>25</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare a son, and called his name Seth, saying, For God hath raised up to me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. <sup>26</sup>And to Seth there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: he hoped to call upon the name of the Lord God.

## CHAPTER 5

This is the book of the generation of men: in the day that God made Adam, in the image of God made He him: <sup>2</sup>male and female made He them, and blessed them; and called his name Adam, in the day wherein He made them. <sup>3</sup>And Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and begat a son after his own likeness and after his image, and called his name Seth. <sup>4</sup>And the days of Adam that he lived after he had begotten Seth were seven hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>And all the days of Adam that he lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

<sup>6</sup>Now Seth lived two hundred and five years and begat Enos. <sup>7</sup>And Seth lived after he begat Enos seven hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup>And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

<sup>9</sup>And Enos lived an hundred and ninety years, and begat Cainan. <sup>10</sup>And Enos lived after he begat Cainan seven hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>11</sup>And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

<sup>12</sup>And Cainan lived an hundred and seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel. <sup>13</sup>And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel seven hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup>And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

<sup>15</sup>And Mahalaleel lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and begat Jared. <sup>16</sup>And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared seven hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>17</sup>And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety and five years; and he died.

<sup>18</sup>And Jared lived an hundred and sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch. <sup>19</sup>And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup>And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty and two years; and he died.

<sup>21</sup>And Enoch lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah. <sup>22</sup>And Enoch was well pleasing to God after he begat Methuselah for two hundred years, and he begat sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup>And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years. <sup>24</sup>And Enoch was well pleasing to God, and he was not found, for God translated him.

<sup>25</sup>And Methuselah lived an hundred and sixty and seven years, and begat Lamech. <sup>26</sup>And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech eight hundred and two years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup>And all the days of Methuselah which he lived were nine hundred and sixty and nine years; and he died.

<sup>28</sup>And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and eight years, and begat a son. <sup>29</sup>And he called his name Noah, saying, This one will cause us to cease from our works and from the toils of our hands and from the earth, which the Lord God hath cursed. <sup>30</sup>And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five



hundred and sixty and five years, and begat sons and daughters. <sup>31</sup>And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and fifty three years; and he died.

<sup>32</sup>And Noah was five hundred years old, and he begat three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

## CHAPTER 6

And it came to pass when men began to be many on the earth, and daughters were born unto them, <sup>2</sup>that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took unto them wives of all which they chose. <sup>3</sup>And the Lord God said, My Spirit shall not abide in these men for ever, for they are flesh; but their days shall be an hundred and twenty years. <sup>4</sup>Now there were giants were in the earth in those days; and after that when the sons of God went in unto the daughters of men, they bare children to them: those were the giants of old, the men of renown.

<sup>5</sup>And the Lord God saw that the wickedness of men was multiplied upon the earth, and that every one in his heart thinketh diligently upon evil all the days. <sup>6</sup>And God considered that He had made man on the earth, and He thought upon it. <sup>7</sup>And God said, I will blot out man whom I have made from the face of the earth, even man with cattle, and creeping things, with fowls of the heaven; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. <sup>8</sup>But Noah found grace before the Lord God.

<sup>9</sup>And these are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation; Noah was well pleasing to God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with unrighteousness. <sup>12</sup>And the Lord God looked upon the earth, and it was utterly corrupt; for all flesh had utterly corrupted his way upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord God said unto Noah, The time of every man is come before Me, for the earth is filled with unrighteousness through them; and behold, I do utterly destroy them and the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make thee therefore an ark of squared timber: with nests shalt thou make the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. <sup>15</sup>And thus shalt thou make the ark: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Thou shalt narrow the ark in making it, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou make out of the side; with lower, second and third stories shalt thou make it. <sup>17</sup>And behold, I do bring the flood, water upon the earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, under the heaven; and whatsoever things are upon the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>And with thee will I establish My covenant; and thou shalt enter into the ark, thou, and thy sons and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. <sup>19</sup>And of all the cattle and of all the creeping things and of all the wild beasts, even of all flesh shalt thou bring two by two of all into the ark, that thou mayest feed them with

thyselves: they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of all winged fowls after their kind and of all cattle after their kind and of all creeping things that creep upon the earth after their kind, two by two of all they shall come in to thee, to be fed with thee, male and female. <sup>21</sup>And thou shalt take unto thee of all food which ye eat, and thou shalt gather them to thee, and it shall be for thee and for them to eat. <sup>22</sup>And Noah did all things whatsoever the Lord God commanded him, so did he.

## CHAPTER 7

And the Lord God said unto Noah, Enter, thou and all thy house, into the ark, for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>And of the clean cattle take in to thee seven by seven, male and female; and of the unclean cattle two by two, male and female; <sup>3</sup>and of the clean fowls of the heaven seven by seven, male and female; and of all unclean fowls of the heaven two by two, male and female, to maintain seed upon all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For yet seven days, and I will bring rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and every thing that riseth up that I have made, will I blot out from off the face of all the earth. <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all things whatsoever the Lord God commanded him.

<sup>6</sup>And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came to pass upon the earth. <sup>7</sup>And Noah went in, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the water of the flood. <sup>8</sup>And of the clean fowls and of the unclean fowls and of the clean cattle and of the unclean cattle and of all the creeping things upon the earth, <sup>9</sup>there went in two by two unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass after the seven days that the water of the flood came upon the earth. <sup>11</sup>In the sixth hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seven and twentieth day of the month, in this day were all the fountains of the deep broken up, and the cataracts of heaven were opened. <sup>12</sup>And the rain came upon the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On this day entered Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, the sons of Noah and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with him, into the ark. <sup>14</sup>And all the wild beasts after their kind and all cattle after their kind and every creeping thing that moveth itself on the earth after his kind and every fowl after his kind, <sup>15</sup>went in unto Noah into the ark, two by two, male and female of all flesh wherein is the spirit of life. <sup>16</sup>And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded Noah. And the Lord God shut the ark from without upon him. <sup>17</sup>And the flood came forty days and forty nights upon the earth, and the waters were multiplied, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up on high from off the earth. <sup>18</sup>And the water prevailed and was multiplied greatly upon the earth, and the ark was borne upon the water. <sup>19</sup>And the water prevailed, prevailed greatly upon the earth, and covered all the high mountains that were under heaven. <sup>20</sup>Fifteen cubits upwards was the water raised, and it covered all

the high mountains. <sup>21</sup>And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowls and of cattle, and of wild beasts and of every creeping thing that moveth upon the earth, and every man. <sup>22</sup>And all things that have the breath of life, and whatsoever was upon the dry land, died. <sup>23</sup>And He blotted out every thing that ariseth which was upon the face of the earth, both of man and of beast, and of creeping things and of fowls of the heaven; and they were blotted out from earth, and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup>And the water was raised over the earth an hundred and fifty days.

## CHAPTER 8

And God remembered Noah, and all the wild beasts and all the cattle and all the fowls and all the creeping things that creep, as many as were with him in the ark; and God brought a wind upon the earth, and the water assuaged. <sup>2</sup>The fountains also of the deep and the cataracts of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. <sup>3</sup>And the water diminished continually and went off the earth, and after an hundred and fifty days the water was abated, and the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. <sup>4</sup>And the water diminished continually until the tenth month. <sup>5</sup>And in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. <sup>6</sup>And it came to pass after forty days that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made, <sup>7</sup>and he sent forth a raven, to see if the water had ceased; and it went forth, and returned not until the water was dried from off the earth. <sup>8</sup>Also he sent forth a dove after it to see if the water had ceased from off the face of the earth. <sup>9</sup>And the dove found no rest for her feet and returned unto him into the ark, for the water was on the face of the whole earth; and he put forth his hand and took her and brought her in unto him into the ark. <sup>10</sup>And he stayed yet seven other days, and again he sent forth the dove from the ark. <sup>11</sup>And the dove returned unto him in the evening, and it had an olive leaf, a twig, in her mouth; and Noah knew that the water had ceased from off the earth. <sup>12</sup>And he stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove, and she returned not again unto him any more. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year of the life of Noah, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the water subsided from off the earth: and Noah opened the covering of the ark which he had made, and he saw that the water had subsided from the face of the earth. <sup>14</sup>And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

<sup>15</sup>And the Lord God spake unto Noah, saying, <sup>16</sup>Come forth out of the ark, thou and thy wife and thy sons and thy sons' wives with thee. <sup>17</sup>And bring forth with thee all the wild beasts as many as are with thee, and all flesh both of fowls and of cattle and of every creeping thing that moveth upon the earth, and increase and multiply upon the earth. <sup>18</sup>And Noah came forth, and his wife and his sons and his sons' wives with him, <sup>19</sup>and all

the wild beasts and all the cattle and every fowl and every creeping thing that moveth upon the earth after their kind, came forth out of the ark. <sup>20</sup>And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord, and took of all the clean beasts and of all the clean fowls, and offered them as an whole burnt offering upon the altar. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord God smelled a savour of sweetness, and the Lord God considered and said, I will not again curse the earth any more for the works of men, for the imagination of man is bent intently upon evil things from his youth; I will not therefore smite any more all living flesh, as I have done. <sup>22</sup>All the days of the earth, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and spring, shall not cease by day or night.

## CHAPTER 9

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said unto them, Increase and multiply and fill the earth and have dominion over it. <sup>2</sup>And the dread of you and the fear of you shall be upon all the wild beasts of the earth and upon all the fowls of the heaven and upon all things that move upon the earth and upon all the fishes of the sea; under your hands have I put them. <sup>3</sup>And every creeping thing that liveth shall be for meat to you; even as the green herbs have I given all things unto you. <sup>4</sup>But flesh with blood of life shall ye not eat. <sup>5</sup>For your blood of your lives will I require at the hand of all wild beasts, and at the hand of his brother man will I require the life of man. <sup>6</sup>Whoso sheddeth man's blood, in return for this blood shall his own be shed; for in the image of God made I man. <sup>7</sup>But do ye increase and multiply and fill the earth and have dominion over it.

<sup>8</sup>And God spake unto Noah and to his sons with him, and said, <sup>9</sup>And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living soul that is with you, of fowls and of beasts, and with all the wild beasts of the earth, as many as are with you, of all that came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>And I will establish My covenant with you; neither shall all flesh die any more by the water of the flood, nor shall there be any more be a flood of water to destroy all the earth. <sup>12</sup>And the Lord God said unto Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I set between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations. <sup>13</sup>I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>And it shall come to pass, when I gather clouds upon the earth, that My bow shall be seen in the cloud. <sup>15</sup>And I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living soul in all flesh, and there shall no more be water for a deluge to blot out all flesh. <sup>16</sup>And My bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look to remember the everlasting covenant which is between Me and the earth, and between every living soul in all flesh that is upon the earth. <sup>17</sup>And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have made between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

<sup>18</sup>Now the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark, were Shem, Ham and Japheth; and Ham was father of Canaan. <sup>19</sup>These three are the sons of Noah; of these were men scattered abroad over the whole earth.

<sup>20</sup>And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

<sup>21</sup>And he drank of the wine, and was drunken, and was naked in his house.

<sup>22</sup>And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and went out and told his two brothers without. <sup>23</sup>And Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their back, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their face was backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. <sup>24</sup>And Noah recovered from the wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. <sup>25</sup>And he said, Cursed be the bondservant Canaan; a bondservant shall he be unto his brethren.

<sup>26</sup>And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his bondservant. <sup>27</sup>God make room for Japheth, and let him dwell in the habitations of Shem; and let Canaan be his bondservant.

<sup>28</sup>And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. <sup>29</sup>And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

## CHAPTER 10

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

<sup>2</sup>The sons of Japheth: Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Elisha and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz and Riphath and Torgarmah. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Javan: Elishah and Tarshish and the Kitians *and* Rhodians. <sup>5</sup>From these were the isles of the nations divided in their land; each according to his tongue, in their tribes, and in their nations.

<sup>6</sup>And the sons of Ham: Cush and Mizraim, Phut and Canaan. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. <sup>8</sup>And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a giant in the earth. <sup>9</sup>He was a giant hunter before the Lord; wherefore they say, Even as Nimrod, the giant hunter before the Lord. <sup>10</sup>And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup>Out of that land came forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh and the city Rehoboth and Calah <sup>12</sup>and Rese between Nineveh and between Calah: this is the great city. <sup>13</sup>And Mizraim begat the Ludiim and the Anamim and the Lehabim and the Nephtuhim and the Pathrusim <sup>14</sup>and the Casluhim, (from whence came Philistim,) and the Caphtorim. <sup>15</sup>Now Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn and the Hittite <sup>16</sup>and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgasite <sup>17</sup>and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite, the Arvadite and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. <sup>18</sup>And afterward were the tribes of the Canaanites scattered abroad, <sup>19</sup>and the borders of the Canaanites were from Sidon, until one cometh to Gerar and Gaza, until one cometh unto Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim,

even unto Lasha. <sup>20</sup>These were the sons of Ham, in their tribes, according to their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

<sup>21</sup>And unto Shem himself also were children born, the father of all the sons of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. <sup>22</sup>Sons of Shem: Elam and Asshur and Arphaxad and Lud and Aram and Cainan. <sup>23</sup>And sons of Aram: Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. <sup>24</sup>And Arphaxad begat Cainan, and Cainan begat Salah, and Salah begat Eber. <sup>25</sup>And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was Peleg (for in his days was the earth divided), and his brother's name was Joktan. <sup>26</sup>And Joktan begat Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah and Hadoram and Uza, and Diklah <sup>27</sup>and Obal and Abimael and Sheba <sup>28</sup>and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. <sup>29</sup>All these were the sons of Joktan. <sup>30</sup>And their dwelling was from Mesha until one cometh unto Sephar, a mount of the east. <sup>31</sup>These were the sons of Shem in their tribes, according to their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

<sup>32</sup>These are the tribes of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, according to their nations: of them were the islands of the nations scattered abroad in the earth after the flood.

## CHAPTER 11

And the whole earth was one lip; and there was one speech to all. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass as they moved from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup>And a man said unto his neighbour, Come, let us make bricks and bake them with fire. And the brick was unto them for stone, and bitumen was their mortar. <sup>4</sup>And they said, Come let us build us a city and tower whose top shall be unto heaven, and let us make us a name before we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>5</sup>And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men builded. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, Behold, one race and one lip of all, and this they have begun to do, and now nothing shall fail of them of all that they imagine to do. <sup>7</sup>Come, and let Us go down and confound their language, that they may not understand each his neighbour's speech. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city and the tower. <sup>9</sup>Therefore was the name of it called Confusion, because the Lord did there confound the lips of all the earth, and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>And these are the generations of Shem: and Shem was an hundred years old when he begat Arphaxad, the second year after the flood. <sup>11</sup>And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup>And Arphaxad lived an hundred and thirty and five years, and begat Cainan. <sup>13</sup>And Arphaxad lived after he begat Cainan four hundred years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

And Cainan lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat Salah; and Cainan lived after he begat Salah three hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

<sup>14</sup>And Salah lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat Eber. <sup>15</sup>And Salah lived after he begat Eber three hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

<sup>16</sup>And Eber lived an hundred and thirty and four years, and begat Peleg. <sup>17</sup>And Eber lived after he begat Peleg two hundred threescore and ten years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

<sup>18</sup>And Peleg lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat Reu. <sup>19</sup>And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

<sup>20</sup>And Reu lived an hundred and thirty and two years, and begat Serug. <sup>21</sup>And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters, and died. <sup>22</sup>And Serug lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat Nahor.

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

<sup>24</sup>And Nahor lived an hundred nine and seventy years, and begat Terah. <sup>25</sup>And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and twenty and five years, and begat sons and daughters, and died.

<sup>26</sup>And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, and Nahor, and Haran. <sup>27</sup>And these are the generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram and Nahor and Haran and Haran begat Lot. <sup>28</sup>And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in the country of the Chaldeans. <sup>29</sup>And Abram and Nahor took them wives; the name of the Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife Milcha, daughter of Haran; and he was the father of Milcha the father of Iscah. <sup>30</sup>And Sarai was barren and bare not children. <sup>31</sup>And Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife, and led them forth out of the land of the Chaldean, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and he dwelt there. <sup>32</sup>And all the days of Terah in the land of Haran were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

## CHAPTER 12

And the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, and come into the land that I will shew thee. <sup>2</sup>And I will make thee into a great nation, and I will bless thee and magnify thy name, and thou shalt be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>And I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed. <sup>4</sup>And Abram went, as the Lord had spoken unto him, and Lot departed with him. And Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son and all their substance, as much as they had

gotten, and every soul that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>And Abram passed through the length of the land unto the place Shechem unto the high oak; and the Canaanites then dwelt in the land. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord appeared unto Abram and said unto him, Unto thy seed will I give this land; and there builded Abram an altar unto the Lord Who appeared unto him. <sup>8</sup>And he removed from thence unto the mountain on the east of Bethel, and there pitched his tent in Bethel toward the sea and Hai toward the east; and there he builded an altar unto the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram departed and went and pitched his tent in the wilderness.

<sup>10</sup>And there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine prevailed in the land. <sup>11</sup>And it came to pass when Abram was come near to enter into Egypt that Abraham said unto Sarai his wife, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon. <sup>12</sup>Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife; and they will kill me, but they will keep thee for them. <sup>13</sup>Say, therefore, I am his sister, that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee. <sup>14</sup>And it came to pass that when Abram was come into Egypt, and the Egyptians beheld his wife that she was very fair, <sup>15</sup>the princes of Pharaoh saw her and praised her unto Pharaoh, and brought her into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup>And they entreated Abram well for her sake, and he had sheep and calves and mules and menservants and maidservants and asses and camels. <sup>17</sup>And God chastised Pharaoh and his house with great and heavy chastisements, because of Sarai Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup>And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me, that thou didst not tell me that she was thy wife? <sup>19</sup>Why saidst thou, She is my sister? and I took her to me to wife: and now behold, thy wife is before thee; take her and quickly go thy way. <sup>20</sup>And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning Abram, to join in escorting him and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him.

## CHAPTER 13

And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the wilderness. <sup>2</sup>And Abram was very rich in cattle and in silver and in gold. <sup>3</sup>And he went on his journey from whence he had come into the wilderness, even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been before, between Bethel and between Hai, <sup>4</sup>unto the place of the altar which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>And Lot, which went out with Abram, had sheep and cattle and tents. <sup>6</sup>And the land had not room enough for them to dwell together; for their substance was great, and they could not dwell together. <sup>7</sup>And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle; and the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelled then in the land. <sup>8</sup>And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife between me and



thee and between my herdmen and between thy herdmen; for we be brethren. <sup>9</sup>Lo, is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself from me: if thou go to the left hand, I will go to the right; and if thou go to the right hand, then I will go to the left. <sup>10</sup>And Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the country round about Jordan, that all was watered before God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord and like the land of Egypt, until thou come unto Zoar. <sup>11</sup>And Lot chose him all the country round about Jordan, and Lot journeyed from the east, and they were separated each from his brother. <sup>12</sup>And Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, but Lot dwelled in a city of the country round about and pitched his tent in Sodom. <sup>13</sup>But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before God exceedingly.

<sup>14</sup>And God said unto Abram after that Lot was separated from him, Look up with thine eyes, and look from the place where thou now art northward and southward and eastward and toward the sea; <sup>15</sup>for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. <sup>16</sup>And I will make thy seed as the sand of the earth; if any can number the sand of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. <sup>17</sup>Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth; for I will give it unto thee and unto thy seed for ever. <sup>18</sup>Then Abram removed his tent and came and dwelt by the oak of Mamre which was in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

## CHAPTER 14

And it came to pass in the reign of Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of nations, <sup>2</sup>that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, and with Shinab king of Admah, and with Shemeber king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (this is Zoar). <sup>3</sup>All these agreed with one consent at the salt vale (this is the sea of salt). <sup>4</sup>Twelve years were they in subjection unto Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. <sup>5</sup>And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, and cut to pieces the giants in Astaroth Karnaim and strong nations together with them, and the Emim in the city of Shaveh, <sup>6</sup>and the Horites in the mountains of Seir unto the terebinth of El-paran, which is in the wilderness. <sup>7</sup>And they returned and came unto the spring of judgment (this is Kadesh), and they cut to pieces all the princes of Amalek, and the Amorites that dwell in Hazezon-tamar. <sup>8</sup>And there went out the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (this is Zoar;) and they set themselves in array against them to battle in the salt vale, <sup>9</sup>against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of nations and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, the four kings against the five. <sup>10</sup>Now the vale of salt was full of slimepits. And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah fled and fell in there, and they that

were left behind fled to the mountain country. <sup>11</sup>And they took all the horse of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their victuals, and went their way. <sup>12</sup>And they took also Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his goods, and departed: for he dwelt in Sodom.

<sup>13</sup>And there came one of them that had been rescued, and told Abram the traveller; and he dwelt by the oak of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eschol, and the brother of Ener, which were confederate with Abram. <sup>14</sup>And when Abram heard that his nephew Lot was taken captive, he numbered his own homeborn servants, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. <sup>15</sup>And he came upon them by night, he and his servants, and smote them and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. <sup>16</sup>And he brought back all the horse of Sodom, and brought back again his nephew Lot and all his goods and the women and the people.

<sup>17</sup>And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after that he returned from the slaughter of Cheodorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, in the valley of Shaveh: this was the king's plain. <sup>18</sup>And Melchisedek king of Salem brought forth bread loaves and wine; and he was priest of the Most High God. <sup>19</sup>And he blessed Abram and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, Which made the heaven and the earth, <sup>20</sup>and blessed be the Most High God, Which hath delivered up thine enemies under thy hands to thee. And Abram gave him the tithe of all. <sup>21</sup>And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the men, and take the horse to thyself. <sup>22</sup>And Abram said, I will stretch out my hand unto the Lord, the Most High God, Which made the heaven and the earth, <sup>23</sup>if I shall take of all thy goods from a thread even to a shoelatchet, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: <sup>24</sup>save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Eschol, and Aner, and Mamre; these shall take a portion.

## CHAPTER 15

And after these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I do shield thee: thy reward shall be exceeding great. <sup>2</sup>And Abram said, Master, O Lord, what wilt Thou give me, seeing I go away childless, save for the son of Masek my bondwoman born in my house, this Eliezer of Damascus? <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, Because Thou hast given me no seed, my bondman born in my house shall be mine heir. <sup>4</sup>And forthwith a voice of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thee shall be thine heir. <sup>5</sup>And He brought him forth abroad, and said unto him, Look up to heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them. And He said, So shall thy seed be. <sup>6</sup>And Abram believed God, and that was counted to him for righteousness. <sup>7</sup>And He said unto him, I am the God that brought thee out of the land of the Chaldeans, to give thee this land to inherit *it*. <sup>8</sup>And he said, O Master, Lord, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? <sup>9</sup>And He

said unto him, Take Me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove and a young pigeon. <sup>10</sup>And he took unto Him all these, and divided them in the midst, and set them one against another: but the birds divided he not. <sup>11</sup>And fowls came down upon the carcasses, even upon the divided parts of them; and Abram sat down by them. <sup>12</sup>And at about the going down of the sun, a trance fell upon Abram, and lo, an horror of great darkness falleth upon him. <sup>13</sup>And it was said unto Abram, Thou shalt know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and they shall enslave them and afflict them and humble them four hundred years. <sup>14</sup>And the nation whom they shall serve will I judge, and afterward shall they come out hither with great substance. <sup>15</sup>But thou shalt depart unto thy fathers in peace, buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup>But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again; for the sins of the Amorites are not yet filled up even until now. <sup>17</sup>And when the sun went down there was a flame, and behold, a smoking furnace and lamps of fire that passed between these divided pieces. <sup>18</sup>In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup>the Kenites, and the Kennizites, and the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Raphaim, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Evites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

## CHAPTER 16

Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an Egyptian handmaid, whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup>And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: go in therefore unto my maid, that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her handmaid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife to him. <sup>4</sup>And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived, and saw that she was with child, and her mistress was dishonoured before her. <sup>5</sup>And Sarai said unto Abram, I am wronged because of thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom, and when she saw that she was with child, I was dishonoured before her: the Lord judge between me and thee. <sup>6</sup>But Abram said, Behold thy maid is in thy hands: do to her as it pleaseth thee. And Sarai dealt hardly with her, and she fled from her face.

<sup>7</sup>And an angel of the Lord found her by the fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence comest thou, and whither goest thou? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. <sup>9</sup>And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. <sup>10</sup>And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will surely multiply thy seed, and it shall not be numbered for multitude. <sup>11</sup>And the

angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael, because the Lord hath heeded thy humiliation. <sup>12</sup>He will be a wild man, his hands against all, and the hands of all against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. <sup>13</sup>And Hagar called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou art God Which seest me: for she said, I have seen Him that appeared unto me face to face. <sup>14</sup>Wherefore called she the well, The Well of Him Whom I have seen face to face: behold, it is between Kadesh and between Barad.

<sup>15</sup>And Hagar bare Abram a son; and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare him, Ishmael. <sup>18</sup>And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

## CHAPTER 17

And Abram was ninety years old and nine; and the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am thy God; be thou well pleasing before Me, and be thou blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will set My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. <sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, <sup>4</sup>And as for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. <sup>6</sup>And I will increase thee exceedingly, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be thy God, and thy seed's after thee. <sup>8</sup>And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou sojournest, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be a God to them. <sup>9</sup>And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep My covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup>And this is the covenant which thou shalt keep, between Me and you, and betwixt thy seed after thee unto their generations; every man child of you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>And ye shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be for a token of a covenant betwixt Me and you. <sup>12</sup>And a man child of eight days shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, and he that is born in the house, and he that is bought with money of every son of a stranger, which is not of thy seed. <sup>13</sup>He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with money, shall needs be circumcised: and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>And the uncircumcised man child which shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that soul shall be cut off from his kindred; for he hath broken My covenant.

<sup>15</sup>And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, her name shall not be called Sarai: Sarah shall her name be. <sup>16</sup>And I will bless her, and give thee a son of her; yea, I will bless him, and he shall become nations; and

kings of nations shall be of him. <sup>17</sup>And Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and spake in his heart, saying, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said unto God, Let this Ishmael live before thee. <sup>19</sup>And God said unto Abraham, Yea, behold, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. <sup>20</sup>And as for Ishmael, behold, I have heard thee; and behold, I have blessed him, and will increase him, and multiply him exceedingly: twelve nations shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But My covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this time in the next year. <sup>22</sup>And He left off talking with him; and God went up from Abraham.

<sup>23</sup>And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with money, and every male of the men that were in Abraham's house, and circumcised their foreskins in the time of that day, according as God had spoken unto him. <sup>24</sup>And Abraham was ninety years old and nine when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>25</sup>And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>26</sup>And in the time of that day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son, <sup>27</sup>and all the men of his house, both them that were born in the house and them that were bought with money of strange nations, he circumcised them.

## CHAPTER 18

And God appeared unto him by the oak of Mamre, as he sat by his tent door in the mid of day. <sup>2</sup>And he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood over him; and he saw them, and ran to meet them from his tent door, and bowed himself with his face toward the ground. <sup>3</sup>And he said, O Lord, if peradventure I have found favour in Thy sight, pass not by Thy servant. <sup>4</sup>Let water now be fetched, and let them wash Your feet, and be Ye cooled under the tree. <sup>5</sup>And I will fetch bread, and Ye shall eat; and after that Ye shall depart on your journey, inasmuch as Ye are turned aside unto your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened unto the tent unto Sarah, and said unto her, Haste thee, and knead three measures of fine flour, and make loaves baked in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran unto the kine, and fetched a young calf tender and good, and gave it unto his servant; and he hasted to dress it. <sup>8</sup>And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed; and set them before them, and they did eat; and he stood by them under the tree.

<sup>9</sup>And He said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he answered and said, Behold, in the tent. <sup>10</sup>And He said, I will return and come unto thee according to this time to the hour, and Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind Him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham

and Sarah were old, well stricken in days, and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, It is not yet come to pass with me until now; and my Lord is old. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore is it that Sarah did laugh in herself, saying, Shall I then of a surety bear? but I am waxen old. <sup>14</sup>Shall anything be impossible with God? at this time to the hour will I return unto thee, and Sarah shall have a son. <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And He said unto her, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

<sup>16</sup>And the men rose up from thence, and looked down upon the face of Sodom and Gomorrah. And Abraham went with them, escorting them. <sup>17</sup>And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham My servant the thing which I am about to do? <sup>18</sup>But Abraham shall become a great and populous nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. <sup>19</sup>For I know that he will order his sons and his household after him, and they shall keep the ways of the Lord to do righteousness and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham all things that He hath spoken of him. <sup>20</sup>And the Lord said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is multiplied toward Me, and their sins are very great. <sup>21</sup>I will go down then, and see whether they do according to the cry against them which cometh unto Me; and if not, that I may know. <sup>22</sup>And the men turned away from thence, and came unto Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>And Abraham said, Wilt Thou destroy the righteous with the ungodly? and shall the righteous be as the ungodly? <sup>24</sup>If there be fifty righteous in the city, wilt Thou destroy them? Wilt Thou not spare the whole place for the sake of the fifty righteous, if they be therein? <sup>25</sup>By no means shalt Thou do this thing, to slay the righteous with the ungodly; and the righteous shall not be as the ungodly. By no means! shalt not Thou that judgest all the earth do right? <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, If there be in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. <sup>27</sup>And Abraham answered and said, Now have I begun to speak unto my Lord: and I am but earth and ashes. <sup>28</sup>But if the fifty righteous should be minished to forty and five, wilt Thou destroy all the city for the five? And He said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. <sup>29</sup>And he spake yet again unto Him, and said, But if there shall be forty found there? And He said, I will not destroy it for the forty's sake. <sup>30</sup>And he said, Will there be aught, Lord, if I speak: but if there shall be thirty found here? And He said, I will not destroy it for the thirty's sake. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Since I have taken to speak unto the Lord, what if there shall be twenty found there? And He said, I will not destroy it if I find there twenty. <sup>32</sup>And he said, Will there be aught, Lord, if I speak yet once? but if ten shall be found there? And He said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake. <sup>33</sup>And the Lord departed when He had left communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned unto his place.

## CHAPTER 19

Now there came the two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat by the gate of Sodom. And Lot seeing them rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground, and he said, <sup>2</sup>Behold, Lords, turn aside into Your servant's house, and rest from Your journey, and wash Your feet: and when Ye are risen up early in the morning, Ye shall go on Your way. And they said, Nay, but We will abide in the street. <sup>3</sup>And he pressed them; and they turned aside unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake them unleavened loaves, and they did eat. <sup>4</sup>But before they lay down to sleep, the men of the city, even the Sodomites, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people together. <sup>5</sup>And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came into thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. <sup>6</sup>And Lot went out at the threshold unto them, and shut the door after him, <sup>7</sup>and said unto them, By no means, brethren, do not wickedly. <sup>8</sup>Now have I two daughters which have not known man. I will bring them out unto you, and do ye use them as it may please you: only unto these men do nothing unjust; for they came in under the shelter of my roof. <sup>9</sup>And they said unto him, Stand back there: thou camest in to sojourn: was it also to judge? Now then we will harm thee rather than them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. <sup>10</sup>But the men put forth their hands, and drew Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door of the house. <sup>11</sup>And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great; and they were wearied seeking to find the door.

<sup>12</sup>And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here sons in law, or sons, or daughters? or if thou hast any other in the city, bring them out of this place. <sup>13</sup>For we are about to destroy this place: because the cry of them is lifted up before the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, and get you out of this place; for the Lord is about to destroy the city; but he seemed to speak in jest before his sons in law. <sup>15</sup>But when the morning arose, the Angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, and take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which thou hast, and go forth, lest thou also be destroyed with the transgressions of the city. <sup>16</sup>And they were troubled; and the Angels laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; in that the Lord spared him. <sup>17</sup>And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth without, that they said, Save thine own life by all means: look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the country round about; escape to the mountain, lest peradventure thou be overtaken. <sup>18</sup>And Lot said unto them, I pray, O Lord, <sup>19</sup>since Thy servant hath found mercy in Thy sight, and Thou hast magnified Thy righteousness, in what Thou doest toward me that my soul may live; but I shall not be able to escape to the mountain, lest peradventure the calamities overtake me, and I die. <sup>20</sup>Behold, this city is near for me to escape thither, which is a little one; and there shall I be preserved, is it not a little one? and my soul shall live because of Thee. <sup>21</sup>And He said unto him, See, I have had respect

unto thy countenance concerning this thing also, that I should not overthrow the city for the which thou hast spoken. <sup>22</sup>Haste thee, therefore, to escape thither, for I shall not be able to do any thing until thou be come thither. Therefore he called the name of that city Zoar. <sup>23</sup>The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. <sup>25</sup>And He overthrew these cities, and all the country round about and all that dwelt in the cities and all that which grew up out of the ground. <sup>26</sup>But his wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup>And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord, <sup>28</sup>and he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward the country round about, and beheld; and lo, a flame from the earth went up as the smoke of a furnace. <sup>29</sup>And it came to pass when God destroyed all the cities of the region round about, that God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when the Lord overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

<sup>30</sup>And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, he and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters with him. <sup>31</sup>And the elder said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth who shall come in unto us, as is meet in all the earth. <sup>32</sup>Come, and let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him and raise up seed of our father. <sup>33</sup>And they made their father drink wine that night; and the elder went in and lay with her father that night; and he perceived not when she lay down and when she arose. <sup>34</sup>And it came to pass on the morrow, that the elder said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with our father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, and let us raise up seed of our father. <sup>35</sup>So they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger went in and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. <sup>36</sup>And the two daughters of Lot were with child by their father. <sup>37</sup>And the elder bare a son, and called his name Moab, saying, Of my father. This is the father of the Moabites unto this present day. <sup>38</sup>And the younger, she also bare a son and called his name Ammon, saying, The son of my family. This is the father of the Ammonites unto this present day.

## CHAPTER 20

And Abraham removed from thence into the country toward the south, and dwelt between Kadesh and between Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. <sup>2</sup>And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister; for he feared to say, She is my wife, lest at any time the men of the city should kill him for her sake. So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. <sup>3</sup>And God came to Abimelech in sleep by night, and said, Behold, thou diest for the woman, which thou hast taken, seeing she liveth with a man. <sup>4</sup>But



Abimelech had not touched her, and he said, Lord, wilt Thou destroy an ignorant, and righteous nation? <sup>5</sup>Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and said she not unto me, He is my brother? With a pure heart, and in the righteousness of my hands, have I done this. <sup>6</sup>And God said unto him in sleep, Yea, I knew that thou didst this with a pure heart, and I spared thee that thou shouldest not sin against Me; therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. <sup>7</sup>Now therefore restore the man his wife, for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: but know thou that if thou restore her not, thou shalt die, and all that are thine. <sup>8</sup>And Abimelech rose up early in the morning and called all his servants, and he spake all these words in their ears; and all the men were sore afraid. <sup>9</sup>And Abimelech called Abraham and said unto him, What is this that thou hast done unto us? Have we sinned against thee, that thou hast brought upon me and upon my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast done a deed unto me that none ought to do. <sup>10</sup>And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? <sup>11</sup>And Abraham said, Because I said, Surely the worship of God is not in this place, and they will slay me for my wife's sake. <sup>12</sup>For indeed she is my sister by my father, but not by my mother, and she became my wife. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, when God brought me forth out of my father's house, that I said unto her, This righteousness shalt thou do unto me; in every place whither we shall come say of me, He is my brother. <sup>14</sup>And Abimelech took a thousand pieces of silver and sheep and calves and menservants and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. <sup>15</sup>And Abimelech said unto Abraham, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell wheresoever it pleaseth thee. <sup>16</sup>And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: these shall be to thee for the price of thy countenance, and unto all that are with thee: and speak the truth in all things. <sup>17</sup>So Abraham prayed unto God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maidservants; and they bare children. <sup>18</sup>For the Lord had fast closed up from without every womb in the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

## CHAPTER 21

And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as He had spoken. <sup>2</sup>And she conceived and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time according as the Lord had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised Isaac on the eighth day, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. <sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, God hath made laughter for me, for whosoever shall hear will rejoice with me. <sup>7</sup>And she said, Who shall say unto Abraham, that Sarah giveth a child suck? for I have borne a son in mine old age.

<sup>8</sup>And the child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast the day that Isaac his son was weaned. <sup>9</sup>And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which was born unto Abraham, sporting with Isaac her son; <sup>10</sup>and she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not inherit with my son Isaac. <sup>11</sup>But the thing appeared very hard in Abraham's sight concerning his son. <sup>12</sup>But God said unto Abraham, Let it not be hard in thy sight concerning the child and concerning the bondwoman; in all whatsoever Sarah shall say unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called for thee. <sup>13</sup>And moreover of the son of this bondwoman will I make a great nation, because he is thy seed. <sup>14</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took loaves and a skin of water, and gave them unto Hagar, and put the child on her shoulder, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness near the Well of the Oath. <sup>15</sup>And the water was spent out of the skin, and she cast the child under a fir tree. <sup>16</sup>And she went and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said, Surely I cannot see the death of my child. And she sat over against him; and the child cried aloud and wept. <sup>17</sup>And God heard the voice of the child from the place where he was, and an angel of the Lord called to Hagar out of heaven and said unto her, What is it, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad from the place where he is. <sup>18</sup>Arise, and take up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. <sup>19</sup>And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of living water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad drink. <sup>20</sup>And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. <sup>21</sup>And he dwelt in the wilderness of Parah: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>22</sup>And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, spake unto Abraham, saying, "God is with thee in all things whatsoever thou mayest do. <sup>23</sup>Now swear unto me by God that thou wilt not injure me, nor my seed, nor my name; but according to the righteousness that I have performed with thee, thou shalt deal with me, and with the land wherein thou hast sojourned. <sup>24</sup>And Abraham said, I will swear. <sup>25</sup>And Abraham reproveth Abimelech because of the wells of water which Abimelech's servants had taken away. <sup>26</sup>And Abimelech said unto him, I wot not who hath done this thing, neither didst thou tell it me, neither yet heard I of it, but today. <sup>27</sup>And Abraham took sheep and calves, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. <sup>28</sup>And Abraham set seven ewe lambs by themselves. <sup>29</sup>And Abimelech said, What are these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? <sup>30</sup>And Abraham said, Thou shalt receive the seven ewe lambs of me, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. <sup>31</sup>Wherefore he called the name of that place The Well of the Oath; because there they sware both of them. <sup>32</sup>And they made a covenant at the Well of the Oath. And there rose up Abimelech, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the

Philistines. <sup>33</sup>And Abraham planted a plowed field at the Well of the Oath and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God. <sup>34</sup>And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

## CHAPTER 22

And it came to pass after these things that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Behold, *here* I am. <sup>2</sup>And He said, Take thy son, the beloved, whom thou lovest, Isaac, and get thee into the high land; and offer him there for an whole burnt offering upon one of the mountains whichever I may tell thee of. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two servants with him, and Isaac his son, and clave wood for an whole burnt offering, and rose up and departed, and came unto the place of which God spake unto him, on the third day. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham looked up with his eyes, and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup>And Abraham said unto his servants, Sit ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and when we have worshipped, we will come again to you. <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the whole burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son, and he took both the fire and the knife into his hands; and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said unto Abraham his father, Father. And he said, What is it, *my* son? And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: where is the sheep for an whole burnt offering? <sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a sheep for an whole burnt offering. And they went both of them together, and <sup>9</sup>came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood upon it, and bound the feet of Isaac his son together, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. <sup>10</sup>And Abraham stretched forth his hand to take the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>And an angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Behold, *here* I am. <sup>12</sup>And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the child, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, and for My sake thou hast not spared thy beloved son. <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up with his eyes, and beheld: and lo, a ram caught in a sabek plant by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up as an whole burnt offering in the stead of Isaac his son. <sup>14</sup>And Abraham called the name of that place, The Lord Hath Seen, that they might say today, In the mount the Lord was seen. <sup>15</sup>And an angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, <sup>16</sup>By Myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and for My sake thou hast not spared thy beloved son: <sup>17</sup>surely in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is by the sea shore; and thy seed shall inherit the cities of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My voice. <sup>19</sup>And Abraham returned unto his servants, and they rose

up and went together to the Well of the Oath. And Abraham dwelt at the Well of the Oath.

<sup>20</sup>And it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah herself also hath borne sons unto thy brother Nahor; <sup>21</sup>Uz the firstborn and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of the Syrians, and Chesed and <sup>22</sup>Hazo and Pildesh and Jidlaph and Bethuel; and Bethuel begat Rebekah. <sup>23</sup>These are eight sons which Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. <sup>24</sup>And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

## CHAPTER 23

And the life of Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah died in the city of Arba, which is in the valley, (the same is Hebron) in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to lament for Sarah, and to mourn. <sup>3</sup>And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and Abraham spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, <sup>4</sup>I am a sojourner and a stranger among you: give me therefore possession of a buryingplace among you, and I will bury my dead away from me. <sup>5</sup>And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying, Nay, my lord; <sup>6</sup>but hear us. Thou art a king from God among us: in our choice sepulchres bury thy dead, for not one of us shall by any means withhold from thee his sepulchre to bury thy dead there. <sup>7</sup>And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the sons of Heth. <sup>8</sup>And Abraham communed with them, saying, If ye have it in your mind that I should bury my dead out of my presence, hear me and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar. <sup>9</sup>And let him give me the double cave which he hath, which is in a part of his field; for as much money as it is worth, let him give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you. <sup>10</sup>Now Ephron sat among the children of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham, and spake in the audience of the sons of Heth and of all that went into the city, saying, <sup>11</sup>Be attentive unto me, my lord, and hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; before all my people have I given it thee: bury thy dead. <sup>12</sup>And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. <sup>13</sup>And he said in the ears of Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, Since thou art in my presence, hear me: take the price of the field of me, and I will bury my dead there. <sup>14</sup>But Ephron answered Abraham, saying, <sup>15</sup>Nay, my lord, I have heard indeed that the land is worth four hundred didrachmas of silver; but what would this be betwixt me and thee? nay, bury thou thy dead. <sup>16</sup>And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron, and Abraham rendered to Ephron the money which he had spoken of in the ears of the sons of Heth, four hundred didrachmas of silver certified of merchants. <sup>17</sup>And the field of Ephron which was in the double cave, which is over against Mamre, the field and the cave which was therein and every tree that was in the field and whatsoever is in the borders thereof round about, came <sup>18</sup>unto Abraham for a possession in

the presence of the sons of Heth, and all that went into the city. <sup>19</sup>After these things Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the double cave of the field which is over against Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. <sup>20</sup>And the field and the cave that was therein were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

## CHAPTER 24

And Abraham was older, well stricken in days: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup>And Abraham said unto his servant, to the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put thy hand under my thigh, <sup>3</sup>and I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son Isaac of the daughters of the Canaanites, with whom I dwell in the midst of them; <sup>4</sup>but thou shalt go unto my country, where I was born, and to my tribe, and take from thence a wife unto my son Isaac. <sup>5</sup>And the servant said unto him, If at any time the woman is not be willing to return with me unto this land, shall I bring again thy son unto the land from whence thou camest? <sup>6</sup>And Abraham said unto him, Take heed to thyself that thou bring not my son thither again. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God of heaven and the God of the earth, Which took me from my father's house and from the land where I was born, Which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thee and thy seed will I give this land; He shall send His angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. <sup>8</sup>And if the woman will not be willing to come with thee into this land, then thou shalt be clean from this oath: only bring not my son thither again. <sup>9</sup>And the servant put his hand unto the thigh of Abraham his lord, and sware to him concerning this matter.

<sup>10</sup>And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his lord, and he took of all the goods of his lord with him; and rising up he went to Mesopotamia, into the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup>And he suffered the camels to rest without the city by the well of water toward the evening, when the women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup>And he said, O Lord God of my lord Abraham, prosper my way before me this day, and do mercy with my lord Abraham. <sup>13</sup>Behold, I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of them that dwell in the city come out to draw water. <sup>14</sup>And it shall come to pass, that the damsel to whomsoever I shall say, Incline thy pitcher, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink until they are done drinking; even this same hast thou prepared for thy servant Isaac, and thereby shall I know that thou hast done mercy with my lord Abraham. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass before he had done speaking in his mind that behold, Rebekah, that was born to Bathuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor and Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher upon her shoulders. <sup>16</sup>And the damsel was very fair to look upon; she was a virgin, neither had any man known her; and she went down to the spring and filled her pitcher and came up. <sup>17</sup>And the servant ran to meet her and said, Give me a little water

to drink out of thy pitcher. <sup>18</sup>And she said, Drink, lord; and she hasted and let down her pitcher upon her arm and gave him to drink until he had done drinking. <sup>19</sup>And she said, I will draw water for thy camels also until they are all done drinking. <sup>20</sup>And she hasted and emptied the pitcher into the trough and ran again unto the well to draw and fetched water for all the camels. <sup>21</sup>And the man took great notice of her, and held his peace to wit whether the Lord had made his way to prosper or not. <sup>22</sup>And it came to pass when all the camels had done drinking, that the man took golden earrings, each of a drachma weight, and two bracelets for her arms; their weight was ten pieces of gold. <sup>23</sup>And he asked her and said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me if there be room in thy father's house for us to lodge in. <sup>24</sup>And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. <sup>25</sup>And she said unto him, We have both straw and provender in abundance, and a place to lodge in. <sup>26</sup>And the man being well pleased did obeisance unto the Lord <sup>27</sup>and said, Blessed be the Lord God of my lord Abraham, Who hath not forsaken righteousness and truth from my lord: the Lord hath prospered me on the way to the house of my lord's brother.

<sup>28</sup>And the damsel ran and told in her mother's house according to these words. <sup>29</sup>And Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to meet the man nigh unto the spring. <sup>30</sup>And it came to pass when he saw the earrings and the bracelets upon his sister's arms, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me, that he came unto the man as he stood by the camels by the spring. <sup>31</sup>And he said unto him, Come in hither, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house and a place for the camels. <sup>32</sup>And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels and gave straw and provender for the camels and water for his feet and for the men's feet that were with him. <sup>33</sup>And he set before them loaves to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have spoken my words. And he said, Speak on.

<sup>34</sup>And he said, I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>And the Lord hath blessed my lord greatly, and he is exalted; and He hath given him sheep and calves and silver and gold and menservants and maidservants, camels and asses. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my lord's wife bare one son to my lord after that he had waxed old, and unto him hath he given whatsoever he had. <sup>37</sup>And my lord made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I sojourn in their land, <sup>38</sup>but thou shalt go unto my father's house and to my tribe and take from thence a wife unto my son. <sup>39</sup>And I said unto my lord, Peradventure the woman will not go with me. <sup>40</sup>And he said unto me, The Lord God, before Whom I have been well pleasing, Himself will send out His angel with thee and prosper thy journey, and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my tribe and of my father's house. <sup>41</sup>Then shalt thou be clear from my curse; for whensoever thou shalt have come to my tribe, and they shall not give thee her, then shalt thou be clear from mine oath. <sup>42</sup>And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord God of my lord Abraham, if now Thou do prosper my journey whereon I go:

<sup>43</sup>behold, I stand by the well of the water, and the daughters of the men of the city will come forth to draw water, and it shall come to pass that the virgin to whom I shall say, Give me little water of thy pitcher to drink, <sup>44</sup>and she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will draw water for thy camels; this same shall be the woman whom the Lord hath prepared for His own servant Isaac, and hereby shall I know that Thou hast wrought mercy with my lord Abraham. <sup>45</sup>And it came to pass, before I had done speaking in my mind, straightway Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulders, and she went down unto the well, and drew water; and I said unto her, Give me to drink. <sup>46</sup>And she made haste and let down her pitcher on her arm from herself and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink: and I drank, and she gave the camels drink. <sup>47</sup>And I asked her and said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me. And she said, I am daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him. And I put upon her the earrings and the bracelets upon her arms. <sup>48</sup>And being well pleased, I did obeisance unto the Lord and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, Which hath prospered me in the way of truth to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. <sup>49</sup>If then ye will do mercy and righteousness toward my lord, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

<sup>50</sup>And Laban and Bathouel answered and said, This thing is come from the Lord; therefore we shall not be able to speak against thee bad for good. <sup>51</sup>Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, go quickly, and let her be thy lord's son's wife, as the Lord hath said. <sup>52</sup>And it came to pass when Abraham's servant heard these words that he did obeisance to the earth unto the Lord. <sup>53</sup>And the servant brought forth jewels of silver and gold and raiment and gave them to Rebekah; he gave also to her brother and to her mother gifts. <sup>54</sup>And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and slept.

And he rose up in the morning, and said, Send me away that I may go unto my lord. <sup>55</sup>And her brethren and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us about ten days, and after that she shall depart. <sup>56</sup>But he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my journey for me; send me away, that I may depart to my lord. <sup>57</sup>And they said, Let us call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. <sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. <sup>59</sup>So they sent forth Rebekah their sister and her goods and Abraham's servants and those with him. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of myriads, and let thy seed possess the cities of their adversaries. <sup>61</sup>And Rebekah arose and her damsels, and they mounted upon the camels and went with the man, and the servant took Rebekah and departed.

<sup>62</sup>And Isaac went through the wilderness to the Well of the Vision, and dwelt in the land toward the south. <sup>63</sup>And Isaac went out to meditate in the plain toward eventide; and he lifted up his eyes and beheld camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah lifted up her eyes and saw Isaac, and she lighted off the camel quickly <sup>65</sup>and said unto the servant, What man is that that walketh in

the plain to meet us? And the servant said, This is my lord; and she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>And Isaac went into the house of his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted for his mother Sarah.

## CHAPTER 25

Then again Abraham took a wife, whose name was Keturah. <sup>2</sup>And she bare him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. <sup>3</sup>And Jokshan begat Thaiman and Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were the Asshurim, and the Letushim, and Leummim. <sup>4</sup>And the sons of Midian were Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah: all these were sons of Keturah.

<sup>5</sup>And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac his son, <sup>6</sup>but unto the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. <sup>7</sup>And these are the years of the days of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. <sup>8</sup>And Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of days, and was added to his people. <sup>9</sup>And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the double cave in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is over against Mamre; <sup>10</sup>the field and the cave which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth; there they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. <sup>11</sup>And it came to pass after Abraham was dead, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the Well of the Vision.

<sup>12</sup>Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Agar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham. <sup>13</sup>And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, according to the names of their generation: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam, <sup>14</sup>and Mishma and Dumah and Massa <sup>15</sup>and Hadar and Tema and Jetur and Naphish and Kedemah. <sup>16</sup>These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names in their tents and in their dwellings; twelve princes according to their nations. <sup>17</sup>And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years; and he breathed his last and died and was added unto his family. <sup>18</sup>And he dwelt from Havilah to Shur that is over against Egypt, until one cometh unto the Assyrians; he dwelt in the presence of all his brethren.

<sup>19</sup>And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: <sup>20</sup>Abraham begat Isaac. And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian out of Syrian Mesopotamia, the sister to Laban the Syrian. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac intreated the Lord for Rebekah his wife, because she was barren; and God heard him, and Rebekah his wife conceived in her womb. <sup>22</sup>And the babes leapt within her, and she said, If it is to be so with me, why is this to me? and she went to enquire of the Lord.



<sup>23</sup>And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two peoples shall be separated from thy belly; and one people shall excel the other people; and the greater shall serve the lesser. <sup>24</sup>And the days that she should be delivered were fulfilled, and she had twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>And the first came out red, hairy all over like an hairy skin, and she called his name Esau. <sup>26</sup>And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel, and she called his name Jacob; and Isaac was threescore years old when Rebekah bare them.

<sup>27</sup>And the boys grew, and Esau was a man cunning in hunting, a man of the country; and Jacob was a simple man, and dwelt in an house. <sup>28</sup>And Isaac loved Esau, because his game was meat for him; but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup>And Jacob sod pottage; and Esau came from the plain, and he was faint. <sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, Let me taste of that red pottage, for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. <sup>31</sup>And Jacob said to Esau, Sell me this day thy birthright, sell it me. <sup>32</sup>And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die; and for what good is this birthright to me? <sup>33</sup>And Jacob said, Swear to me this day, and he sware unto him; and Esau sold his birthright unto Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up and went his way. And Esau slighted his birthright.

## CHAPTER 26

And there was a famine in the land, beside the former famine that was in the days of Abraham; and Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. <sup>2</sup>And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt, but dwell in the land that I shall tell thee of. <sup>3</sup>And sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee and will bless thee; for unto thee and unto thy seed I will give all this land, and I will stablish Mine oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father. <sup>4</sup>And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven and will give unto thy seed all this land; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; <sup>5</sup>because that Abraham thy father hearkened unto My voice and kept My charges and My commandments and My statutes and My laws. <sup>6</sup>And Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

<sup>7</sup>And the men of the place asked him of Rebekah his wife, and he said, She is my sister; for he feared to say, She is my wife, lest the men of the place should kill him for Rebekah, because she was fair to look upon. <sup>8</sup>And he remained there a long time, and Abimelech king of the Philistines leaned to look out through the window and saw Isaac sporting with Rebekah his wife. <sup>9</sup>And Abimelech called Isaac and said unto him, Of a surety then she is thy wife? why saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. <sup>10</sup>And Abimelech said unto him, What is this thou hast done unto us? One of my kindred had almost lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought a sin of ignorance upon us. <sup>11</sup>And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, Every man that

toucheth this man and his wife shall be liable to death. <sup>12</sup>And Isaac sowed in that land, and he found in that year barley an hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. <sup>13</sup>And the man was exalted and went forward and increased until he became very great. <sup>14</sup>And he had flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and many tilled lands; and the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>And all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them with earth. <sup>16</sup>And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art become much mightier than we. <sup>17</sup>And Isaac departed thence and rested in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. <sup>18</sup>And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which his father Abraham's servants had digged; and the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham his father; and he gave them names after the names by which his father had called them. <sup>19</sup>And Isaac's servants digged in the valley of Gerar, and found there a well of living water. <sup>20</sup>And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's shepherds, saying that the water was theirs; and he called the name of the well Injustice; because they did him injustice. <sup>21</sup>And he removed from thence, and digged another well, and they strove for that also; and he called the name of it Enmity. <sup>22</sup>And he removed from thence and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Room; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and hath increased us upon the earth.

<sup>23</sup>And he went up from thence unto the Well of the Oath. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord appeared unto him that same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee and will bless thee and multiply thy seed for Abraham thy father's sake. <sup>25</sup>And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants digged a well in the valley of Gerar. <sup>26</sup>And Abimelech came unto him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. <sup>27</sup>And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore are ye come to me, seeing ye have hated me, and sent me away from you? <sup>28</sup>And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee, and we said, Let there now be an oath even betwixt us and thee, and we will make a covenant with thee, <sup>29</sup>that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not abhorred thee, and as we have done thee good, and have sent thee away in peace; and thou art now the blessed of the Lord. <sup>30</sup>And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. <sup>31</sup>And they rose up in the morning and swore each to his neighbour; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in safety. <sup>32</sup>And it came to pass in that same day that Isaac's servants came and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said, We have found no water. <sup>33</sup>And he called it, Oath; therefore he called the name of that city, the Well of the Oath, unto this day.

<sup>34</sup>And Esau was forty years old; and he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath, daughter of Elon the Hittite. <sup>35</sup>And they were contentious unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

## CHAPTER 27

And it came to pass after Isaac was old, that his eyes were dimmed, so that he could not see; and he called Esau his elder son and said unto him, My son; and he said Behold, *here* am I. <sup>2</sup>And he said, Behold, I am waxen old and I know not the day of my death; <sup>3</sup>now therefore take thy weapons, both thy quiver and thy bow, and go out into the plain and get me game, <sup>4</sup>and make me meats such as I love, and bring them to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. <sup>5</sup>And Rebekah heard Isaac speak unto Esau his son, and Esau went to the plain to procure venison for his father. <sup>6</sup>And Rebekah said unto Jacob her younger son, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother saying, <sup>7</sup>Bring me venison, and prepare me meats, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before I die. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore, my son, hearken unto me as I command thee. <sup>9</sup>And go to the flocks and take from thence two kids, tender and good, and I will make them meats for thy father such as he loveth; <sup>10</sup>and thou shalt bring them in to thy father, and he shall eat, that thy father may bless thee before he dieth. <sup>11</sup>And Jacob said unto his mother Rebekah, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: <sup>12</sup>my father peradventure will feel me, and I shall be before him as disdained, and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. <sup>13</sup>And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only hearken unto my voice, and go fetch me *them*. <sup>14</sup>And he went and took and brought them to his mother; and his mother made meats such as his father loved. <sup>15</sup>And Rebekah took the goodly raiment of her elder son Esau, which was with her in the house, and put it upon Jacob her younger son; <sup>16</sup>and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his arms and upon the bare parts of his neck, <sup>17</sup>and she gave the meats and the bread loaves, which she had prepared, into the hands of her son Jacob. <sup>18</sup>And he brought them in to his father, and said, Father; and he said, Behold, *here* am I; who art thou, child? <sup>19</sup>And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, sit and eat of my game, that thy soul may bless me. <sup>20</sup>And Isaac said unto his son, What is this that thou hast found so quickly, child? And he said, That which the Lord thy God delivered up before me. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near to me, and I will feel thee, child, whether thou be my son Esau or not. <sup>22</sup>And Jacob drew near unto Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. <sup>23</sup>And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands; and he blessed him. <sup>24</sup>And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am. <sup>25</sup>And he said, Bring to me, and I will eat of thy game, child, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him wine, and he drank. <sup>26</sup>And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near to me, and kiss me, child. <sup>27</sup>And he came near, and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a full field, which the Lord hath blessed. <sup>28</sup>And God give thee of the dew of heaven,

and of the fatness of the earth, and abundance of corn and wine. <sup>29</sup>And let nations be subject unto thee and princes bow down to thee, and be thou lord over thy brother, and thy father's sons shall bow down to thee: cursed be he that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

<sup>30</sup>And it came to pass, after Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob his son, it even came to pass when Jacob was gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from the hunt. <sup>31</sup>And he also had made him meats and brought them unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's game, that thy soul may bless me. <sup>32</sup>And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy firstborn son Esau. <sup>33</sup>And Isaac was astonished with exceeding great astonishment, and said, Who then is it that hath procured game for me and brought it me? and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed. <sup>34</sup>And it came to pass when Esau heard the words of Isaac his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said, Bless even me also, O my father. <sup>35</sup>And he said to him, Thy brother came with subtilty and hath taken away thy blessing. <sup>36</sup>And he said, Rightly was his name called Jacob, for now this second time hath he supplanted me: he took away my birthright, and now hath taken away my blessing. And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou not left a blessing for me, father? <sup>37</sup>And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, If I have made him thy lord, and have made all his brethren his servants, and with corn and wine have strengthened him, what then shall I do unto thee, son? <sup>38</sup>And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, father? Bless even me also, O my father. And Isaac was vexed; and Esau cried aloud, and wept. <sup>39</sup>And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be away from the fatness of the earth and away from the dew of heaven above. <sup>40</sup>And by thy sword shalt thou live and shalt be subject unto thy brother; and it shall come to pass whensoever thou shalt bring him down, then shalt thou loosen his yoke from off thy neck.

<sup>41</sup>And Esau was wroth with Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him; and Esau said in his mind, Let the days of mourning for my father draw near, that I may slay my brother Jacob. <sup>42</sup>But the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau threateneth thee, to kill thee. <sup>43</sup>Now therefore my son, hearken unto my voice, and arise and depart thou quickly into Mesopotamia unto Laban my brother in Haran. <sup>44</sup>And dwell thou with him some days <sup>45</sup>until thy brother's anger and fury turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him; and I will send and fetch thee from thence, lest peradventure I be bereaved of you both in one day.

<sup>46</sup>And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of the sons of Chet: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of this land, wherefore should I live?

## CHAPTER 28

And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of the Canaanites. <sup>2</sup>Arise, and depart quickly into Mesopotamia, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. <sup>3</sup>And my God bless thee, and increase thee, and multiply thee; and thou shalt become gatherings of nations; <sup>4</sup>and give thee the blessing of Abraham my father, to thee and to thy seed after thee, that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojourning, which God gave unto Abraham. <sup>5</sup>And Isaac sent away Jacob, and he went into Mesopotamia unto Laban son of Bethuel the Syrian the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

<sup>6</sup>And Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Mesopotamia as he blessed him, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; <sup>7</sup>and that Jacob hearkened unto his father and his mother, and was gone to Mesopotamia of Syria. <sup>8</sup>And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the sight of Isaac his father, <sup>9</sup>then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took to wife Mahalath daughter of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, sister of Nebajoth, further to his *other* wives.

<sup>10</sup>And Jacob went out from the Well of the Oath, and went into Haran, <sup>11</sup>and he lighted upon a certain place, and lay down there, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it at his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed; and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, whose top reached to heaven, and the angels of God ascended and descended on it. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord leaned upon it and said, I am the God of thy father Abraham, and the God of Isaac: fear not; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. <sup>14</sup>And thy seed shall be as the sand of the earth, and it shall spread abroad to the sea, and to the south, and to the north, and to the east: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>And behold, I am with thee, keeping thee in every way whither thou shalt go, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee until I have done all that which I have spoken to thee of. <sup>16</sup>And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, The Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. <sup>18</sup>And Jacob rose up in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. <sup>19</sup>And he called the name of that place the House of God; and the name of the city was called Lamluz before. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If the Lord be with me and keep me in this journey that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, <sup>21</sup>and bring me back to my father's house in safety; then shall the Lord be for God to me; <sup>22</sup>and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be an house of God me; and of all that Thou shalt give me, I will tithe a tenth unto Thee.

## CHAPTER 29

And Jacob lifted up his feet and went into the land of the east, unto Laban, the son of Bethuel the Syrian, and the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. <sup>2</sup>And he looketh, and behold, a well in the plain, and there were there three flocks of sheep resting by it, for out of that well they watered the flocks; but a great stone was at the well's mouth. <sup>3</sup>And thither were all the flocks gathered; and they were used to roll away the stone from the well's mouth, and water the flocks, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. <sup>4</sup>And Jacob said unto them, Brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. <sup>5</sup>And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? and they said, We know him. <sup>6</sup>And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and behold, Rachel his daughter came with the sheep. <sup>7</sup>And Jacob said, It is yet high day; it is not yet time that the flocks be gathered together; water ye the flocks and depart and feed them. <sup>8</sup>And they said, We shall not be able, until all the shepherds be gathered together, and they roll away the stone from the mouth of the well; then shall we water the flocks. <sup>9</sup>And while he yet spake with them, Rachel the daughter of Laban came with her father's sheep; for she fed the sheep of her father. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob came and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup>And Jacob kissed Rachel and cried with a loud voice and wept. <sup>12</sup>And he told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman and Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father according to these words. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass when Laban heard the name of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him into his house; and he told Laban all these things. <sup>14</sup>And Laban said to him, Thou art of my bones and of my flesh; and he was with him a month of days.

<sup>15</sup>And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, surely thou shalt not serve me for nought. Tell me what thy wage shall be. <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in appearance and well favoured in countenance. <sup>18</sup>And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. <sup>19</sup>And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they were in his sight but as a few days, because he loved her. <sup>21</sup>And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. <sup>22</sup>And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a marriage feast. <sup>23</sup>And it was even, and Laban took Leah his daughter and brought her in to Jacob; and he went in unto her. <sup>24</sup>And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an

handmaid unto her. <sup>25</sup>And it was morning and behold, it was Leah; and Jacob said to Laban, What is this that thou hast done unto me? did I not serve with thee for Rachel? and wherefore hast thou beguiled me? <sup>26</sup>And Laban answered, It is not be done in our country to give the younger before the elder. Fulfil then her seven days, and I will give thee her also for thy service, which thou do with me yet seven other years. <sup>28</sup>And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her seven days, and Laban gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. <sup>29</sup>And Laban gave to his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be an handmaid unto her. <sup>30</sup>And he went in unto Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

<sup>31</sup>And when the Lord God saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. <sup>32</sup>And Leah conceived and bare a son to Jacob, and she called his name Reuben, saying, Because the Lord hath looked upon my humiliation and hath given me a son; now therefore my husband will love me. <sup>33</sup>And she conceived again and bare a son, and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I am hated, He hath given me this son also; and she called his name Simeon. <sup>34</sup>And she conceived again and bare a son, and said, In the present time my husband will be with me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore she called his name Levi. <sup>35</sup>And she conceived yet again and bare a son; and she said, Now yet again this time will I give thanks unto the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah. And she left bearing.

## CHAPTER 30

And Rachel saw that she bare not to Jacob, and Rachel envied her sister, and said unto Jacob, Give me children; and if not, I shall die. <sup>2</sup>And Jacob was angry with Rachel, and he said unto her, Am I in God's stead, Who hath deprived thee of the fruit of the womb? <sup>3</sup>And Rachel said unto Jacob, Behold my handmaid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, and I also shall have children by her. <sup>4</sup>And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. <sup>5</sup>And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived, and bare Jacob a son. <sup>6</sup>And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore she called his name Dan. <sup>7</sup>And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again and bare Jacob a second son. <sup>8</sup>And Rachel said, God hath holpen me, and I have contended with my sister, and have prevailed; and she called his name Naphtali.

<sup>9</sup>And Leah saw that she had left bearing, and she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife: and he went in unto her. <sup>10</sup>And Zilpah Leah's handmaid conceived, and bare Jacob a son. <sup>11</sup>And Leah said, By good fortune; and she called his name Gad. <sup>12</sup>And Zilpah Leah's handmaid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. <sup>13</sup>And Leah said, Blessed am I, for the women pronounce me blessed; and she called his name Ashur.

<sup>14</sup>And Reuben went in the day of wheat harvest and found apples of mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. And Rachel said to Leah her sister, Give me of thy son's mandrakes. <sup>15</sup>And Leah said, Is it not enough for thee that thou hast taken away my husband? shalt thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Not so: let him lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. <sup>16</sup>And Jacob came in out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou shalt come in unto me this day; for I have hired thee for my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. <sup>17</sup>And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived and bare Jacob a fifth son. <sup>18</sup>And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my handmaid to my husband; and she called his name Issachar, which is, Hire. <sup>19</sup>And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob a sixth son. <sup>20</sup>And Leah said, God hath given me a good gift in this time; now will my husband choose me, because I have borne him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun. <sup>21</sup>And after this she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

<sup>22</sup>Then God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her and opened her womb. <sup>23</sup>And she conceived and bare Jacob a son; and Rachel said, God hath taken away my reproach; <sup>24</sup>and she called his name Joseph, and she said, Let God add to me another son.

<sup>25</sup>And it came to pass when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place and to my country. <sup>26</sup>Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, that I may depart; for thou knowest the service wherewith I have served thee. <sup>27</sup>And Laban said unto him, If I have found grace in thine eyes, I would have learned it by augury: for the Lord hath blessed me at thy coming in. <sup>28</sup>Appoint me thy wages, and I will give them. <sup>29</sup>And Jacob said, Thou knowest in what things I have served thee, and how many thy cattle have been with me. <sup>30</sup>For it was little which thou hadst before me, and it is increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee at my foot: now therefore, when shall I set up mine own house also? <sup>31</sup>And Laban said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said to him, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again tend thy flocks, and keep them. <sup>32</sup>Let all thy sheep pass by to day, and set apart thence every grey sheep among the rams and every one that is speckled and spotted among the goats: this shall be my hire. <sup>33</sup>So shall my righteousness hearken unto me to morrow, for it is my hire before thy face: whatsoever is not spotted and speckled among the goats and grey among the rams, shall be counted stolen with me. <sup>34</sup>And Laban said, Let it be according to thy word. <sup>35</sup>And he set apart in that day the goats that were spotted and speckled and all the she goats that were spotted and speckled and all that was grey among the rams and every one that was white among them, and gave them into the hand of his sons. <sup>36</sup>And he set three days' journey betwixt them and betwixt Jacob. And Jacob tended the cattle of Laban that were left behind. <sup>37</sup>And Jacob took him green rods of storax, and of walnut, and of plane tree; and Jacob pilled white strakes in them, and tore the green away. And the



white strakes which he had pilled appeared grisled on the rods. <sup>38</sup>And he laid the rods which he had pilled in the gutters of the watering troughs, that whensoever the cattle should come to drink, as they should come to drink before the rods, the cattle should conceive at the rods. <sup>39</sup>So the cattle conceived at the rods; and the cattle brought forth speckled and streaked and spotted with ash colours. <sup>40</sup>And Jacob did set apart the lambs, and set before the sheep a speckled ram and every grisled one among the lambs; and he separated flocks unto himself alone and mingled them not with the sheep of Laban. <sup>41</sup>And it came to pass in the time wherein the sheep came into heat, as they conceived, that Jacob put the rods before the cattle in the troughs, that they might come into heat by the rods. <sup>42</sup>But he put them not in whensoever the cattle brought forth; but the unmarked were Laban's, and the marked were Jacob's. <sup>43</sup>And the man became rich exceedingly, and had much cattle and oxen and menservants and maidservants and camels and asses.

## CHAPTER 31

And Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory. <sup>2</sup>And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and behold, it was not toward him as yesterday, and three days before. <sup>3</sup>And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy father, and to thy kindred, and I will be with thee. <sup>4</sup>And Jacob sent and called Leah and Rachel to the plain where the flocks were. <sup>5</sup>And he said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as yesterday and three days before; but the God of my father hath been with me. <sup>6</sup>And ye too know that with all my power I have served your father. <sup>7</sup>But your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages for the ten lambs; but God gave him not leave to hurt me. <sup>8</sup>If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy reward; then bare all the cattle speckled: and if he said, The white shall be thy hire: then bare all the cattle white. <sup>9</sup>Thus God hath taken away all the cattle of your father, and given them to me. <sup>10</sup>And it came to pass when the cattle conceived, and were with young, that I beheld with mine eyes in sleep; and, behold, the he goats and the rams which leaped upon the sheep and the she goats, were speckled, and grisled, and spotted with ash coloured spots. <sup>11</sup>And the angel of God said unto me in sleep, Jacob; and I said, What is it?; <sup>12</sup>and he said, Look up with thine eyes, and behold the he goats and the rams leaping upon the sheep and the she goats, speckled, and grisled, and spotted with ash coloured spots; for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. <sup>13</sup>I am God, Which appeared unto thee in the place of God, where thou anointedst a pillar unto Me, and where thou vowedst a vow unto Me: now therefore arise and get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy birth; and I will be with thee. <sup>14</sup>And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there not yet a portion or inheritance for us in our

father's house? <sup>15</sup>Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured our money. <sup>16</sup>All the riches and the glory which God hath taken from our father, it shall be ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

<sup>17</sup>And Jacob rose up, and took his wives and his children upon the camels; <sup>18</sup>and he carried away all his goods and all his store which he had gotten in Mesopotamia, and all that pertained unto him, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. <sup>19</sup>And Laban went to shear his sheep; and Rachel stole the images that were her father's. <sup>20</sup>And Jacob hid this from Laban the Syrian, to tell him not that he ran away. <sup>21</sup>So he fled with all that he had, and passed over the river and set out toward the mount Galaad. <sup>22</sup>But it was told Laban the Syrian on the third day that Jacob was fled. <sup>23</sup>And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey, and they overtook him in the mount Galaad. <sup>24</sup>And God came to Laban the Syrian in sleep by night, and said unto him, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not evil to Jacob. <sup>25</sup>Then Laban overtook Jacob; and Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban set his brethren in the mount of Galaad. <sup>26</sup>And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done? Wherefore didst thou flee away unawares, and rob me, and carry away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? <sup>27</sup>And if thou hadst told me, I would have sent thee away with mirth and with songs and with tabret and with harp. <sup>28</sup>And I was not counted worthy to kiss my children and my daughters; now then, thou hast done foolishly. <sup>29</sup>And now my hand hath power to do thee hurt; but the God of thy father spake unto me yesterday, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not evil to Jacob. <sup>30</sup>Now therefore, go thy way, because thou sore longedst to depart unto thy father's house; yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? <sup>31</sup>And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid; for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take away thy daughters from me, and all that is mine. <sup>32</sup>And Jacob said, With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live in the presence of our brethren: discern thou what is thine with me, and take it. And he discerned nothing with him, but Jacob knew not that Rachel his wife had stolen them. <sup>33</sup>And Laban went and searched in Leah's house, and he found them not, and went out of Leah's house, and searched in Jacob's house and in the two maidservants' house, and found them not; then went he also into Rachel's house. <sup>34</sup>And Rachel had taken the images and cast them among the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. <sup>35</sup>And she said to her father, Take it not ill, my lord; I cannot rise up before thee; for it is with me according to the manner of women. And Laban searched in all the house, and found not the images. <sup>36</sup>And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass and what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me, <sup>37</sup>and that thou hast searched all my household stuff? What hast thou found of thy household stuff? Set it here before thy brethren and my brethren, and let them judge betwixt us both. <sup>38</sup>These twenty years of mine have I been with thee: thy sheep and thy she goats have not failed in bearing: the rams of thy cattle have I not eaten.

<sup>39</sup>That which was taken of beasts I brought not unto thee: of myself made I good the thefts of the day and the thefts of the night. <sup>40</sup>In the day I was parched with heat and chilled with frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. <sup>41</sup>These twenty years of mine have I been in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters and six years among thy sheep: and thou didst falsely rate my wages for ten lambs. <sup>42</sup>Except the God of my father Abraham and the fear of Isaac had been with me, thou hadst sent me away now empty; God hath seen my humiliation and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesterday. <sup>43</sup>And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the sons are my sons, and the cattle are my cattle, and all things that thou seest are mine and my daughters; what shall I do this day unto them, or unto their children which they have borne? <sup>44</sup>Now therefore come thou, let me make a covenant, I and thou; and it shall be for a witness between me and thee. And he said unto him, Behold, there is no man with us; behold, God is witness betwixt me and thee. <sup>45</sup>And Jacob took a stone and set it up for a pillar. <sup>46</sup>And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they gathered stones and made an heap; and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban said unto him, This heap witnesseth betwixt me and thee this day. <sup>47</sup>And Laban called it the Heap of Testimony; and Jacob called it, the Witness Heap. <sup>48</sup>And Laban said unto Jacob, Behold, this heap and the pillar which I have set betwixt me and thee; this heap witnesseth and this pillar witnesseth: there was the name thereof called The Heap Witnesseth. <sup>49</sup>And the vision of which he said, Let God look to it between me and thee, for when we depart the one from the other, <sup>50</sup>if thou shalt humble my daughters, if thou shalt take wives beside my daughters, see no man is with us looking on; God witnesseth betwixt me and thee. <sup>51</sup>And Laban said unto Jacob, Behold, this heap and this pillar are witness. <sup>52</sup>For if I pass not over to thee, I to thee, neither shalt thou pass over beyond this heap and this pillar unto me for mischief. <sup>53</sup>The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac. <sup>54</sup>And he offered sacrifice upon the mount and called his brethren, and they did eat and drink and slept in the mount. <sup>55</sup>And in the morning Laban rose up and kissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them; and Laban turned back and departed unto his place.

## CHAPTER 32

And Jacob departed on his own way; and he looked up, and saw the host of God encamped; and the angels of God met him. <sup>2</sup>And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's camp; and he called the name of that place, Camps.

<sup>3</sup>And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, unto the country of Edom. <sup>4</sup>And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have

sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: <sup>5</sup>and there have come to me cattle and asses and sheep and menservants and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord Esau, that thy servant may find grace in thy sight. <sup>6</sup>And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and lo, he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. <sup>7</sup>And Jacob was greatly afraid and perplexed. And he divided the people that was with him, and the kine and the camels and the sheep, into two camps. <sup>8</sup>And Jacob said, If Esau come to the one camp, and smite it, the other camp shall be in safety. <sup>9</sup>And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, LORD, Thou art He Which saidst unto me, Haste ye unto the land of thy birth, and I will do thee good: <sup>10</sup>it is sufficient for me for all the righteousness and for all the truth which Thou hast wrought with Thy servant; for with this my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two camps. <sup>11</sup>Deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me and the mother with the children. <sup>12</sup>But Thou saidst, I will do thee good and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which shall not be numbered for multitude. <sup>13</sup>And he slept there that night, and took of the gifts which he carried, and sent out to Esau his brother; <sup>14</sup>two hundred she goats, twenty he goats, two hundred sheep, twenty rams, <sup>15</sup>milch camels and their colts, thirty, forty kine, ten bulls, twenty asses and ten foals. <sup>16</sup>And he gave them by hand unto his servants, a drove apart. And he said unto his servants, Pass over before me and put a space betwixt drove and drove. <sup>17</sup>And he commanded the first, saying, If Esau my brother meet thee and ask thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither wouldest thou go? and whose are these that go before thee? <sup>18</sup>thou shalt say, Thy servant Jacob's; he hath sent presents unto my lord Esau: and, behold, he is behind us. <sup>19</sup>And he commanded the first and the second and the third and all that went before him after these flocks, saying, According to this word shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. <sup>20</sup>And ye shall say, Behold, thy servant Jacob cometh after us. For he said, I will appease his face with the gifts that go before his face, and afterward I will see his face; for peradventure he will accept my face. <sup>21</sup>So went the presents on before him; but himself lodged that night in the camp.

<sup>22</sup>And he rose up in that night and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven children, and passed over the ford Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>And he took them, and passed over the brook, and brought over all that was his. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the morning. <sup>25</sup>And he saw that he prevailed not against Him, and He touched the flat part of his thigh, and the flat part of Jacob's thigh was numb in his wrestling with Him. <sup>26</sup>And He said unto him, Let Me go, for the day is come up: but he said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me. <sup>27</sup>And He said unto him, What is thy name?; and he answered, Jacob. <sup>28</sup>And He said unto him, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob; but Israel shall be thy name: for thou hast prevailed with God, and shalt be mighty with men. <sup>29</sup>And Jacob asked Him, and said, Tell me Thy name. And He said,

Wherefore dost thou ask after My name? and He blessed him there. <sup>30</sup>And Jacob called the name of that place the Face of God: For, said he, I have seen God face to face, and my life was preserved. <sup>31</sup>And the sun rose upon him when he passed over the Face of God; and he halted upon his thigh. <sup>32</sup>Therefore the sons of Israel will by no means eat of the sinew which was numb, which is upon the flat part of the thigh, unto this day, because He touched the flat part of Jacob's thigh, even the sinew that was numb.

### CHAPTER 33

And Jacob looked up with his eyes and saw, and, behold, Esau his brother coming, and with him four hundred men. And Jacob divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. <sup>2</sup>And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. <sup>3</sup>But he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. <sup>4</sup>And Esau ran forward to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him; and they both wept. <sup>5</sup>And Esau looked up and saw the women and the children, and said, What are these to thee? And he said, The children whereby God hath shewed mercy unto thy servant. <sup>6</sup>And the handmaids and their children came near, and they bowed themselves; <sup>7</sup>and Leah and her children came near and bowed themselves; and after this came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. <sup>8</sup>And he said, What are these things to thee, all these companies which I met? And he said, That thy servant might find grace in thy sight, my lord. <sup>9</sup>And Esau said, I have much, my brother; keep thine own. <sup>10</sup>And Jacob said, If I have found grace in thy sight, receive the presents at my hand; for therefore I have seen thy face, as though one should see the face of God, and thou shalt be well pleased with me. <sup>11</sup>Take my blessings which I have brought to thee, because God hath had mercy upon me, and I have all things. And he urged him, and he took them. <sup>12</sup>And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go onward. <sup>13</sup>And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: if then I should overdrive them one day, all the cattle will die. <sup>14</sup>Let my lord pass on before his servant, and I shall have strength on the road according to the ease of the journey before me and according to the strength of the children, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. <sup>15</sup>And Esau said, I will leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? It is enough that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord. <sup>16</sup>And Esau returned that day on his journey to Seir.

<sup>17</sup>And Jacob departeth to his tents; and he made him there houses, and made booths for his cattle: therefore he called the name of the place, Booths. <sup>18</sup>And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he departed out of Mesopotamia of Syria; and pitched his tent before the city. <sup>19</sup>And he bought the parcel of a field, where he had

pitched his tent, of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred lambs. <sup>20</sup>And he erected there an altar, and called upon the God of Israel.

## CHAPTER 34

And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the inhabitants. <sup>2</sup>And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her and took her and lay with her and humbled her. <sup>3</sup>And he clave unto the soul of Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake according to the damsel's heart. <sup>4</sup>And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. <sup>5</sup>And Jacob heard that the son of Hamor had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the plain. And Jacob held his peace until they were come. <sup>6</sup>And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. <sup>7</sup>And the sons of Jacob came out of the plain; and when they heard it the men were cut to the quick and it was very grievous unto them, because the man had wrought an unseemly thing in Israel, having lain with Jacob's daughter: and it shall not be so. <sup>8</sup>And Hamor communed with them, saying, My son Shechem hath chosen with his soul your daughter: give her unto him to wife, <sup>9</sup>and make ye marriages with us: give your daughters unto us and take our daughters unto your sons. <sup>10</sup>And dwell in the midst of us; and, behold, the land is broad before you: dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. <sup>11</sup>And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and whatsoever ye shall name, we will give. <sup>12</sup>Increase the dowry never so much, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: only ye shall give me the damsel to wife. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully and spake unto them, because they had defiled Dinah their sister. <sup>14</sup>And Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for it is a reproach unto us. <sup>15</sup>Herein will we conform unto you and dwell among you; if ye also will be as we be, in that every male of you be circumcised. <sup>16</sup>And we will give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters unto wife, and we will dwell with you, and we will be as one people. <sup>17</sup>But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone. <sup>18</sup>And the words pleased Hamor, and Shechem, Hamor's son. <sup>19</sup>And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he clave unto Jacob's daughter; and he was the most honourable of all that were in the house of his father. <sup>20</sup>And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city and communed with the men of their city, saying, <sup>21</sup>These men are peaceable; let them with us dwell in the land, and trade therein; and, behold, the land is broad before them; we will take their daughters to us for wives, and we will give them our daughters. <sup>22</sup>Only herein will the men conform unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are

circumcised. <sup>23</sup>And shall not their cattle and their herds and their substance be ours? only herein let us conform unto them, and they will dwell with us. <sup>24</sup>And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and they were circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin, every male. <sup>25</sup>And it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that the two sons of Jacob, Simeon, and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword and came upon the city safely and slew every male. <sup>26</sup>And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. <sup>27</sup>The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city wherein they had defiled their sister. <sup>28</sup>And they took their sheep and their oxen and their asses and all things whatsoever that were in the city and whatsoever things were in the plain. <sup>29</sup>And all their persons and all their store and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even whatsoever things were in the house, and whatsoever things were in the plain. <sup>30</sup>And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have made me hateful, that I am evil unto all the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: but I am few in number, and they shall gather themselves together against me and cut me in pieces, and I shall be utterly destroyed, and my house. <sup>31</sup>Nevertheless they said, But shall they treat our sister as an harlot?

## CHAPTER 35

And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to the place Bethel, and dwell there, and make there an altar unto the God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. <sup>2</sup>And Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are with you from the midst of you, and cleanse ye, and change your garments: <sup>3</sup>and let us arise and go up to Bethel, and let us make there an altar unto the God Who hearkened unto me in the day of distress, Who was with me, and preserved me in the way which I went. <sup>4</sup>And they gave unto Jacob the strange gods which were in their hands, and their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which is in Shechem, and let them go unto the present day. <sup>5</sup>And Israel rose up from Shechem, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Israel. <sup>6</sup>And Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him. <sup>7</sup>And he built there an altar, and called the name of the place Bethel, because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of Esau his brother. <sup>8</sup>But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel, under the oak: and Jacob called the name of it, The Oak of Mourning.

<sup>9</sup>And God appeared unto Jacob again in Luz when he came out of Mesopotamia of Syria; and God blessed him. <sup>10</sup>And God said unto him, Thy name shall not be called Jacob; but Israel shall be thy name; and He called

his name Israel. <sup>11</sup>And God said, I am thy God: increase and multiply; for nations and gatherings of nations shall be of thee and kings shall come out of thy loins. <sup>12</sup>And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee have I given it; and it shall come to pass that unto thy seed after thee will I give this land also. <sup>13</sup>And God went up from him from the place where he talked with him. <sup>14</sup>And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where God talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. <sup>15</sup>And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

<sup>16</sup>And Jacob journeyed from Bethel, and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Gader; and it came to pass when he drew nigh unto Ephrath to enter into Ephrath, that Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. <sup>17</sup>And it came to pass when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Be of good courage; for thou shalt have this son also. <sup>18</sup>And it came to pass when she gave up her soul, (for she was dying) that she called his name, The Son of My Pain; but his father called his name Benjamin. <sup>19</sup>So Rachel died and was buried in the way of the course of Ephrath (this is Bethlehem). <sup>20</sup>And Jacob set up a pillar upon her tomb; this is the pillar on Rachel's tomb unto this day. <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass when Israel dwelt in that land that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father Jacob's concubine; and Israel heard, and it seemed evil before him.

<sup>22</sup>Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Leah, Jacob's firstborn, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun. <sup>24</sup>And the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>25</sup>And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali. <sup>26</sup>And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob which were born to him in Mesopotamia of Syria.

<sup>27</sup>And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto a city of the plain (this is Hebron) in the land of Canaan, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. <sup>28</sup>And the days of Isaac which he lived were an hundred and fourscore years. <sup>29</sup>And Isaac gave up the ghost and died, and was gathered unto his family, being old and full of days; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

## CHAPTER 36

And these are the generations of Esau (this is Edom). <sup>2</sup>And Esau took unto himself wives of the daughters of the Canaanites; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the son of Zibeon the Hevite, <sup>3</sup>and Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebajoth. <sup>4</sup>And Adah bare to him Eliphaz, and Bashemath bare Reuel. <sup>5</sup>And Aholibamah bare Jeush and Jaalam and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>And Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all the persons of his house and all his substance and all his cattle and all that he had got and all things



whatsoever he had got in the land of Canaan; and Esau went forth from the land of Canaan from the face of his brother Jacob. <sup>7</sup>For their substance was more than that they might dwell together; and the land of their sojourning could not bear them, because of the multitude of their possessions. <sup>8</sup>And Esau dwelt in mount Seir (Esau, he is Edom).

<sup>9</sup>And these are the generations of Esau, the father of Edom in the mount Seir. <sup>10</sup>And these are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, and Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. <sup>11</sup>And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz. <sup>12</sup>And Timna was a concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the sons of Adah the wife of Esau. <sup>13</sup>And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. <sup>14</sup>And these are the sons of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the son of Zibeon, Esau's wife; and she bare to Esau Jeush and Jaalam and Korah. <sup>15</sup>These are the princes of the son of Esau, even the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau; prince Teman, prince Omar, prince Zepho, prince Kenez, <sup>16</sup>prince Korah, prince Gatam, prince Amalek. These are the princes of Eliphaz, in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. <sup>17</sup>And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son; prince Nahath, prince Zerah, prince Shammah, prince Mizzah. These are the princes of Reuel, in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. <sup>18</sup>And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; prince Jeush, prince Jaalam, prince Korah. These are the prince of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. <sup>19</sup>These are the sons of Esau, and these are the princes; these are the sons of Edom.

<sup>20</sup>And these are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah <sup>21</sup>and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the princes of the Horite the son of Seir in the land of Edom. <sup>22</sup>And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. <sup>23</sup>And these are the sons of Shobal; Alvan and Manahath and Ebal and Shepho and Onam. <sup>24</sup>And these are the sons of Zibeon; Ajah and Anah: this is the Anah that found Jamin in the wilderness when he tended the beasts of Zibeon his father. <sup>25</sup>And these are the sons of Anah: Dishon; and Aholibamah was the daughter of Anah. <sup>26</sup>And these are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshiban and Ithran, and Cheran. <sup>27</sup>And these are the sons of Ezer; Bilhan and Zaavan and Akam. <sup>28</sup>And these are the sons of Dishan; Uz and Aran. <sup>29</sup>And these are the princes of Hori; prince Lotan, prince Shobal, prince Zibeon, prince Anah, <sup>30</sup>prince Dishon, prince Ezer, prince Dishon. These are the princes of Hori, in their principalities in the land of Edom.

<sup>31</sup>And these are the kings which reigned in Edom, before there reigned a king in Israel. <sup>32</sup>And Belah the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah. <sup>33</sup>And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. <sup>34</sup>And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. <sup>35</sup>And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Barad, who cut off Midian in the plain of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Avith. <sup>36</sup>And Hadad died, and Samlah of

Masrekah reigned in his stead. <sup>37</sup>And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. <sup>38</sup>And Saul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. <sup>39</sup>And Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar the son of Barad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and the name of his wife was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred the son of Mezahab.

<sup>40</sup>These are the names of the princes of Esau in their tribes according to their place, in their countries and in their nations; prince Timnah, prince Alvah, prince Jeheth, <sup>41</sup>prince Aholibamah, prince Elah, prince Pinon, <sup>42</sup>prince Kenaz, prince Teman, prince Mizbar, <sup>43</sup>prince Magdiel, prince Iram. These be the princes of Edom, in their dwelling places, in the land of their possession: this is Esau, the father of Edom.

## CHAPTER 37

And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father sojourned, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>And these are the generations of Jacob. And Joseph was seventeen years old, feeding the sheep of his father with his brethren, being young, with the sons of Bilhah and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought unto Israel their father their evil reproach. <sup>3</sup>And Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a coat of many colours. <sup>4</sup>And his brethren seeing that their father loved him more than all his children, hated him and could not speak any thing peaceably unto him.

<sup>5</sup>And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren. <sup>6</sup>And he said unto them, Hear this dream which I have dreamed. <sup>7</sup>I thought that ye were binding sheaves in the midst of the field, and my sheaf rose up and stood upright; and your sheaves turned about and made obeisance to my sheaf. <sup>8</sup>And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams and for his words. <sup>9</sup>And he saw yet another dream, and told it to his father and to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; as it were the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. <sup>10</sup>And his father rebuked him and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall both I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come and bow down ourselves before thee to the earth? <sup>11</sup>And his brethren were jealous of him; but his father observed the saying.

<sup>12</sup>And his brethren went to feed their father's sheep to Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed their flock in Shechem? Come, I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. <sup>14</sup>And Israel said to him, Go and see whether thy brethren and the sheep are well, and bring me word. And he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. <sup>15</sup>And a man found him wandering in the field, and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? <sup>16</sup>And he said, I seek

my brethren: tell me where they feed their flocks. <sup>17</sup>And the man said to him, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. <sup>18</sup>And they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, and they wickedly took counsel to slay him. <sup>19</sup>And each said to his brother, Behold, that dreamer cometh. <sup>20</sup>Come now therefore, let us slay him and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil wild beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what his dreams shall be. <sup>21</sup>And Reuben heard it, and he rescued him out of their hands, and said, Do not smite his life. <sup>22</sup>And Reuben said unto them, Shed not blood; cast him into one of these pits that are in the wilderness, but lay not your hand upon him; that he might rescue him out of their hands and restore him to his father again. <sup>23</sup>And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat of many colours that was on him; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and cast him into the pit; and the pit was empty, and it had no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes, and looked, and, behold, Ishmeelite travellers came from Gilead, and their camels were heavy laden with spicery and resin and stacte; and they went to bring them into Egypt. <sup>26</sup>And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to these Ishmeelites; but let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren hearkened. <sup>28</sup>And there went by the men, Midianite merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Midianites for twenty pieces of gold; and they brought Joseph down into Egypt. <sup>29</sup>And Reuben returned unto the pit, and seeth not Joseph in the pit; and he rent his clothes. <sup>30</sup>And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The boy is not; and I, whither am I yet to go?

<sup>31</sup>And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats and stained the coat with the blood; <sup>32</sup>and they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil wild beast hath devoured him; a wild beast hath carried off Joseph. <sup>33</sup>And Jacob rent his clothes and put sackcloth upon his loins and mourned for his son many days. <sup>34</sup>And all his sons and all his daughters gathered themselves together and came to comfort him, but he would not be comforted; and he said, I will go down into Hades unto my son mourning. And his father wept for him. <sup>35</sup>And the Midianites sold Joseph into Egypt unto Potiphar the eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief cook.

## CHAPTER 38

And it came to pass at that time that Judah went down from his brethren and came unto a certain man of Adullam, whose name was Hirah. <sup>2</sup>And Judah saw there the daughter of a Canaanite man, whose name was Shuah; and he took her and went in unto her. <sup>3</sup>And she conceived and bare

a son; and she called his name Er. <sup>4</sup>And she conceived again, and bare a son, and she called his name Onan. <sup>5</sup>And she yet again conceived and bare a son, and called his name Shelah; and she was at Chezib when she bare them. <sup>6</sup>And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. <sup>7</sup>And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and God slew him. <sup>8</sup>And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her as her brother in law, and raise up seed to thy brother. <sup>9</sup>And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass when he went in unto his brother's wife that he spilled it on the ground, that he should not give seed to his brother's wife. <sup>10</sup>And the thing that he did appeared evil in the sight of God; and He slew him also. <sup>11</sup>Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Sit thou a widow in thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown; for he said, Lest he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar departed and sat in her father's house.

<sup>12</sup>And the days were fulfilled, and Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted and went up unto them that sheared his sheep, he and his shepherd Hirah the Adullamite, to Timnath. <sup>13</sup>And it was told Tamar his daughter in law, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. <sup>14</sup>And she put the garments of her widowhood from off her, and put on a veil and adorned her face and sat by the gates of Ainan, which is in the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, but he gave her not unto him to wife. <sup>15</sup>And when Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot, because she had covered her face; and he knew her not. <sup>16</sup>And he turned his way unto her and said, Let me come in unto thee; for he knew not that she was his daughter in law. And she said, What wilt thou give me, if thou come in unto me? <sup>17</sup>And he said, I will send thee a kid of the goats from my flock. And she said, Well; if thou wilt give me a pledge, till thou send it. <sup>18</sup>And he said, What is the pledge that I shall give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy collar and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave them her and went in unto her; and she conceived by him. <sup>19</sup>And she arose and went away, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. <sup>20</sup>And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his shepherd the Adullamite to receive the pledge from the woman; but he found her not. <sup>21</sup>And he asked the men of the place, Where is the harlot that was in Ainan by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot here. <sup>22</sup>And he returned to Judah and said, I have not found her; and the men of the place say, There is no harlot here. <sup>23</sup>And Judah said, Let her have them, but let us not be laughed at; I sent this kid, but thou hast not found her.

<sup>24</sup>And it came to pass three months after that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath grievously played the harlot; and, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. <sup>25</sup>And as they brought her forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child; and she said, Discern whose is this signet, and collar, and staff. <sup>26</sup>And Judah

acknowledged them and said, Tamar is justified rather than I, because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her not again.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass when she travailed, that she also had twins in her womb. <sup>28</sup>And it came to pass as she gave birth, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took hold of it, and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This one shall come out first. <sup>29</sup>And when he drew back his hand, then forthwith his brother came out; and she said, Why hath the barrier been cut through because of thee? And she called his name Pharez. <sup>30</sup>And after this came out his brother, upon whose hand was the scarlet thread; and she called his name Zarah.

## CHAPTER 39

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar the eunuch of Pharaoh, the chief cook, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. <sup>2</sup>And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man, and he was in the house with his lord the Egyptian. <sup>3</sup>And his lord knew that the Lord was with him, and the Lord maketh whatsoever he doeth to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph found grace in the presence of his lord, and was well pleasing to him; and he set him over his house, and all that he had he gave into the hand of Joseph. <sup>5</sup>And it came to pass after that he was set over his house and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in his house and in his field. <sup>6</sup>And he entrusted all that he had into Joseph's hands; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he himself did eat.

And Joseph was goodly in person and exceeding well favoured in his countenance. <sup>7</sup>And it came to pass after these things that his lord's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me. <sup>8</sup>But he would not, but said unto his lord's wife, If because of me my master wotteth nothing in his house, and hath committed all that he hath to my hands, <sup>9</sup>and there is nothing greater in this house than I; neither hath anything been kept back from me but thee, because thou art his wife; how then shall I do this wicked thing and sin against God? <sup>10</sup>And when she spake to Joseph day by day, and he hearkened not unto her, to sleep with her so as to know her, <sup>11</sup>it happened such a day on a certain day that Joseph went into the house to do his business, and there was none of the household within. <sup>12</sup>And she caught him by his garments, saying, Lie with me; and he left his garments in her hand and fled, and got him out. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garments in her hands, and was fled and gone forth, <sup>14</sup>that she called unto them that were in the house and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew servant unto us to mock us; he came in unto me, saying, Lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice; <sup>15</sup>and when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garments with me and fled, and got him out. <sup>16</sup>So she leaveth the garments by her, until

the master came to his house. <sup>17</sup>And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant which thou broughtest in to us, came unto me to mock me, and said unto me, I will lie with thee. <sup>18</sup>And when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garments with me and fled out, and departed forth. <sup>19</sup>And it came to pass, when his master heard all the words of his wife which she spake unto him, saying, This did thy servant to me, that he was exceeding wroth. <sup>20</sup>And his lord took him and cast him into the prison, into the place where the king's prisoners are kept, there in the prison.

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord was with Joseph and poured down mercy upon him, and gave him favour in the sight of the chief keeper of the prison. <sup>22</sup>And the chief keeper of the prison gave the prison into Joseph's hand, and all the men that were led away to punishment; and all things whatsoever they do there, he did them. <sup>23</sup>Because of him the chief keeper of the prison knew nothing, for all things were in Joseph's hands; because the Lord was with him, and whatsoever things he did, the Lord made them to prosper in his hands.

## CHAPTER 40

And it came to pass after these things that the chief cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker transgressed against their lord the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And Pharaoh was wroth with his two eunuchs, with his chief cupbearer and with the chief baker. <sup>3</sup>And he put them in ward into the prison, into the place whereinto Joseph had been led. <sup>4</sup>And the chief keeper of the prison committed them to Joseph, and he stood by them; and they were some days in the prison. <sup>5</sup>And they saw a dream both of them, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker which were of the king of Egypt, which were in the prison, each man his dream, in one night, and each man's dream with his own interpretation. <sup>6</sup>And Joseph came in unto them in the morning and saw them, and they were troubled. <sup>7</sup>And he asked Pharaoh's eunuchs that were with him in the ward of his master's house, saying, Wherefore is it that your faces are sad today? <sup>8</sup>And they said unto him, We have seen a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Is not the interpretation of them through God? then tell me them. <sup>9</sup>And the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said, In my sleep a vine was before me. <sup>10</sup>And in the vine were three stems; and it budded and shot forth blossoms; the grapes of a cluster of grapes were ripe. <sup>11</sup>And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the bunch of grapes and pressed it into the cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days; <sup>13</sup>yet three days, and Pharaoh shall remember thine office and shall restore thee unto thy place of chief cupbearer; and thou shalt give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to thy former high place, when thou wast wont to be cupbearer. <sup>14</sup>But remember thou me of thyself when it shall be well with

thee, and thou shalt deal mercifully with me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this strong hold. <sup>15</sup>For by stealth I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; here also have I done nothing, but they have cast me into this pit. <sup>16</sup>And the chief baker saw that he interpreted rightly, and he said unto Joseph, I also saw a dream, and methought I took up three baskets of meal loaves on my head; <sup>17</sup>and in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of the baker's work which Pharaoh eateth; and the birds of heaven did eat them out of the basket that was upon my head. <sup>18</sup>And Joseph answered and said unto him, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days; <sup>19</sup>yet three days, and Pharaoh shall take away thy head from off thee and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds of the air shall eat thy flesh from off thee. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass the third day that it was Pharaoh's birthday that he made a feast unto all his servants; and he remembered the office of the chief cupbearer and the office of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup>And he restored the chief cupbearer unto his office; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup>And he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup>Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

## CHAPTER 41

And it came to pass after two years of days that Pharaoh saw a dream: he thought that he stood by the river. <sup>2</sup>And, behold, there came up as it were out of the river seven well favoured kine and choicefleshed, and they fed in the reed grass. <sup>3</sup>And seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed, and fed by the other kine upon the brink of the river. <sup>4</sup>And the seven ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and choicefleshed kine; and Pharaoh awoke. <sup>5</sup>And he dreamed again, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, choice and good. <sup>6</sup>And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with the wind, grew up after them. <sup>7</sup>And the seven thin ears and blasted with the wind devoured the seven choice and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream.

<sup>8</sup>And it was morning, and his soul was troubled; and he sent and called all the interpreters of Egypt, and all her wise men: and Pharaoh told them his dream, but there was none to tell it unto Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup>Then spake the chief cupbearer unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my fault this day: Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put us in prison in the captain of the guard's house, both the chief baker and me. <sup>11</sup>And we saw a dream both in one night, I and he; we saw each according to his dream. <sup>12</sup>And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew servant of the captain of the guard; and we told them unto him, and he interpreted them to us. <sup>13</sup>And it came to pass, as he interpreted them to us so also it came to pass; both that I was restored unto mine office, and that he was hanged.

<sup>14</sup>Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him out of the prison and shaved him and changed his raiment; and he came unto Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have seen a vision, and there is none to interpret it; and I have heard men say of thee that thou dost hear dreams and interpret them. <sup>16</sup>And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, Without God there shall not be given Pharaoh an answer of safety. <sup>17</sup>And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, In my dream methought I stood by the bank of the river; <sup>18</sup>and there came up as it were out of the river seven kine well favoured and choicefleshed, and they fed in the reed grass. <sup>19</sup>And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, evil and ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw worse in all the land of Egypt; <sup>20</sup>and the seven ill favoured and lean kine did eat up the first seven good and choice kine. <sup>21</sup>And they went into their bellies, and they did not become distinguishable considering that they had gone into their bellies; and their appearance was ill favoured, as also at the beginning. And after I awoke, I slept; <sup>22</sup>and I saw again in my sleep, and as it were seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good; <sup>23</sup>and seven other ears, thin, and blasted with the wind, sprung up close to them; <sup>24</sup>and the seven thin and blasted ears devoured the seven fine and full ears: so I told to the interpreters; but there was none to declare it to me.

<sup>25</sup>And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what He is about to do. <sup>26</sup>The seven good kine are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream of Pharaoh is one. <sup>27</sup>And the seven thin kine that came up after them are seven years, and the seven ears thin and blasted with the wind are seven years: there shall be seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup>And as for the word which I have spoken unto Pharaoh, God hath shewed unto Pharaoh whatsoever He is about to do. <sup>29</sup>Behold, for seven years there cometh great plenty in all the land of Egypt. <sup>30</sup>But there shall come after them seven years of famine, and they shall forget the plenty that shall be in all Egypt; and the famine shall cover the land. <sup>31</sup>And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of the famine that shall be after this; for it shall be very grievous. <sup>32</sup>And for the doubling of the dream unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the saying which is from God shall be true, and God will make haste to accomplish it. <sup>33</sup>Now therefore look out a man wise and prudent and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup>And let Pharaoh make and appoint local governors over the land; and let them take up a fifth part of all the produce of the land of Egypt for the seven years of plenteousness. <sup>35</sup>And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and let the corn be gathered up under the hand of Pharaoh; let the food be kept in the cities. <sup>36</sup>And the food that is stored shall be for the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; and the land shall not be utterly destroyed through the famine.

<sup>37</sup>And the word was pleasing in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. <sup>38</sup>And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Shall we find such a one as this, which hath the spirit of God in him? <sup>39</sup>So Pharaoh said unto



Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all these things, there is not a man wiser or more discreet than thou. <sup>40</sup>Thou shalt be over my house, and all my people shall be obedient to thy mouth: only in the throne will I be above thee. <sup>41</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Behold, I set thee this day over all the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup>And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and put on him a robe of fine linen, and put a collar of gold about his neck; <sup>43</sup>and he mounted him in the second chariot of them that were his, and an herald cried him; and he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh: without thee shall no man lift up his hand in all the land of Egypt. <sup>45</sup>And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Aseneth the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of Heliopolis. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>47</sup>And in the seven years of plenteousness the land brought forth by handfuls. <sup>48</sup>And he gathered up all the food of the seven years in which was the plenteousness in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field of a city round about it, laid he up in the same. <sup>49</sup>And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until it could not be numbered; for there was no number.

<sup>50</sup>And unto Joseph were born two sons before the seven years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of Heliopolis bare unto him. <sup>51</sup>And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God hath made me forget all my pain, and all my father's business. <sup>52</sup>And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath increased me in the land of my humiliation.

<sup>53</sup>And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt passed away. <sup>54</sup>And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said, and the dearth was in all the land; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread loaves. <sup>55</sup>And all the land of Egypt was famished, and the people cried unto Pharaoh for bread loaves. And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph, and whatsoever he saith to you, do. <sup>56</sup>And the famine was over the face of all the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold unto all the Egyptians. <sup>57</sup>And all countries came into Egypt for to buy of Joseph, because that the famine prevailed in all the earth.

## CHAPTER 42

And when Jacob saw that there was a sale in Egypt, he said unto his sons, Why are ye idle? <sup>2</sup>Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us a little food, that we may live, and not die. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn of Egypt. <sup>4</sup>But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, he sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure sickness befall him.

<sup>5</sup>And the sons of Israel came to buy with those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>And Joseph was governor of the land: he sold to all the people of the land; and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves unto him, with their faces to the earth. <sup>7</sup>And when Joseph saw his brethren, he knew them, and made himself strange unto them, and spake hard words unto them; and he said unto them, Whence are ye come? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. <sup>8</sup>And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. <sup>9</sup>And Joseph remembered his dream which he saw, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to observe the marks of the land ye are come. <sup>10</sup>But they said, Nay, lord; to buy food are thy servants come. <sup>11</sup>We are all one man's sons; we are peaceable, thy servants are no spies. <sup>12</sup>And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the marks of the land ye are come. <sup>13</sup>And they said, We thy servants are twelve brethren, in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, but the other is not. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph said unto them, That is it which I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: <sup>15</sup>herein ye shall be manifest; by the health of Pharaoh ye shall not depart hence, except your youngest brother come hither. <sup>16</sup>Send one of you and take your brother and go ye to prison, until your words be manifest, whether ye speak the truth or not; but if not, by the health of Pharaoh verily ye are spies. <sup>17</sup>And he put them in ward three days.

<sup>18</sup>And he said unto them the third day, This do, and ye shall live; for I fear God: <sup>19</sup>if ye be peaceable let one of your brethren be confined in the prison; but go ye, carry back the purchase of your gift of corn. <sup>20</sup>And bring your younger brother unto me, and your words shall be believed; but if not, ye shall die. And they did so. <sup>21</sup>And each said unto his brother, Yea, verily; for we be at fault concerning our brother, when we regarded not the anguish of his soul when he besought us and we hearkened not to him; and therefore is this affliction come upon us. <sup>22</sup>And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not hurt the boy; and ye heard me not? and, behold, his blood is required. <sup>23</sup>But they knew not that Joseph heard them; for there was an interpreter between them. <sup>24</sup>And Joseph turned away from them and wept; and he came to them again and spake unto them and took from them Simeon, and bound him before them. <sup>25</sup>Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with corn, and to return their money each into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and it was so done unto them. <sup>26</sup>And they put the corn on the asses, and departed thence. <sup>27</sup>And one opened his sack to give his ass provender at the place where they rested, and espied his money; for it was in his sack's mouth. <sup>28</sup>And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored to me; and, lo, this is even in my sack. And their heart was smitten with wonder, and they were troubled, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

<sup>29</sup>And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them, saying, <sup>30</sup>The man, the lord of the land, spake roughly to us and put us in prison for spies of the country. <sup>31</sup>And we

said unto him, We are men of peace; we are not spies. <sup>32</sup>We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. <sup>33</sup>And the man, the lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are peaceable; leave one brother here with me, and take the corn ye have purchased for your household, and be gone: <sup>34</sup>and bring your younger brother unto me: then shall I know that you are no spies, but that ye are men of peace; and I will restore to you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land. <sup>35</sup>And it came to pass, as they emptied their sacks, each man's bundle of money was in his sack; and both they and their father saw their bundles of money, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of *my children*: Joseph is not, Simeon is not, and will ye take Benjamin away? all these things are come upon me. <sup>37</sup>And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: give him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. <sup>38</sup>But he said, My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he only is left; and suppose it shall come to pass that he is afflicted by the way which ye go, then shall ye bring down mine old age with sorrow unto Hades. <sup>39</sup>But the famine prevailed in the land.

## CHAPTER 43

And it came to pass, when they had made an end of eating up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. <sup>2</sup>And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face except your younger brother be with you. <sup>3</sup>If, then, thou send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: <sup>4</sup>but if thou send not our brother with us, we will not go; for the man spake unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face except your younger brother be with you. <sup>5</sup>And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, inasmuch as ye told the man that ye had a brother? <sup>6</sup>And they said, The man asked us straitly of our kindred also, saying, Is your father yet alive, and have ye a brother? and we told him according to this question: could we know that he would say unto us, Bring your brother? <sup>7</sup>And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and our store. <sup>8</sup>And I will be surety for him; of my hand do thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee and set him before thee, I shall be guilty toward thee for ever. <sup>9</sup>For had we not lingered now we had returned twice. <sup>10</sup>And their father Israel said unto them, If it be so, do this; take of the fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man presents of gum, and honey, spices, and frankincense, and stacte, and turpentine, and walnuts: <sup>11</sup>and take double money in your hands; and the money that was brought again in your sacks, carry it back with you, lest peradventure it be an oversight: <sup>12</sup>take also your brother, and arise, go down unto the man. <sup>13</sup>And my God

give you favour before the man, and send away your other brother, and Benjamin; for according as I have been bereaved of children, I am bereaved of children.

<sup>14</sup>And the men took these presents and the double money, and took in their hand also Benjamin; and they rose up and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph. <sup>15</sup>And Joseph saw them and his brother Benjamin, born of the same mother; and he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house and slay beasts and make ready; for the men shall eat bread with me at noon. <sup>16</sup>And the man did as Joseph said; and he brought the men into Joseph's house. <sup>17</sup>And when the men perceived that they were brought in to Joseph's house they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; even to inform against us falsely and lay it to our charge and take us for bondmen, and our asses. <sup>18</sup>And they came near to the man who was over Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the porch of the house, <sup>19</sup>saying, We pray thee, lord; we came down at the first time to buy food. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass when we came to unlade and opened our sacks, there was also this money of each man in his sack: we have now brought back our money by weight in our hands. <sup>21</sup>And other money have we brought with us, to buy food: we cannot tell who put the money in our sacks. <sup>22</sup>And he said unto them, Mercy be with you, fear not; your God and the God of your fathers hath given you treasures in your sacks; and I have your good money in full. And he brought Simeon out unto them. <sup>23</sup>And he brought water to wash their feet, and gave their asses provender. <sup>24</sup>And they made ready their presents until Joseph came at noon; for they heard that they should dine there.

<sup>25</sup>And Joseph entered into the house; and they brought him the presents which they had in their hand into the house, and they bowed themselves to him with their face to the earth. <sup>26</sup>And he asked them, How are ye? And he said unto them, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive? <sup>27</sup>And they said, Thy servant our father is well, he is yet alive. And he said, Blessed be that man unto God; and they bowed down, and made him obeisance. <sup>28</sup>And Joseph lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, born of the same mother, and said, Is this your younger brother whom ye spake of bringing unto me? And he said, God have mercy upon thee, my son. <sup>29</sup>And Joseph was troubled, for his bowels did yearn upon his brother, and he sought to weep; and he entered into his chamber and wept there. <sup>30</sup>And he washed his face and came out and constrained himself and said, Set on bread. <sup>31</sup>And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians which did eat with him, by themselves, because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. <sup>32</sup>And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his seniority and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marvelled, every one at his brother. <sup>33</sup>And they took portions from him unto themselves; but Benjamin's portion was magnified beyond the portions of all five times in comparison to theirs. And they drank and were inebriated with him.

## CHAPTER 44

And Joseph commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put the money of each in his sack's mouth. <sup>2</sup>And put my silver cup into the sack of the youngest, and the price of his corn. And it was done according to the word of Joseph, as he said. <sup>3</sup>The morning dawned, and the men were sent away, they and their asses. <sup>4</sup>And when they were gone out of the city and were not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Arise, and pursue after the men; and thou shalt overtake them, and say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? <sup>5</sup>Wherefore have ye stolen my silver cup? <sup>5</sup>is it not this in which my lord drinketh? And he divineth augury with it: ye have accomplished evil in that which ye have done. <sup>6</sup>And he found them and spake unto them according unto these words. <sup>7</sup>And they said unto him, Wherefore speaketh my lord according unto these words? Far be it from thy servants that they should do according unto this word. <sup>8</sup>If we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan the money which we found in our sacks, how should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? <sup>9</sup>With whomsoever of thy servants thou shalt find the cup, let him die; and moreover we will be thy lord's bondmen. <sup>10</sup>And he said, Now then it shall be as ye say: he with whomsoever the cup is found shall be my bondman, and ye shall be clear. <sup>11</sup>And they hasted and took down every man his sack upon the ground, and they opened every man his sack. <sup>12</sup>And he searched, and began at the eldest until he came to the youngest; and he found the cup in Benjamin's sack. <sup>13</sup>Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his sack upon his ass, and returned to the city. <sup>14</sup>And Judah and his brethren came in unto Joseph, while he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. <sup>15</sup>And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? <sup>16</sup>And Judah said, What shall we answer unto our lord? or what shall we speak? or wherein should we be justified? But God hath found out the unrighteousness of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's bondmen, both we and he also with whom the cup is found. <sup>17</sup>And Joseph said, Far be it from me to do this thing: the man with whom the cup hath been found, he shall be my bondman; but as for you, get you up in safety unto your father.

<sup>18</sup>Then Judah came near unto him and said, Oh lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word before thee; and be not angry with thy servant, for thou art next to Pharaoh. <sup>19</sup>Thou, lord, didst ask thy servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? <sup>20</sup>And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and he has a son of his old age, a young one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left behind of his mother, and his father loveth him. <sup>21</sup>And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, and I will care for him. <sup>22</sup>And we said unto my lord, The lad will not be able to leave his father; but if he should leave his father, he will die. <sup>23</sup>But thou saidst unto

thy servants, Except your younger brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. <sup>24</sup>And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. <sup>25</sup>And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. <sup>26</sup>And we said, We shall not be able to go down; but if our younger brother go down with us, then will we go down, for we shall not be able to see the man's face, our younger brother not being with us. <sup>27</sup>And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two *sons*: <sup>28</sup>and one is departed from me, and ye said that he was devoured of wild beasts, and I have not seen him until now. <sup>29</sup>If then ye take this one also from my presence, and affliction befall him by the way, ye shall bring down mine old age with sorrow into Hades. <sup>30</sup>Now then, if I go in to thy servant and my father, and the lad be not with us, and his life dependeth upon this lad's life, <sup>31</sup>it shall come to pass when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and thy servants shall bring down the old age of thy servant and our father with sorrow into Hades. <sup>32</sup>For thy servant hath received the boy in charge from his father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee and set him before thee, then shall I be guilty toward my father for ever. <sup>33</sup>Now then, I will abide a servant with thee instead of the lad, a bondman of my lord; but let the lad go up with his brethren. <sup>34</sup>For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest I behold the evils that shall come on my father.

## CHAPTER 45

And Joseph could not refrain himself when all stood by him; but he said, Send every man away from me. And there stood no man near Joseph while he made himself known unto his brethren. <sup>2</sup>And he loosed his voice with weeping, and all the Egyptians heard, and it was come to be heard in the house of Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore be not grieved, and let it not seem hard to you that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you for life. <sup>6</sup>For this second year there is famine in the land; and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>For God sent me before you, that there might be left unto you a remnant in the earth, even to nourish a great remnant of you. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore ye did not send me hither, but God; and He hath made me as a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler of all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Haste ye, therefore, and go up to my father, and say unto him, These things saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all the land of Egypt: come down therefore unto me, and tarry not; <sup>10</sup>and thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy sons, and thy son's sons, and thy sheep, and thine oxen, and whatsoever things are thine: <sup>11</sup>and there will I nourish

thee; for the famine is yet for five years; lest thou and thy sons and thy substance be consumed. <sup>12</sup>Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. <sup>13</sup>Therefore tell unto my father of all my glory in Egypt and all the things that ye have seen; and haste, and bring down my father hither. <sup>14</sup>And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept upon him; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them; and after these things his brethren talked with him.

<sup>16</sup>And the report was carried into Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come; and Pharaoh was glad, and his household. <sup>17</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your wagons, and get you into the land of Canaan, <sup>18</sup>and take up your father and your substance, and come unto me; and I will give you of all the good of Egypt, and ye shall eat the marrow of the land. <sup>19</sup>And do thou charge them thus; that they take for them wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and take up your father, and come. <sup>20</sup>Also be not sparing in regard to your stuff; for all the good of Egypt shall be yours. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the words that were spoken by Pharaoh the king, and gave them provision for the journey. <sup>22</sup>And to all of them he gave two changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of raiment. <sup>23</sup>And to his father he sent at the same rate, and ten asses bearing of all the good things of Egypt, and ten asses bearing bread for his father for the journey. <sup>24</sup>So he sent his brethren away, and they departed; and he said unto them, Be ye not angry by the way.

<sup>25</sup>And they went up out of Egypt and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father. <sup>26</sup>And they told him, saying, Thy son Joseph is alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's mind was astonished, for he believed them not. <sup>27</sup>But they told him all the words of Joseph, whatsoever he had said unto them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to take him up the spirit of Jacob their father revived. <sup>28</sup>And Israel said, It is a great thing for me if Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

## CHAPTER 46

And Israel took his journey, he and all that he had, and came unto the Well of the Oath and offered sacrifice unto the God of his father Isaac. <sup>2</sup>And God spake unto Israel in a vision of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, What is it? <sup>3</sup>And He saith unto him, I am the God of thy fathers: fear not to go into Egypt; for I will there make thee a great nation. <sup>4</sup>And I will go down with thee into Egypt, and I will bring thee up again at the end; and Joseph shall put his hands upon thine eyes. <sup>5</sup>And Jacob rose up from the well of the oath, and the sons of Israel took up their father and their baggage and their wives, in the wagons which Joseph had sent to take

them. <sup>6</sup>And they took up their goods and all their substance which they had gotten in the land of Canaan: they came into the land of Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him: <sup>7</sup>his sons and his sons' sons with him, his daughters and his daughter's daughters, and all his seed brought he into Egypt.

<sup>8</sup>And these are the names of the sons of Israel, which went into Egypt with their father Jacob, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. <sup>9</sup>And the sons of Reuben; Enoch, and Phallu, Hezron, and Carmi. <sup>10</sup>And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Saul the son of the Canaanitish woman. <sup>11</sup>And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>12</sup>And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez; Hezron and Hamul. <sup>13</sup>And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. <sup>14</sup>And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jaheel. <sup>15</sup>These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Mesopotamia of Syria, and his daughter Dinah; all the souls, sons and his daughters, were thirty and three. <sup>16</sup>And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggai and Shuni and Ezbon and Eri and Arodi and Areli. <sup>17</sup>And the sons of Asher; Jimnah and Ishuah and Isui and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber and Malchiel. <sup>18</sup>These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, who bare these unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. <sup>19</sup>And the sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife; Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>20</sup>And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born sons, which Asenneth, the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of Heliopolis bare unto him, even Manasseh and Ephraim. And there were sons born unto Manasseh, which the Syrian concubine bare unto him, even Machir. And Machir begat Galaad. And the sons of Ephraim, the brother of Manasseh; Soutalaam and Taam. And the son of Soutalaam; Edom. <sup>21</sup>And the sons of Benjamin; Belah and Becher and Ashbel. And the sons of Belah; Gera and Naaman and Ehi and Rosh and Muppim and Huppim. And Gera begat Arad. <sup>22</sup>These are the sons of Rachel, which she bare unto Jacob; all the souls were eighteen. <sup>23</sup>And the sons of Dan; Hushim. <sup>24</sup>And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem. <sup>25</sup>These are the sons of Bailhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter; all the souls were seven. <sup>26</sup>And all the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his thighs, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six. <sup>27</sup>And the sons of Joseph which were born to him in Egypt were nine souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob which came with Jacob into Egypt were threescore and fifteen souls.

<sup>28</sup>And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph to meet him over against the city of Heroon, in the land of Rameses. <sup>29</sup>And Joseph yoked his chariots and went up to meet his father at the city of Heroon; and he appeared unto him and fell on his neck and wept with much weeping. <sup>30</sup>And Jacob said unto Joseph, After this I will die, since I have seen thy face, for thou art yet alive. <sup>31</sup>And Joseph said unto his brethren, I will go up and shew Pharaoh and say unto him, My brethren and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me. <sup>32</sup>And the men are shepherds, for they have been feeders of cattle, and they have brought with them their cattle



and their kine and all that they have. <sup>33</sup>If then Pharaoh call you and say unto you, What is your occupation? <sup>34</sup>ye shall say, We thy servants are herdsmen from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers; that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

## CHAPTER 47

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh and said, My father and my brethren and their cattle and their oxen and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. <sup>2</sup>And he took of his brethren five men and set them before Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph's brethren, What is your occupation? and they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers. <sup>4</sup>And they said unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come, for there is no pasture for thy servants' flocks, for the famine hath prevailed in the land of Canaan; now therefore thy servants will dwell in the land of Goshen. <sup>5</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest that there be able men among them, make them rulers over my cattle.

So Jacob and his sons came into Egypt to Joseph, and Pharaoh king of Egypt heard of it. <sup>6</sup>And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: behold, the land of Egypt is before thee; in the best land settle thy father and thy brethren. <sup>7</sup>And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How many are the years of the days of thy life? <sup>9</sup>And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my life wherein I sojourn are an hundred and thirty years; few and evil have the days of the years of my life been: they have not attained unto the days of years of the life of my fathers, in which days they sojourned. <sup>10</sup>And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and departed from him. <sup>11</sup>And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph gave provision unto his father and his brethren and unto all his father's house, with corn for each person.

<sup>13</sup>And there was no corn in all the land, for the famine prevailed greatly; and the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan failed by reason of the famine. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought, and measured out corn unto them; and Joseph brought all the money into Pharaoh's house. <sup>15</sup>And all the money failed out of the land of Egypt and out of the land of Canaan; and all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, saying, Give us bread: and why do we die in thy presence? for our money faileth. <sup>16</sup>And Joseph said unto them, Bring your cattle, and I will give you bread for your cattle, if your money fail. <sup>17</sup>And they brought their cattle unto Joseph,

and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for their horses and for their sheep and for their oxen and for their asses; and Joseph nourished them with bread for all their cattle in that year. <sup>18</sup>And that year passed, and they came unto him in the second year and said unto him, Must we then be consumed from before our lord? for if our money hath failed, and our substance and our cattle brought unto thee our lord, and there is left unto us in the sight of our lord, more than our own bodies and our lands, we are indeed destitute. <sup>19</sup>In order, then, that we die not before thine eyes, and the land be made desolate, buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: give us seed, that we may sow and live and not die, that our land shall not be made desolate. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold all their land unto Pharaoh because the famine prevailed against them; so the land became Pharaoh's. <sup>21</sup>And he brought the people into bondage unto him for servants, from one end of Egypt even to the other end, <sup>22</sup>except only the land of the priests: Joseph bought not this, for Pharaoh gave a portion by way of a gift unto the priests; and they did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their land. <sup>23</sup>And Joseph said unto the all the Egyptians, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: take seed for you and sow the land. <sup>24</sup>And there shall be the increase of it, and ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be for you, for seed of the earth and for food for you, and all for them that are in your houses. <sup>25</sup>And they said, Thou hast saved us: we have found favour in the sight of our lord, and we will be servants unto Pharaoh. <sup>26</sup>And Joseph appointed it unto them for a law unto this day, to give a fifth part unto Pharaoh; except the land of the priests only, that was not Pharaoh's.

<sup>27</sup>And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they gained an inheritance therein, and they increased, and multiplied exceedingly. <sup>28</sup>And Jacob survived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; and Jacob's days of the years of his life were an hundred forty and seven years. <sup>29</sup>And the days of Israel drew nigh for him to die; and he called his son Joseph and said unto him, If I have found favour in thy sight put thy hand under my thigh, and thou shalt execute mercy and truth with me, not to bury me in Egypt; <sup>30</sup>but I will sleep with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me up out of Egypt and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do according unto thy word. <sup>31</sup>And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel made obeisance, bowing himself upon his staff's top.

## CHAPTER 48

And it came to pass after these things that it was told Joseph, Thy father is sick; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, and came unto Jacob. <sup>2</sup>And it was told Jacob, saying, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee; and Israel strengthened himself and sat upon the bed.

<sup>3</sup>And Jacob said unto Joseph, My God appeared unto me in Luz, in the land of Canaan, and blessed me <sup>4</sup>and said unto me, Behold, I will increase thee, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee multitudes of nations, and will give this land unto thee and unto thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, thy two sons, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, as Reuben, and Simeon, they shall be mine. <sup>6</sup>And the children which thou begetteth hereafter shall be thine; they shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. <sup>7</sup>And as for me, when I came out of Mesopotamia of Syria Rachel thy mother died in the land of Canaan as I drew nigh unto the hippodrome of Chabratha of the land, to come unto Ephrath; and I buried her in the road of the course: this is Bethlehem. <sup>8</sup>When Israel beheld Joseph's sons and said, Who are these to thee? <sup>9</sup>Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me here. And Jacob said, Bring them unto me that I may bless them. <sup>10</sup>Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age and he could not see; and he brought them near unto him, and he kissed them and embraced them. <sup>11</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I have not been deprived of thy face; and lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed. <sup>12</sup>And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and they did reverence unto him with their face toward the earth. <sup>13</sup>And Joseph took his two sons, both Ephraim in his right hand but on the left of Israel, and Manasseh on his left hand but on the right of Israel, and brought them near unto him. <sup>14</sup>But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it upon Ephraim's head, for he was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head; he then crossed his hands. <sup>15</sup>And he blessed them and said, The God, in Whose sight my fathers were well pleasing, Abraham and Isaac, the God Which continueth to feed me from my youth until this day; <sup>16</sup>the Angel which delivereth me from all evils, bless these lads, and my name shall be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them be multiplied into a great multitude in the earth. <sup>17</sup>Now Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, and it seemed grievous unto him; and Joseph took hold of his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. <sup>18</sup>And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, father, for this is the firstborn: lay thy right hand upon his head. <sup>19</sup>And he would not, but said, I know it, son, I know it: he also shall be a people, and he shall be exalted; but his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. <sup>20</sup>And he blessed them in that day, saying, In you shall Israel be blessed, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and Manasseh; and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. <sup>21</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; and God shall be with you and restore you unto the land of your fathers. <sup>22</sup>And I give unto thee Shechem, a choice portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.

## CHAPTER 49

And Jacob called his sons and said unto them, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. <sup>2</sup>Gather yourselves together and hear me, sons of Jacob; hearken unto Israel, hearken unto your father. <sup>3</sup>Reuben, thou, my firstborn, my strength and the beginning of my children, hard to be endured, hard and selfwilled. <sup>4</sup>Thou wast insolent like water, burst not forth with violence. Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then thou defiledst the couch, whereupon thou wentest up. <sup>5</sup>Simeon and Levi, brethren, accomplished the injustice of their cutting off. <sup>6</sup>Let not my soul come into their counsel, and let not my reins contend in their conspiracy; for in their anger they slew men, and in their passion they houghed a bull. <sup>7</sup>Cursed be their anger, for it was selfwilled; and their wrath, for it was hardened: I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. <sup>8</sup>Judah, thy brethren have praised thee, and thine hands shall be upon the back of thine enemies; thy father's sons shall bow before thee. <sup>9</sup>Judah is a lion's whelp: from the tender plant, my son, thou art gone up; thou hast couched, thou sleepest as a lion; and as a whelp, who shall rouse him up? <sup>10</sup>A ruler shall not fail from Judah, nor a ruler from his thighs, until there come the things stored up for him; and he is the expectation of the nations. <sup>11</sup>Binding his foal unto the vine and the foal of his ass unto the branch thereof, he shall wash his robe in wine and his garment in the blood of the grape. <sup>12</sup>His eyes shall be more gladdening than wine and his teeth whiter than milk. <sup>13</sup>Zebulun shall dwell upon the coast, and shall be by an haven of ships, and shall be unto Sidon. <sup>14</sup>Issachar hath desired that which is good, resting between the inheritances. <sup>15</sup>And he saw the resting place, that it was good, and the land, that it was rich, and subjected his shoulder to toil, and became an husbandman. <sup>16</sup>Dan shall judge his people, as one tribe also in Israel. <sup>17</sup>And let Dan be a serpent in the way, besetting the path, biting the horse's heel (and the rider shall fall backward), <sup>18</sup>waiting for the salvation of the Lord. <sup>19</sup>Gad, a plundering troop shall plunder him; but he shall plunder them at their heels closely. <sup>20</sup>Asher, his bread shall be fat; and he shall give delicacies unto princes. <sup>21</sup>Naphtali is a spreading stem, which bestoweth beauty by the fruit thereof. <sup>22</sup>Joseph, son that is increased; my dearly beloved son that is increased, an object of jealousy; my youngest son, turn thou unto me: <sup>23</sup>against whom men took evil counsel, and reproached him, and the archers pressed hard upon him. <sup>24</sup>But their bows and their arrows were crushed with force, and the sinews of their arm were slackened by the hand of the mighty one of Jacob. Thence is he that strengthened Israel from the God of thy father; <sup>25</sup>and my God helped me, and He blessed thee with the blessing of heaven from above, and the blessing of the earth which possesseth all things, because of the blessing of the breasts and of the womb, <sup>26</sup>the blessings of thy father and thy mother. It hath prevailed above the blessing of the lasting mountains and beyond the blessings of the everlasting hills: they shall be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the head

of the brethren of whom he took the lead. <sup>27</sup>Benjamin is a ravening wolf; in the morning shall he eat still, and at evening he giveth nourishment.

<sup>28</sup>All these are the twelve sons of Jacob; and their father spake these words unto them, and he blessed them; and every one according to his blessing he blessed them. <sup>29</sup>And he said unto them, I am added unto my people; ye shall bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, <sup>30</sup>in the double cave which is against Mamre in the land of Canaan, the cave which Abraham bought of Ephron for a possession of a buryingplace. <sup>31</sup>There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; there they buried Leah; <sup>32</sup>in the portion of the field, and of the cave that was therein, purchased of the sons of Heth. <sup>33</sup>And Jacob made an end of giving charges unto his sons: and he lifted up his feet upon the bed, and died, and was gathered unto his people.

## CHAPTER 50

And Joseph fell upon his father's face and wept upon him and kissed him. <sup>2</sup>And Joseph commanded his servants the embalmers to embalm his father; and the embalmers embalmed Israel. <sup>3</sup>And they fulfilled forty days for him; for so are numbered the days of embalming; and Egypt mourned for him threescore and ten days.

<sup>4</sup>And when the days of mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the princes of Pharaoh, saying, If I have found favour in your eyes, speak concerning me in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, <sup>5</sup>My father made me swear, saying, In the sepulchre which I digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore I will go up, and bury my father and come again. <sup>6</sup>And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Go up, bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. <sup>7</sup>And Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, and the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, <sup>8</sup>and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house, and his kindred, and the sheep and the oxen they left behind in the land of Goshen. <sup>9</sup>And there went up with him also both chariots and horsemen; and there was a very great company. <sup>10</sup>And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they bewailed him with a great and very sore lamentation; and he made a mourning for his father seven days. <sup>11</sup>And the inhabitants of the land of Canaan saw the mourning at the floor of Atad, and they said, This is a great mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore he called his name, The Mourning of Egypt, which is beyond Jordan. <sup>12</sup>And thus his sons did unto him. <sup>13</sup>So his sons carried him up into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the double cave, which cave Abraham bought for possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and those that went up with him to bury his father.

<sup>15</sup>And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead they said, Peradventure Joseph may remember evil against us and requite us all the evil which we shewed him. <sup>16</sup>And they came unto Joseph and said, Thy father did make us swear before his death, saying, <sup>17</sup>Thus say ye unto Joseph, Forgive them their injustice and their sin, forasmuch as they have done thee evil; and now, forgive the injustice of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept while they spake unto him. <sup>18</sup>And they came unto him and said, We that be here, we be thy servants. <sup>19</sup>And Joseph said unto them, Fear not; for I am of God. <sup>20</sup>Ye took counsel against me for evil, but God took counsel for me for good, that it might be as it is this day and that much people might be fed. <sup>21</sup>And he said unto them, Fear not; I will sustain you, and your families: and he comforted them and spake kindly unto them.

<sup>22</sup>And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his brethren, and all his father's house; and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. <sup>23</sup>And Joseph saw the Ephraim's children of the third generation; the sons also of Machir the son of Manasseh were born upon Joseph's thighs. <sup>24</sup>And Joseph spake unto his brethren, saying, I die; and God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land unto the land concerning which God sware to our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. <sup>25</sup>And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, In the time of the visitation wherewith God shall visit you, then shall ye carry up my bones from hence with ye. <sup>26</sup>And Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old; and they buried his body and put him in the coffin in Egypt.