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Introduction

This is a special book. It's special because it's filled with romance, mystery, and miracles. It's filled with stories of heroes and villains. But most important of all, it's the story of girls and boys, women and men, who discovered that God loves them. And that's what you'll discover as you read—*God loves you, too!*

This is a special book because God's word was written for you. God loves you and cares about you. That's why he wanted you to have this book. He wants you to read it and follow the instructions in it, so you'll discover his love and learn how to become the boy he wants you to be.

All through this Bible you'll find interesting colorful notes written just for boys. These notes will help you understand how God's message applies to you. Each one will bring you a little closer to God.

As you read, you'll see five types of notes:

Book Introductions

You'll find these pages before each book of the Bible. They'll show you what's important and exciting about each book. Many introductions have fun activities for you, as well as lessons for your life.

Men's World

These boxes will tell you what life was like for people who lived in Bible times. You'll see how women and men worked together to build families and communi-

ties. (And you'll even find some ways that life hasn't changed much!)

Be All You Can Be

These notes will help you become a godly man. They'll help you develop a good attitude toward your parents, friends, girls, chores, and school. They'll help you live like a Christian everywhere you go.

Good Morning, God

Did you know that God can be your best friend? It's important for you to spend time with your friends—especially God. Reading these notes is a perfect way to spend time with him each day. Read one of these notes and the verse that's with it each day. Then talk to God about what you read, how you feel, and how glad you are to be his child.

Heroes and Heroines

These people are good role models for you. Each woman and man has qualities you can copy. Imitating these people will help you grow wise, loving, strong, and committed to God.

Enjoy this special book. It was written just for you because God doesn't want you to grow up alone—he wants to be with you as you grow!



Old Testament

Genesis

The word *Genesis* means “beginnings.” This book tells the story of the creation of the universe. It tells where human beings came from and how each of us is special to God. Genesis is a good place to begin reading the Bible.

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God Made It All

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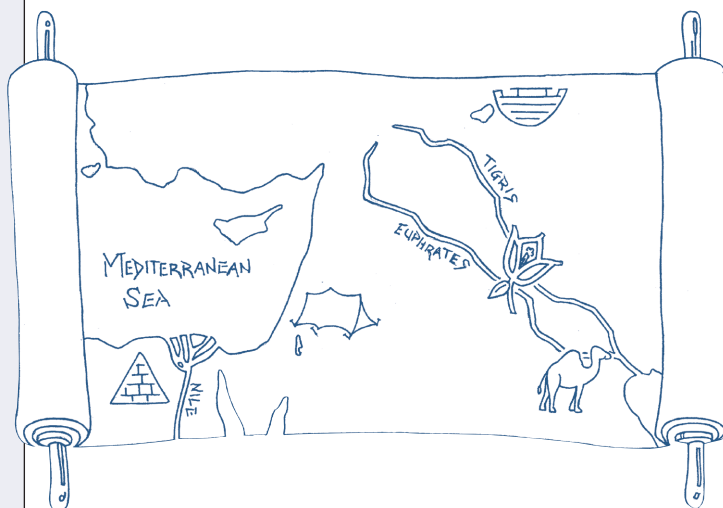
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This map shows where the action in Genesis took place. Most believe Eden was near the area marked by the flower. Noah's ark landed on Mount Ararat in what is now Turkey (see boat symbol). Abraham left his home in Ur (camel) to go to Canaan (tent). Joseph rose from slave to ruler in Egypt (pyramid).

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CREATION IDEAS. Who's Right?

When Moses wrote Genesis, the Greeks believed that the sun, moon, and stars existed before their gods came into being. The Egyptians had five ideas, all different from the Bible. In the part of the world Abraham came from, people thought that Earth was the body of a dead god called Tiamat. People came from drops of the dead god's blood.

Today many people think the universe just happened, and living things just happened too. That's not much of an explanation.

What if someone tells you to mix together all the parts lying in all the junkyards of the world and stir them up for four billion years. Then this person tells you that if you do that, you'll get a Cadillac, a Jeep, and a Ford truck. Would you believe him?

Living things are a lot more complicated than cars. God designed the world and living things. That's the Bible's explanation. It beats all those other ideas. And it's true.

Big Ideas in Genesis

GOD. Powerful enough to create. Wise enough to design. Loving enough to care. Trustworthy enough to keep promises. Righteous enough to hate sin. Merciful enough to forgive. Someone worth knowing!

CREATION. God designed and made all things. Evolution can't explain all the different forms of life on Earth. It can't explain you!

PEOPLE. God made people in his image and likeness. Like God, we can think, feel, imagine, remember, and make choices. You're a lot more special than any monkey's nephew!

SIN. Sin isn't just wrong. Sin is harmful. One big reason God tells us not to sin is that he doesn't want us hurt by doing wrong.

JUDGMENT. People who choose to do wrong have to suffer the consequences. The story of the great flood in Genesis 6-8 reminds us that God will punish those who keep on doing wrong.

PROMISES. God makes binding promises. We can count on God to do what he says he will do.

Sneak Preview

Who Goofed?

"Rain? Why, it's not going to rain."

Everybody but Noah.

(See Genesis 6.)

"Okay, Uncle Abram. I'll take Sodom."

Lot.

(See Genesis 13 and 19.)

"So let's sell our brother as a slave. He'll never be able to get back at us."

Joseph's brothers

(See Genesis 37 and 42.)

Discovery

Here's a list of beginnings in Genesis 1–11. When you read about one of these beginnings, write the verses here.

Heaven and earth _____

Animal life _____

Human beings _____

Marriage _____

Sin _____

Death _____

Punishment of sin _____

Languages _____

LIFE HARD?

Some people have hard lives. Joseph did. He had jealous brothers who sold him as a slave. Joseph's master's wife lied about him, and he was put in prison. But after many years, Joseph was able to explain the dreams of the king of Egypt and then Joseph was made the second most powerful person in Egypt. When life is hard, we can remember how Joseph trusted God and we can follow his example.

People in Genesis

Adam [AD-uhm] "human being"

Eve [EEV] "life giver"

Abram [AY-brum] "exalted father"

Abraham [AY-bruh-ham] "father of a multitude"

Sarah [SAIR-uh] "princess"

Noah [NOH-uh] "rest" or "comfort"

Lot [LAHT] "covering"

Isaac [I-zik] "laughter"

Jacob [JAY-kub] "deceiver"

Israel [IZ-ruh-el] "he struggles with God"

Joseph [JOH-suhf] "may God add"

A Big Question?

Moses wasn't around when God created the universe. So how did Moses know what to write in Genesis about the beginning of the world? The book of Exodus tells us God spoke with Moses for 40 days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:18). And God was there at the beginning. That's a good thing to remember. Scientists and teachers who insist that evolution is a fact weren't there either. Only God was there. And the Bible is God's word.

The First Book of Moses, Called Genesis

The Creation

1 ¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spir'-it of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The First Day

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

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

⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

The Second Day

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

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

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

The Third Day

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

¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹ ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

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

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

The Fourth Day

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

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

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

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

¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

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

The Fifth Day

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

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

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

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

The Sixth Day

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

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

The Creation of Man

²⁶ ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have

You're Special

GENESIS 1:26-27

Each person is unique on the outside. You may not like something about the way you look just now. But look inside. God made people in his image. Inside, we look like God. He gave us bright minds. He gave us the ability to love. He gave us a sense of humor. Look inside and you can feel very special indeed.

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

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

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

The Giving of Food

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

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

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

The Seventh Day

2 ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

² And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

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

⁵ And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

⁶ But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷ And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The Garden of Eden

⁸ ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in E'-den; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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

¹¹ The name of the first is Pi'-son: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Hav'-il-ah, where *there is* gold;

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

¹³ And the name of the second river *is* Gi'-hon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of E-thi-o'-pi-a.

¹⁴ And the name of the third river *is* Hid'-del: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of As-syr'-i-a. And the fourth river *is* Eu-phra'-tes.

Man to Care for the Garden

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

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

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

Adam Names Living Creatures

¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Ad'-am to

Men and Women

GENESIS 2:20-23

Men and women are different but they are the same in many ways too. The first time Adam saw Eve, he said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh." Adam knew that *different* didn't mean inferior. Adam was happy to have a partner who was his equal and like him in many important ways.

see what he would call them: and whatsoever Ad'-am called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

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

The Creation of Woman

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

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

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

The First Marriage

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The Temptation

3 ¹ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

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

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

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

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

The Fall of Man

⁶ ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

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

⁹ And the LORD God called unto Ad'-am, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

¹¹ And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to *be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The Curse

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

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

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

¹⁷ And unto Ad'-am he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is*

the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

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

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

²⁰ And Ad'-am called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

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

Man Sent from the Garden

²² ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of E'-den, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of E'-den Cher'-u-bims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 ¹ And Ad'-am knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

² And she again bare his brother A'-bel. And A'-bel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴ And A'-bel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto A'-bel and to his offering:

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

⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

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

Abel Murdered

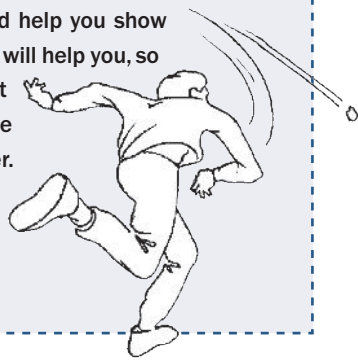
⁸ ¶ And Cain talked with A'-bel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against A'-bel his brother, and slew him.

⁹ ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is

Anger

GENESIS 4:3-11

It's easy to feel angry, angry enough to want to hurt others. Cain let his anger control him. Cain murdered his brother Abel, and God punished Cain. Feeling angry doesn't excuse you when you do wrong. Ask God to help you master your anger and help you show love. God will help you, so you won't have to be sorry later.



A'-bel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

The Curse of Cain

¹¹ And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

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

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

¹⁴ Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

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

Cain Dwells in the Land of Nod

¹⁶ ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of E'-den.

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

¹⁸ And unto E'-noch was born I'-rad: and I'-rad begat Me-hu'-ja-el: and Me-hu'-ja-el begat Me-thu'-sa-el: and Me-thu'-sa-el begat La'-mech.

Lamech's Descendants

¹⁹ ¶ And La'-mech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was A'-dah, and the name of the other Zil'-lah.

²⁰ And A'-dah bare Ja'-bal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

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

²² And Zil'-lah, she also bare Tu'-bal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tu'-bal-cain was Na'-a-mah.

²³ And La'-mech said unto his wives, A'-dah and Zil'-lah, Hear my voice; ye wives of La'-mech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

²⁴ If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly La'-mech seventy and sevenfold.

The Birth of Seth

²⁵ ¶ And Ad'-am knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of A'-bel, whom Cain slew.

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

Adam's Descendants

5 ¹ This is the book of the generations of Ad'-am. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

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

³ ¶ And Ad'-am lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:

⁴ And the days of Ad'-am after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

⁵ And all the days that Ad'-am lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Seth's Descendants

⁶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat E'-nos:

⁷ And Seth lived after he begat E'-nos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

Enos's Descendants

⁹ ¶ And E'-nos lived ninety years, and begat Ca-i'-nan:

¹⁰ And E'-nos lived after he begat Ca-i'-nan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹¹ And all the days of E'-nos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

Cainan's Descendants

¹² ¶ And Ca-i'-nan lived seventy years, and begat Ma-ha'-la-le-el:

¹³ And Ca-i'-nan lived after he begat Ma-ha'-la-le-el eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹⁴ And all the days of Ca-i'-nan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

Mahalaleel's Descendants

¹⁵ ¶ And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived sixty and five years, and begat Ja'-red:

¹⁶ And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived after he begat Ja'-red eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

¹⁷ And all the days of Ma-ha'-la-le-el were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

Jared's Descendants

¹⁸ ¶ And Ja'-red lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat E'-noch:

¹⁹ And Ja'-red lived after he begat E'-noch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

²⁰ And all the days of Ja'-red were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

Enoch's Descendants

²¹ ¶ And E'-noch lived sixty and five years, and begat Me-thu'-se-lah:

²² And E'-noch walked with God after he begat Me-thu'-se-lah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

²³ And all the days of E'-noch were three hundred sixty and five years:

²⁴ ¶ And E'-noch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Methuselah's Descendants

²⁵ And Me-thu'-se-lah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat La'-mech.

²⁶ And Me-thu'-se-lah lived after he begat La'-mech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

²⁷ And all the days of Me-thu'-se-lah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

Lamech's Descendants

²⁸ ¶ And La'-mech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

²⁹ And he called his name No'-ah, saying, *This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.*

³⁰ And La'-mech lived after he begat No'-ah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

³¹ And all the days of La'-mech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

Noah's Descendants

³² And No'-ah was five hundred years old: and No'-ah begat Shem, Ham, and Ja'-pheth.

Man's Wickedness

6 ¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

² That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

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

⁴ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵ ¶ And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

⁷ And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing,

and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Noah Finds Grace with God

⁸ ¶ But No'-ah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ ¶ These *are* the generations of No'-ah: No'-ah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* No'-ah walked with God.

¹⁰ And No'-ah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Ja'-pheth.

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

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

¹³ And God said unto No'-ah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Building the Ark

¹⁴ ¶ Make thee an ark of go'-pher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

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

¹⁶ A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

The Promise of a Covenant

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

¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

²⁰ Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

²¹ And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

²² Thus did No'-ah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Entering the Ark

7 ¹ And the LORD said unto No'-ah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

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

³ Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

⁴ For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

⁵ And No'-ah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

⁶ And No'-ah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters *was* upon the earth.

⁷ ¶ And No'-ah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

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

⁹ There went in two and two unto No'-ah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded No'-ah.

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

The Flood

¹¹ ¶ In the six hundredth year of No'-ah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

¹² And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³ In the selfsame day entered No'-ah, and Shem, and Ham, and Ja'-pheth, the sons of No'-ah, and No'-ah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

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

¹⁵ And they went in unto No'-ah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

¹⁶ And they that went in, went in male and female of flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ ¶ And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

The Waters Prevail

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

¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

²⁰ Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

²¹ And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

²² All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry land, died.

²³ And every living substance was destroyed which *was* upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and No'-ah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

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

The Waters Recede

8 ¹ And God remembered No'-ah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

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

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

The Ark Rests on Ararat

⁴ ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ar'-a-rat.

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

A Raven and a Dove Sent Forth

⁶ ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that No'-ah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

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

⁸ Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

⁹ But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

¹⁰ And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

¹¹ And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so No'-ah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

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

¹³ ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and No'-ah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

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

Leaving the Ark

¹⁵ ¶ And God spake unto No'-ah, saying,

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

¹⁷ Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

¹⁸ ¶ And No'-ah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

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

Noah's Sacrifice and God's Promise

²⁰ ¶ And No'-ah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

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

²² While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

God Blesses Noah

9 ¹ And God blessed No'-ah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

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

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

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

⁵ And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

⁶ Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

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

God's Covenant with Noah

⁸ ¶ And God spake unto No'-ah, and to his sons with him, saying,

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

¹⁰ And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

¹¹ And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

The Rainbow

¹² And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

¹³ I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

¹⁵ And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶ And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every

living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

¹⁷ And God said unto No'-ah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

¹⁸ ¶ And the sons of No'-ah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Ja'-pheth: and Ham *is* the father of Ca'-na-an.

¹⁹ These *are* the three sons of No'-ah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Noah's Drunkenness

²⁰ ¶ And No'-ah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

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

²² And Ham, the father of Ca'-na-an, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

²³ And Shem and Ja'-pheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

²⁴ And No'-ah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

Canaan Cursed

²⁵ ¶ And he said, Cursed *be* Ca'-na-an; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

²⁶ ¶ And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Ca'-na-an shall be his servant.

²⁷ ¶ God shall enlarge Ja'-pheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Ca'-na-an shall be his servant.

²⁸ ¶ And No'-ah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

²⁹ And all the days of No'-ah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

Noah's Descendants

10 ¹ Now these *are* the generations of the sons of No'-ah, Shem, Ham, and Ja'-pheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

Japheth's Descendants

² ¶ The sons of Ja'-pheth; Go'-mer, and Ma'-gog, and Ma'-dai, and Ja'-van, and Tu'-bal, and Me'-shech, and Ti'-ras.

³ And the sons of Go'-mer; Ash-ke'-naz, and Ri'-phath, and To-gar'-mah.

⁴ And the sons of Ja'-van; E-li'-shah, and Tar'-shish, Kit'-tim, and Do'-da-nim.

⁵ By these were the isles of the Gen'-tiles di-

vided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Ham's Descendants

⁶ ¶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Miz'-ra-im, and Phut, and Ca'-na-an.

⁷ And the sons of Cush; Se'-ba and Hav'-il-ah, and Sab'-tah, and Ra'-a-mah, and Sab-te'-cha: and the sons of Ra'-a-mah; She'-ba, and De'-dan.

⁸ ¶ And Cush begat Nim'-rod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nim'-rod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Ba'-bel, and E'-rech, and Ac'-cad, and Cal'-neh, in the land of Shi'-nar.

¹¹ Out of that land went forth Assh'-ur, and builded Nin'-e-veh, and the city Re'-ho-both, and Ca'-lah,

¹² And Re'-sen between Nin'-e-veh and Ca'-lah: the same *is* a great city.

¹³ And Miz'-ra-im begat Lu'-dim, and A-na'-mim, and Le-ha'-bim, and Naph-tu'-him,

¹⁴ And Path-ru'-sim, and Cas-lu'-him, (out of whom came Phil'-is-tim,) and Caph'-to-rim.

¹⁵ ¶ And Ca'-na-an begat Si'-don his firstborn, and Heth,

¹⁶ And the Jeb'-u-site, and the Am'-o-rite, and the Gir'-ga-site,

¹⁷ And the Hi'-vite, and the Ar'-kite, and the Si'-nite,

¹⁸ And the Ar'-vad-ite, and the Zem'-a-rite, and the Ham'-a-thite: and afterward were the families of the Ca'-na-an-ites spread abroad.

¹⁹ And the border of the Ca'-na-an-ites was from Si'-don, as thou comest to Ge'-rar, unto Ga'-za; as thou goest, unto Sod'-om, and Gomor'-rah, and Ad'-mah, and Ze-bo'-im, even unto La'-sha.

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

Shem's Descendants

²¹ ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of E'-ber, the brother of Ja'-pheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

²² The children of Shem; E'-lam, and Assh'-ur, and Ar-phax'-ad, and Lud, and A'-ram.

²³ And the children of A'-ram; Uz, and Hul, and Ge'-ther, and Mash.

²⁴ And Ar-phax'-ad begat Sa'-lah; and Sa'-lah begat E'-ber.

²⁵ And unto E'-ber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Pe'-leg; for in his days was

the earth divided; and his brother's name was Jok'-tan.

²⁶ And Jok'-tan begat Al-mo'-dad, and She'-leph, and Ha-zar-ma'-veth, and Je'-rah,

²⁷ And Ha-do'-ram, and U'-zal, and Dik'-lah,

²⁸ And O'-bal, and A-bim'-a-el, and She'-ba,

²⁹ And O'-phir, and Hav'-il-ah, and Jo'-bab: all these *were* the sons of Jok'-tan.

³⁰ And their dwelling was from Me'-sha, as thou goest unto Se'-phar a mount of the east.

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

³² These *are* the families of the sons of No'-ah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

The Tower of Babel

11 ¹ And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Ba'-bel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Shem's Line to Abram

¹⁰ ¶ These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Ar-phax'-ad two years after the flood:

¹¹ And Shem lived after he begat Ar-phax'-ad

five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹² And Ar-phax'-ad lived five and thirty years, and begat Sa'-lah:

¹³ And Ar-phax'-ad lived after he begat Sa'-lah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁴ And Sa'-lah lived thirty years, and begat E'-ber:

¹⁵ And Sa'-lah lived after he begat E'-ber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁶ And E'-ber lived four and thirty years, and begat Pe'-leg:

¹⁷ And E'-ber lived after he begat Pe'-leg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁸ And Pe'-leg lived thirty years, and begat Re'-u:

¹⁹ And Pe'-leg lived after he begat Re'-u two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁰ And Re'-u lived two and thirty years, and begat Se'-rug:

²¹ And Re'-u lived after he begat Se'-rug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

²² And Se'-rug lived thirty years, and begat Na'-hor:

²³ And Se'-rug lived after he begat Na'-hor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁴ And Na'-hor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Te'-rah:

²⁵ And Na'-hor lived after he begat Te'-rah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

²⁶ And Te'-rah lived seventy years, and begat A'-bram, Na'-hor, and Ha'-ran.

Terah's Family

²⁷ ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Te'-rah: Te'-rah begat A'-bram, Na'-hor, and Ha'-ran; and Ha'-ran begat Lot.

²⁸ And Ha'-ran died before his father Te'-rah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chal'-dees.

²⁹ And A'-bram and Na'-hor took them wives: the name of A'-bram's wife *was* Sa'-rai; and the name of Na'-hor's wife, Mil'-cah, the daughter of Ha'-ran, the father of Mil'-cah, and the father of Is'-cah.

³⁰ But Sa'-rai *was* barren; she *had* no child.

Terah Moves to Haran

³¹ ¶ And Te'-rah took A'-bram his son, and Lot the son of Ha'-ran his son's son, and Sa'-rai his daughter in law, his son A'-bram's wife;

and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chal'-dees, to go into the land of Ca'-na-an; and they came unto Ha'-ran, and dwelt there.

³² And the days of Te'-rah were two hundred and five years: and Te'-rah died in Ha'-ran.

Abram's Call

12 ¹ Now the LORD had said unto A'-bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

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

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

Abram Enters Canaan

⁴ ¶ So A'-bram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and A'-bram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Ha'-ran.

⁵ And A'-bram took Sa'-rai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Ha'-ran; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'-na-an; and into the land of Ca'-na-an they came.

⁶ ¶ And A'-bram passed through the land unto the place of Si'-chem, unto the plain of Mo'-reh. And the Ca'-na-an-ite was then in the land.

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

⁸ And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth'-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth'-el on the west, and Ha'-i on the east; and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

⁹ And A'-bram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Abram's Deception

¹⁰ ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and A'-bram went down into E'-gypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

¹¹ And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into E'-gypt, that he said unto Sa'-rai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:

¹² Therefore it shall come to pass, when the E-gyp'-tians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

¹³ Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

¹⁴ ¶ And it came to pass, that, when A'-bram was come into E'-gypt, the E-gyp'-tians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair:

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

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

God Sends Plagues

¹⁷ And the LORD plagued Pha'-raoh and his house with great plagues because of Sa'-rai A'-bram's wife.

¹⁸ And Pha'-raoh called A'-bram and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?

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

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

Abram's Return to Bethel

13 ¹ And A'-bram went up out of E'-gypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

² And A'-bram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

³ And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth'-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth'-el and Ha'-i;

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

Abram and Lot Separate

⁵ ¶ And Lot also, which went with A'-bram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

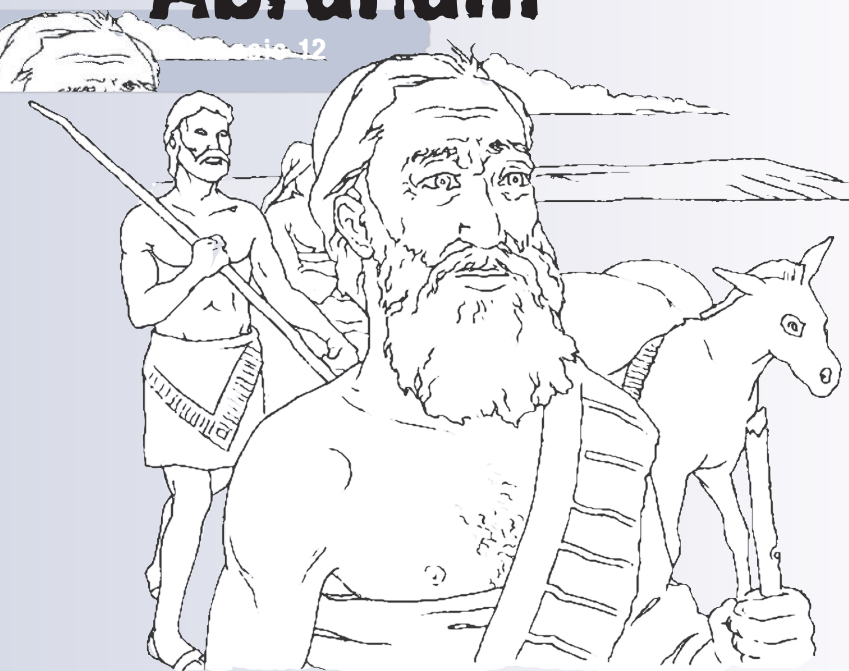
⁶ And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

⁷ And there was a strife between the herdmen of A'-bram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Ca'-na-an-ite and the Per-iz'-zite dwelled then in the land.

⁸ And A'-bram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren.

⁹ Is not the whole land before thee? separate

Abraham



Abraham left home when God said, "Go."

Abraham had it made. He was wealthy. He lived in a big city called Ur. He had everything he needed to be happy. Then God told Abraham (also called Abram) to leave his country, his family, and his friends.

It must have been hard for Abraham to leave everything, but he did. Abraham sold his house and bought animals to take along on his journey. He also bought tents to sleep in as he traveled. Abraham prepared for a long journey because he didn't know where God would lead him.

When God said, "Go," Abraham did what God told him to do.

Abraham made a wise choice when he decided to obey God. Because Abraham was obedient, God gave him many wonderful promises and he kept every one. Throughout the Bible Abraham is honored for his wise obedience and his great faith in God's promises.

GETTING TO KNOW ABRAHAM

- » Abraham lived around 2100 BC.
- » Abraham received his special name from God.
- » God made Abraham special promises.
- » Both Jews and Arabs descended from Abraham.
- » Abraham is remembered for believing God would do what he promised.

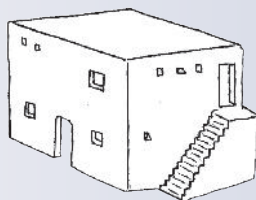


People in the land where Abraham grew up worshipped idols.

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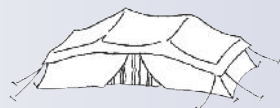
Think about This

- * Why was it hard for Abraham to obey God and leave Ur?
- * Why would anyone choose to obey God if it meant doing something hard?
- * Would we know about Abraham if he hadn't obeyed God and had just stayed in Ur?
- * Do you know someone who obeys God even when it's hard?



Ur's houses had a kind of air conditioning! They were designed so the air circulated through them when the wind blew.

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Abraham lived in a tent when he traveled. Husbands and wives had separate tents.

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thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

¹⁰ And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jor'-dan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sod'-om and Go-mor'-rah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of E'-gypt, as thou comest unto Zo'-ar.

¹¹ ¶ Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jor'-dan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

¹² A'-bram dwelled in the land of Ca'-na-an, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sod'-om.

¹³ But the men of Sod'-om *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

God Renews His Covenant

¹⁴ ¶ And the LORD said unto A'-bram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

¹⁵ For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

¹⁶ And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

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

¹⁸ Then A'-bram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mam'-re, which *is* in He'-bron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

The Battle of the Kings

14 ¹ And it came to pass in the days of Am-ra'-phel king of Shi'-nar, A'-ri-och king of El-la'-sar, Che-dor-la-o'-mer king of E'-lam, and Ti'-dal king of nations;

² That *these* made war with Be'-ra king of Sod'-om, and with Bir'-sha king of Go-mor'-rah, Shi'-nab king of Ad'-mah, and Shem-e'-ber king of Ze-boi'-im, and the king of Be'-la, which *is* Zo'-ar.

³ All these were joined together in the vale of Sid'-dim, which *is* the salt sea.

⁴ Twelve years they served Che-dor-la-o'-mer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵ And in the fourteenth year came Che-dor-la-o'-mer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Reph'-a-ims in Ash'-te-roth Kar-na'-im, and the Zu'-zims in Ham, and the E'-mins in Sha'-veh Kir-i-a-tha'-im,

Getting Along

GENESIS 13:1-13

The land couldn't support the herds of both Abram and Lot. Their workers fought over pasture and water. Who deserved first choice of the land? Abram was the oldest. In those days that meant he had the right to choose first. But Abram let Lot choose. How can you follow Abram's example and be a peacemaker this week?

⁶ And the Ho'-rites in their mount Se'-ir, unto El-pa'-ran, which *is* by the wilderness.

⁷ And they returned, and came to En-mish'-pat, which *is* Ka'-desh, and smote all the country of the A-mal'-ek-ites, and also the Am'-o-rites, that dwell in Haz'-e-zon-ta'-mar.

⁸ And there went out the king of Sod'-om, and the king of Go-mor'-rah, and the king of Ad'-mah, and the king of Ze-boi'-im, and the king of Be'-la (the same *is* Zo'-ar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Sid'-dim;

⁹ With Che-dor-la-o'-mer the king of E'-lam, and with Ti'-dal king of nations, and Am-ra'-phel king of Shi'-nar, and A'-ri-och king of El-la'-sar; four kings with five.

¹⁰ And the vale of Sid'-dim *was full of* slimepits; and the kings of Sod'-om and Go-mor'-rah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

¹¹ And they took all the goods of Sod'-om and Go-mor'-rah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

Lot's Capture and Rescue

¹² ¶ And they took Lot, A'-bram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sod'-om, and his goods, and departed.

¹³ ¶ And there came one that had escaped, and told A'-bram the He'-brew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mam'-re the Am'-o-rite, brother of Esh'-col, and brother of A'-ner: and these *were* confederate with A'-bram.

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

¹⁵ And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them,

Good Morning, God

Genesis 15:1-4

Have you ever wanted something right now but you were told you had to wait? Like when you are hungry and dinner isn't ready yet? God told Abraham (also called Abram) that one day Abraham would have a special son. But Abraham would have to wait for the baby the Lord had promised him. So Abraham waited. And he waited. Abraham and his wife Sarah were getting very old but still they waited. The Lord reminded them that he would keep his promise. Later their baby boy was born, just as God promised. It's hard to be patient when you want something right away. Ask God to help you wait.

Dear Lord, help me trust you always and wait patiently for your blessings.

and pursued them unto Ho'-bah, which is on the left hand of Da-mas'-cus.

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

¹⁷ ¶ And the king of Sod'-om went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Che-dor-la-o'-mer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Sha'-veh, which is the king's dale.

Melchizedek Blesses Abram

¹⁸ And Mel-chiz'-e-dek king of Sa'-lem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

¹⁹ And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be A'-bram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

²⁰ ¶ And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

²¹ And the king of Sod'-om said unto A'-bram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

²² ¶ And A'-bram said to the king of Sod'-om, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

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

²⁴ Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, A'-ner, Esh'-col, and Mam'-re; let them take their portion.

Abram's Vision

15 ¹ After these things the word of the LORD came unto A'-bram in a vision, saying,

Fear not, A'-bram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

² ¶ And A'-bram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this E-li-e'-zer of Da-mas'-cus?

³ And A'-bram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Abram Promised an Heir

⁴ ¶ And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

⁵ And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

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

The Covenant Renewed

⁷ ¶ And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chal'-dees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

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

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

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

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

Abram's Deep Sleep and Vision

¹² ¶ And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon A'-bram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

¹³ And he said unto A'-bram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is not theirs*, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

¹⁴ And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

¹⁵ And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

¹⁶ But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Am'-o-rites is not yet full.

¹⁷ And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

¹⁸ In the same day the LORD made a covenant with A'-bram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of E'-gypt unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'-tes:

¹⁹ The Ken'-ites, and the Ken-iz'-zites, and the Kad'-mo-nites,

²⁰ And the Hit'-tites, and the Per-iz'-zites, and the Re-pha'-ims,

²¹ And the Am'-o-rites, and the Ca'-na-an-ites, and the Gir'-ga-shites, and the Jeb'-u-sites.

Hagar Given to Abram

16 ¹ Now Sa'-rai A'-bram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an E-gyp'-tian, whose name was Ha'-gar.

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

³ And Sa'-rai A'-bram's wife took Ha'-gar her maid the E-gyp'-tian, after A'-bram had dwelt ten years in the land of Ca'-na-an, and gave her to her husband A'-bram to be his wife.

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

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

⁶ But A'-bram said unto Sa'-rai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sa'-rai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Hagar and the Angel of the LORD

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

⁸ And he said, Ha'-gar, Sa'-rai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sa'-rai.

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁴ Wherefore the well was called Be'-er-la'-hai-roi; behold, *it is* between Ka'-desh and Be'-red.

The Birth of Ishmael

¹⁵ ¶ And Ha'-gar bare A'-bram a son: and A'-bram called his son's name, which Ha'-gar bare, Ish'-ma-el.

¹⁶ And A'-bram was fourscore and six years old, when Ha'-gar bare Ish'-ma-el to A'-bram.

God Renews His Covenant

17 ¹ And when A'-bram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to A'-bram, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

² And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

³ And A'-bram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

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

From Abram to Abraham

⁵ ¶ Neither shall thy name any more be called A'-bram, but thy name shall be A'-bra-ham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

⁶ And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

⁸ And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Ca'-na-an, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

⁹ ¶ And God said unto A'-bra-ham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

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

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

¹² And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

¹³ He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

¹⁴ And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

From Sarai to Sarah

¹⁵ ¶ And God said unto A'-bra-ham, As for Sa'-rai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sa'-rai, but Sa'-rah *shall* her name be.

God's Promise of a Son

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

¹⁷ ¶ Then A'-bra-ham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a *child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sa'-rah, that is ninety years old, bear?

¹⁸ And A'-bra-ham said unto God, O that Ish'-ma-el might live before thee!

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

Ishmael to Be a Great Nation

²⁰ And as for Ish'-ma-el, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him

fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

²¹ But my covenant will I establish with I'-saac, which Sa'-rah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

²² And he left off talking with him, and God went up from A'-bra-ham.

Abraham's Household Circumcised

²³ ¶ And A'-bra-ham took Ish'-ma-el his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of A'-bra-ham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

²⁴ And A'-bra-ham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁵ And Ish'-ma-el his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁶ In the selfsame day was A'-bra-ham circumcised, and Ish'-ma-el his son.

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

Abraham's Heavenly Visitors

18 ¹ And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mam'-re: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

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

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

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

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

⁶ And A'-bra-ham hastened into the tent unto Sa'-rah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

⁷ And A'-bra-ham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

⁸ And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Sarah Promised a Son

⁹ ¶ And they said unto him, Where *is* Sa'-rah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

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

¹¹ Now A'-bra-ham and Sa'-rah *were* old and well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sa'-rah after the manner of women.

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

¹³ And the LORD said unto A'-bra-ham, Wherefore did Sa'-rah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

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

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

Sodom and Gomorrah's Fate

¹⁶ ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sod'-om: and A'-bra-ham went with them to bring them on the way.

¹⁷ And the LORD said, Shall I hide from A'-bra-ham that thing which I do;

¹⁸ Seeing that A'-bra-ham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

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

²⁰ And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sod'-om and Go-mor'-rah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

²¹ I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

²² And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sod'-om: but A'-bra-ham stood yet before the LORD.

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

²³ ¶ And A'-bra-ham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

²⁴ Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

²⁵ That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

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

²⁷ And A'-bra-ham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am* but dust and ashes:

²⁸ Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack* of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

²⁹ And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.

³⁰ And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there.

³¹ And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

³² And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

³³ And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with A'-bra-ham: and A'-bra-ham returned unto his place.

Angels Visit Lot

19 ¹ And there came two angels to Sod'-om at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sod'-om: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

² And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

³ And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

The Evil Men of Sodom

⁴ ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sod'-om, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

⁵ And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee

this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

⁶ And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

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

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

⁹ And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

¹⁰ But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door:

¹¹ And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door:

Lot and His Family Flee

¹² ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

¹³ For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

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

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

¹⁶ And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

¹⁷ ¶ And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

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

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

which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

²⁰ Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither; (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

²¹ And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

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

²³ ¶ The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zo'-ar.

Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

²⁴ Then the LORD rained upon Sod'-om and upon Go-mor'-rah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

²⁵ And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

²⁶ ¶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷ ¶ And A'-bra-ham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

²⁸ And he looked toward Sod'-om and Go-mor'-rah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

²⁹ ¶ And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered A'-bra-ham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

The Birth of Moab and Benammi

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

³¹ And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

³² Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

³³ And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

³⁴ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make

him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father:

³⁵ And they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

³⁶ Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father:

³⁷ ¶ And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Mo'-ab: the same *is* the father of the Mo'-ab-ites unto this day.

³⁸ And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-am'-mi: the same *is* the father of the children of Am'-mon unto this day.

Abraham Deceives Abimelech

20 ¹ And A'-bra-ham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Ka'-desh and Shur, and sojourned in Ge'-rar:

² ¶ And A'-bra-ham said of Sa'-rah his wife, *She is my sister*: and A-bim'-e-lech king of Ge'-rar sent, and took Sa'-rah.

³ ¶ But God came to A-bim'-e-lech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife.

⁴ But A-bim'-e-lech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

⁵ Said he not unto me, *She is my sister?* and she, even she herself said, *He is my brother*: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

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

⁷ Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

⁸ Therefore A-bim'-e-lech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

Abimelech Reproaches Abraham

⁹ Then A-bim'-e-lech called A'-bra-ham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

¹⁰ And A-bim'-e-lech said unto A'-bra-ham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

¹¹ And A'-bra-ham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

¹² And yet indeed *she is* my sister; she *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

¹³ And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, *This is thy kindness* which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, *He is my brother*.

¹⁴ ¶ And A-bim'-e-lech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave *them* unto A'-bra-ham, and restored him Sa'-rah his wife.

¹⁵ And A-bim'-e-lech said, Behold, my land *is* before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

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

Abraham Prays for Abimelech

¹⁷ ¶ So A'-bra-ham prayed unto God: and God healed A-bim'-e-lech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare *children*.

¹⁸ For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of A-bim'-e-lech, because of Sa'-rah A'-bra-ham's wife.

The Birth of Isaac

21 ¹ And the LORD visited Sa'-rah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sa'-rah as he had spoken.

² For Sa'-rah conceived, and bare A'-bra-ham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

³ And A'-bra-ham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sa'-rah bare to him, I'-saac.

⁴ ¶ And A'-bra-ham circumcised his son I'-saac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

⁵ And A'-bra-ham was an hundred years old, when his son I'-saac was born unto him.

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

⁷ And she said, Who would have said unto A'-bra-ham, that Sa'-rah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

⁸ And the child grew, and was weaned: and A'-bra-ham made a great feast the *same* day that I'-saac was weaned.

Hagar Cast Out

⁹ ¶ And Sa'-rah saw the son of Ha'-gar the E-gyp'-tian, which she had born unto A'-bra-ham, mocking.

¹⁰ Wherefore she said unto A'-bra-ham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with I'-saac.

¹¹ And the thing was very grievous in A'-bra-ham's sight because of his son.

¹² ¶ And God said unto A'-bra-ham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sa'-rah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in I'-saac shall thy seed be called.

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

¹⁴ And A'-bra-ham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Ha'-gar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Be'-er-she'-ba.

¹⁵ And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

¹⁶ And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bow-shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.

God Consoles Hagar

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

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

¹⁹ And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

²⁰ And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

²¹ And he dwelt in the wilderness of Pa'-ran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of E'-gypt.

A Covenant with Abimelech

²² ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that A-bim'-e-lech and Phi'-chol the chief captain of his host spake unto A'-bra-ham, saying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doest:

²³ Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou

shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

²⁴ And A'-bra-ham said, I will swear.

²⁵ And A'-bra-ham reproved A-bim'-e-lech because of a well of water, which A-bim'-e-lech's servants had violently taken away.

²⁶ And A-bim'-e-lech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it*, but to day.

²⁷ And A'-bra-ham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto A-bim'-e-lech; and both of them made a covenant.

²⁸ And A'-bra-ham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

²⁹ And A-bim'-e-lech said unto A'-bra-ham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

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

³¹ Wherefore he called that place Be'-er-she'-ba; because there they sware both of them.

³² Thus they made a covenant at Be'-er-she'-ba: then A-bim'-e-lech rose up, and Phi'-chol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Phil'-is-tines.

³³ ¶ And Abraham planted a grove in Be'-er-she'-ba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

³⁴ And A'-bra-ham sojourned in the Phil'-is-tines' land many days.

Isaac to Be Offered as a Sacrifice

22 ¹ And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt A'-bra-ham, and said unto him, A'-bra-ham: and he said, Behold, *here* I am.

² And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son I'-saac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

³ ¶ And A'-bra-ham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and I'-saac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

⁴ Then on the third day A'-bra-ham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

⁵ And A'-bra-ham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

⁶ And A'-bra-ham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon I'-saac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

⁷ And I'-saac spake unto A'-bra-ham his

father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

⁸ And A'-bra-ham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

A Substitute Offering

⁹ And they came to the place which God had told him of; and A'-bra-ham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound I'-saac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

¹⁰ And A'-bra-ham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, A'-bra-ham, A'-bra-ham: and he said, Here *am* I.

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

¹³ And A'-bra-ham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and A'-bra-ham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

¹⁴ And A'-bra-ham called the name of that place Je-ho'-vah-jī'-reh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Abraham Blessed

¹⁵ ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto A'-bra-ham out of heaven the second time,

¹⁶ And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*:

¹⁷ That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

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

¹⁹ So A'-bra-ham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Be'-er-she'-ba; and A'-bra-ham dwelt at Be'-er-she'-ba.

Nahor's Descendants

²⁰ ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told A'-bra-ham, saying, Behold, Mil'-cah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Na'-hor;

²¹ Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Ke-mu'-el the father of A'-ram,

²² And Che'-sed, and Ha'-zo, and Pil'-dash, and Jid'-laph, and Beth-u'-el.

²³ And Beth-u'-el begat Re-bek'-ah: these eight Mil'-cah did bear to Na'-hor, A'-bra-ham's brother.

²⁴ And his concubine, whose name *was* Reu'-mah, she bare also Te'-bah, and Ga'-ham, and Tha'-hash, and Ma'-a-chah.

The Death of Sarah

23 ¹ And Sa'-rah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sa'-rah.

² And Sa'-rah died in Kir'-jath-ar'-ba; the same *is* He'-bron in the land of Ca'-na-an: and A'-bra-ham came to mourn for Sa'-rah, and to weep for her.

The Purchase of Machpelah

³ ¶ And A'-bra-ham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

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

⁵ And the children of Heth answered A'-bra-ham, saying unto him,

⁶ Hear us, my lord: thou *art* a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

⁷ And A'-bra-ham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.

⁸ And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to E'-phron the son of Zo'-har,

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

¹⁰ And E'-phron dwelt among the children of Heth: and E'-phron the Hit'-tite answered A'-bra-ham in the audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

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

¹² And A'-bra-ham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

¹³ And he spake unto E'-phron in the audi-

ence of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

¹⁴ And E'-phron answered A'-bra-ham, saying unto him,

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

¹⁶ And A'-bra-ham hearkened unto E'-phron; and A'-bra-ham weighed to E'-phron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred she'-kels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

¹⁷ ¶ And the field of E'-phron which *was in* Mach-pe'-lah, which *was before* Mam'-re, the field, and the cave which *was therein*, and all the trees that *were in* the field, that *were in* all the borders round about, were made sure

¹⁸ Unto A'-bra-ham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

The Burial of Sarah

¹⁹ And after this, A'-bra-ham buried Sa'-rah his wife in the cave of the field of Mach-pe'-lah before Mam'-re: the same *is* He'-bron in the land of Ca'-na-an.

²⁰ And the field, and the cave that *is therein*, were made sure unto A'-bra-ham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

The Search for a Wife for Isaac

24 ¹ And A'-bra-ham was old, *and well* stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed A'-bra-ham in all things.

² And A'-bra-ham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

³ And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Ca'-na-an-ites, among whom I dwell:

⁴ But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son I'-saac.

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

⁶ And A'-bra-ham said unto him, Beware though that thou bring not my son thither again.

⁷ ¶ The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will

I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

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

⁹ And the servant put his hand under the thigh of A'-bra-ham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

The Servant's Prayer

¹⁰ ¶ And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a, unto the city of Na'-hor.

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

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

¹³ Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw *water*:

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

Rebekah: An Answer to Prayer

¹⁵ ¶ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Re-bek'-ah came out, who was born to Beth-u'-el, son of Mil'-cah, the wife of Na'-hor, A'-bra-ham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

¹⁶ And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

¹⁷ And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

¹⁸ And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

¹⁹ And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

²⁰ And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

Rebekah



Genesis 24



Rebekah's kindness impressed Abraham's servant.

Rebekah was Abraham's great-niece. Abraham had sent a servant to his distant relatives to find a bride for his son Isaac. The servant prayed that God would lead him to the right young woman by giving him a sign.

The servant's prayer was answered when Rebekah gladly drew water for the visitor and also volunteered to draw water for his camels.

Showing hospitality was an important virtue in Bible times. Rebekah welcomed the visitor into her home, and there Abraham's servant explained the reason for his visit.

When Rebekah's family heard how the Lord had answered the servant's prayer, they decided to let Rebekah go with him. And when Rebekah was asked if she wanted to be Isaac's wife, she said, "I will go."

Rebekah became Isaac's wife, and the Bible says, "He loved her."

GETTING TO KNOW REBEKAH

- » Rebekah was born around 2050 BC.
- » Rebekah's father was a nephew of Abraham.
- » Rebekah married Isaac, the son of Abraham.
- » Rebekah had two sons, Jacob and Esau.
- » Rebekah's son Jacob was renamed Israel.
His 12 sons became the heads of the 12 tribes of the Jewish people.

Think about This

- * What good qualities did the servant see in Rebekah when she drew water for him and his camels?
- * Why would these qualities make her a good wife for Isaac?
- * What good qualities should you look for in a girlfriend or wife?
- * Why did Rebekah make the difficult decision to leave her family?
- * Whom do you know who is like Rebekah?



The women of the village usually gathered at the well or spring each morning to fill jars with water for washing, cooking, and drinking. It was a good time to talk with friends. Women carried the full jars home by balancing them on their heads.



When Rebekah agreed to become Isaac's bride, she was given gold jewelry that may have looked like this.