

GENESIS DASV**DASV: Genesis 1**

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

² And the earth was formless and empty; and darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the waters.

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

⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ And God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the waters above from the waters below."

⁷ And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. And it was so.

⁸ And God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the expanse be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

¹⁰ And God called the dry land "earth," and the waters that were gathered together he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation, seed bearing plants and fruit-trees with seed-bearing fruit each according to its kind on the earth." And it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth vegetation--plants bearing seed each after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds, each after their kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be markers for the seasons, and for days and years;

¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on earth." And it was so.

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

¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

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

¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the open expanse of the heavens."

²¹ And God created the great sea-creatures, and every living creature that moves and swarms in the waters, each after its kind, and every winged bird after its 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 birds multiply on the earth."

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures each according to its kind: cattle, creeping things and beasts of the earth each according to its kind. And it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth each according to their kind, and the livestock after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind." And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ And God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his own image, in the image of God he created him. He created them male and female.

²⁸ And God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

²⁹ And God said, "Look, I have given you every seed bearing plant which is upon the surface of all the earth, and every tree which yields fruit with seed. They will be your food.

³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, that has life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

DASV: Genesis 2

¹ So the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their hosts.

² And on the seventh day God finished the work he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

³ And God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy; because on it he rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵ when no bush of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprung up; for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

⁶ but a mist came up from the earth, and watered the whole surface of the ground.

⁷ Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸ Now the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, that is in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were in the middle of the garden.

¹⁰ And a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four branches.

¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon. It flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

¹² And the gold of that land is good; the fragrant bdellium resin and onyx stone are also there.

¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon. It flows around the whole land of Cush.

¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Tigris. It goes along the east side of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and to keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You are free to eat of any tree of the garden

¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you may not eat, for in the day that you eat it you will surely die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the sky; and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ And the man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was no suitable helper found.

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept he took one of his ribs, and closed up the place with flesh.

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

²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called 'Woman,' because she was taken out of 'Man.'"

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and his mother, and is joined to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

DASV: Genesis 3

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You may not eat of any tree of the garden'?"

² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat from the fruit of the trees in the garden,

³ but from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God did say, 'You may not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die!

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

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it looked pleasing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together, and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ When they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ And the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ And he answered, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree, that I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² And the man said, "The woman you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit from the tree and I ate it."

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

¹⁴ And the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed above all livestock, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly you will go, and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he will bruise your head, and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain and your conception. In pain you will give birth. Your desire will be to your husband, but he will rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree I commanded you, saying, 'You may not eat from it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat bread, until you return to the ground from which you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you will return."

²⁰ Then Adam named his wife "Eve," because she was the mother of all living.

²¹ And the LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

²² And the LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, he must not be allowed to reach out his hand and also take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever."

²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴ So he drove the man out; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

DASV: Genesis 4

¹ Now the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and gave birth to Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD."

² And again she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain a tiller of the ground.

³ Over the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground as an offering to the LORD,

⁴ while Abel brought some of the fat of the firstlings of his flock. And the LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering.

⁵ but he did not look with favor on Cain and his offering. So Cain was very angry and his face downcast.

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why is your face downcast?"

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do well, sin is couching at the door. It desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Now Cain spoke to Abel, his brother. "Let's go out into the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ And the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he replied, "I do not know, am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰ And he said, "What have you done? Listen! The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground.

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength. A fugitive and a wanderer you will be on the earth."

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

¹⁴ Behold, today you have banished me from the face of the ground. I will be hidden from your face. I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵ So the LORD said to him, "Not so! For whoever kills Cain will suffer vengeance sevenfold." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one finding him would murder him.

¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelled in the land of Nod, to the east of Eden.

¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived, and bare Enoch. Then Cain built a city. He named it after the name of his son, Enoch.

¹⁸ And to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.

¹⁹ And Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

²⁰ And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who live in tents and have livestock.

²¹ And his brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and pipe.

²² And Zillah also bore Tubal-cain, the forger of all tools of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain's sister was Naamah.

²³ Then Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, "Hear my voice you wives of Lamech, listen to my speech. For I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for hurting me.

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

²⁵ Now the man knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and called his name Seth. For, she said, "God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, because Cain killed him."

²⁶ And a son was also born to Seth, and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

DASV: Genesis 5

¹ This is the account of the descendants of Adam. In the day when God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

² Male and female he created them, and blessed them, and called them "humankind" in the day when they were created.

³ When Adam was 130 years old, he fathered of a son in his own likeness, after his image; and named him Seth.

⁴ Adam lived 800 years after the birth of Seth, and he had other sons and daughters.

⁵ So all the days of Adam were 930 years, and he died.

⁶ When Seth was 105 years old, he fathered Enosh.

⁷ Seth lived 807 years after the birth of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters.

⁸ So all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

⁹ When Enosh was 90 years old , he fathered Kenan.

¹⁰ Enosh lived 815 years after the birth of Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹¹ So all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

¹² When Kenan was 70 years old, he fathered Mahalalel.

¹³ Kenan lived 840 years after the birth of Mahalalel, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴ So all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

¹⁵ When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he fathered Jared.

¹⁶ Mahalalel lived 830 years after the birth of Jared, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁷ So all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

¹⁸ When Jared was 162 years old, he fathered Enoch.

¹⁹ Jared lived 800 years after the birth of Enoch, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁰ So all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹ When Enoch was 65 years old, he fathered Methuselah.

²² Enoch walked with God 300 years after the birth of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

²³ So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, because God took him.

²⁵ When Methuselah was 187 years old, he fathered Lamech.

²⁶ Methuselah lived 782 years after the birth of Lamech, and he had other sons and daughters.

²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

²⁸ When Lamech was 182 years old, he fathered a son.

²⁹ He named him Noah, saying, "He will bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands, because of the ground that the LORD has cursed."

³⁰ Lamech lived 595 years after the birth of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters.

³¹ So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³² When Noah was 500 years old, he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

DASV: Genesis 6

¹ When men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,
² the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and any they wanted they took for their wives.

³ Then the LORD said, "My spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is flesh; his days will be 120 years."

⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God went to the daughters of men, and they bore children, who became the heroes of old, warriors of renown.

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶ And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart.

⁷ And the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the earth; man, and animals, and creeping things, and birds of the sky; for I am sorry I ever made them."

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man and blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

¹⁰ Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their ways on the earth.

¹³ So God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to all flesh; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now look, I will destroy them along with the earth.

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with tar inside and out.

¹⁵ Now this is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 450 feet, its width 75 feet, and its height 45 feet.

¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark leaving an opening of 18 inches around the top. Put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.

¹⁷ For behold, I will bring flood waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life. Everything that is in the earth will die.

¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you; and you, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives will come into the ark.

¹⁹ And from every living thing of every kind, you shall bring two of every kind, male and female, into the ark, to keep them alive with you.

²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every thing that creeps on the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you, to keep them alive.

²¹ Also take with you all kinds of food, for yourself. Store it up and it will be food for you and for them."

²² So Noah did everything that God commanded him.

DASV: Genesis 7

¹ Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your family, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.

² Of every clean animal, take seven pairs, the male and its female; and of the animals that are not clean, one pair, the male and its female.

³ Of the birds of the sky, seven pairs, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth.

⁴ In seven days, I will cause it to rain upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. Then I will blot out every creature that I have made from the face of the earth."

⁵ And Noah did everything the LORD commanded him.

⁶ And Noah was 600 years old when the flood came on the earth.

⁷ Then Noah entered the ark, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, because of the waters of the flood.

⁸ Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground,

⁹ two by two, male and female, they entered the ark with Noah, just as God commanded Noah.

¹⁰ And after seven days, the flood waters came on the earth.

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that very day all the fountains of the great deep burst out, and the windows of heaven were opened.

¹² And the rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

¹³ In the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, along with Noah's wife and his son's three wives, entered into the ark;

¹⁴ they and every animal after its kind, and all the livestock after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every sort of bird.

¹⁵ Two by two from all flesh which had the breath of life, they went in with Noah into the ark.

¹⁶ And those that entered in, went in male and female of every kind, just as God commanded him. Then the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ Now the flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and floated the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

¹⁸ And the waters rose and increased higher on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

¹⁹ Finally, the waters rose greatly on the earth; so that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.

²⁰ The waters rose twenty-two feet high over the mountains.

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds, livestock, animals, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and all human beings.

²² All in whose nostrils the breath of life was and that lived on the dry land, died.

²³ He wiped out every living thing that was upon the face of the ground, man, livestock, creeping things and birds of the heavens. And they were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

²⁴ And the waters covered the earth for 150 days.

DASV: Genesis 8

¹ But God remembered Noah, and all the wild animals, and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. Then God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

² The springs of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

³ So the waters gradually receded from off the earth. Then after 150 days the waters had gone down.

⁴ The ark rested in the seventeenth day of the seventh month, on the mountains of Ararat.

⁵ And the waters continued to recede until the tenth month. On the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶ At the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made

⁷ and sent out a raven. It flew back and forth, until the waters were dried up from the earth.

⁸ Then he sent out a dove, to see if the waters had receded from off the face of the ground.

⁹ But the dove found no place for its feet to land. So it returned to him in the ark, for the waters still covered the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took it, and brought it back to him in the ark.

¹⁰ After waiting seven more days, again he sent out the dove from of the ark.

¹¹ In the evening, when the dove came back to him; there was in her mouth a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

¹² Then he stayed seven more days, and sent out the dove. This time it did not again return to him.

¹³ Now in Noah's six hundred and first year, in the first day of the first month, the waters were dried up from off the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark and saw the face of the ground was drying.

¹⁴ And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah,

¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, your sons and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh--birds, livestock and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth--that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

¹⁸ So Noah went out with his sons, his wife and his sons' wives.

¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird and everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by their families.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took some of all the clean beasts and clean birds, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

²¹ And the LORD smelled the sweet aroma. And the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of human beings, for the imagination of the human heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again destroy every living thing as I have done.

²² As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night will not cease."

DASV: Genesis 9

¹ Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.

² The fear and the dread of you will be on every beast of the earth, every bird of the sky, everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea; they are delivered into your hand.

³ Every moving thing that lives will be food for you; just as I gave you the green plants, now I give everything.

⁴ But you shall not eat meat with its life, that is, its blood still in it.

⁵ And I will surely require a reckoning for your lifeblood, from every beast will I require it, as well as from human beings, I will demand an accounting for human life.

⁶ Whoever sheds human blood, by a human shall that person's blood be shed. For human beings were made in the image of God.

⁷ Now be fruitful and multiply, bring forth abundantly on the earth, and multiply in it."

⁸ Then God said to Noah and his sons,

⁹ "Look, I now establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you,

¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth; all those that have come out of the ark--for every creature on the earth.

¹¹ I establish my covenant with you. Never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹² Then God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature with you, for all future generations:

¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of a covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth, and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

¹⁵ then I will remember my covenant, that is between me and you and every living creature of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶ And when I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of every kind that is on the earth."

¹⁷ Then God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

¹⁹ These three were the sons of Noah; from these the whole earth was populated.

²⁰ Then Noah began tilling the soil and he planted a vineyard.

²¹ When he drank some of the wine, he got drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent.

²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

²³ Then Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father. So their faces turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴ Now when Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him,

²⁵ he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he will be to his brothers."

²⁶ Then he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant.

²⁷ May God expand the territory of Japheth. Let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant."

²⁸ After the flood, Noah lived 350 years.

²⁹ So all the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

DASV: Genesis 10

¹ This is the account of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth--after the flood sons were born to them.

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

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

⁴ And the sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim and Rodanim.

⁵ From these the seafaring peoples spread into their lands, each with its own language, by their families in their nations.

⁶ And the sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan.

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

⁸ And Cush fathered Nimrod; he became a mighty warrior on the earth.

⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was in Babel, Erech, Akkad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

¹¹ From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,

¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that one is a great city.

¹³ And Mizraim fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

¹⁴ Pathrusim, Casluhim and Caphtorim from whom the Philistines came.

¹⁵ Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, Heth,

¹⁶ and the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,

¹⁷ Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,

¹⁸ Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread out.

¹⁹ And the territory of the Canaanites was from Sidon, in the direction of Gerar, to Gaza, all the way over to Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

²⁰ These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, languages, lands and nations.

²¹ To Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born.

²² The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpaxad, Lud and Aram.

²³ The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether and Mash.

²⁴ Arpaxad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber.

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

²⁶ Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

²⁷ Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

²⁸ Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

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

³⁰ And their territory was from Mesha, in the direction of Sephar, in the mountains to the east.

³¹ These are the sons of Shem, by their families, languages, lands and nations.

³² These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations. From these the nations spread out on the earth after the flood.

DASV: Genesis 11

¹ The whole earth had one language and used the same words.

² As they journeyed east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

³ They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them hard." They had brick for stone and tar for mortar.

⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build a city for ourselves, with a tower that reaches up to heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; lest we be scattered all over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men had built.

⁶ And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they all have one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do. Now nothing will stop them from what they plan to do.

⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language, so that they will not understand each other's speech."

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there all over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.

⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel; because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

¹⁰ This is the account of Shem's family.

When Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad two years after the flood.

¹¹ After he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹² When Arphaxad was 35 years old, he became the father of Shelah.

¹³ After he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁴ When Shelah was 30 years old, he became the father of Eber.

¹⁵ After he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

¹⁶ When Eber was 34 years old, he became the father of Peleg.

¹⁷ After he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

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

¹⁹ After he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

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

²¹ After he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

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

²³ After he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

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

²⁵ After he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

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

²⁷ This is the account of Terah's family.

Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran fathered Lot.

²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

²⁹ And Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah--the daughter of Haran, who was the father of both Milcah and Iscah.

³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹ Then Terah took Abram his son, and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and together they moved out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to go to the land of Canaan. But when they came to Haran they stayed there.

³² And the days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died there in Haran.

DASV: Genesis 12

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

³ And I will bless those who bless you, and he who curses you, I will curse. Through you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, his nephew Lot and all their possessions that they had accumulated, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. Then they came to the land of Canaan.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land to the site of Shechem, by the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanites were in the land at that time.

⁷ And the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." There he built an altar to the LORD who had appeared to him.

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

⁹ Then Abram continued journeying south by stages toward the Negev.

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down into Egypt to stay there since the famine was severe in the land.

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

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

¹³ So please say you are my sister that it may be well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared because of you."

¹⁴ So it happened that when Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman was very beautiful.

¹⁵ When Pharaoh's officials saw her, they recommended her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into Pharaoh's house.

¹⁶ So he treated Abram well for her sake and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, and male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷ But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram, and said, "What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"

¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now therefore here is your wife, take her, and get out of here."

²⁰ Then Pharaoh ordered his men concerning him, and they escorted him, his wife, and all that he had away.

DASV: Genesis 13

¹ So Abram left Egypt, he, his wife, and Lot and all that he had, and went into the Negev.

² Now Abram was very rich in livestock, silver and gold.

³ And he journeyed on from the Negev to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai.

⁴ This was the place where he had first made an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

⁵ Now Lot, who also traveled with Abram, had flocks, herds and tents.

⁶ And the land could not support both of them together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

⁷ So strife broke out between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

⁸ Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no conflict between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are family.

⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right. Or if you take the right, then I will go to the left.

¹⁰ Then Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the Jordan valley, that it was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. This was before the LORD had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

¹¹ So Lot chose all the Jordan valley. Then Lot traveled east and they separated from each other.

¹² Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot settled in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

¹³ Now the men of Sodom were wicked and great sinners against the LORD.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Abram, after that Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes, and look toward the north, south, east and west;

¹⁵ for all the land that you see, I will give to you and to your descendants forever.

¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if a person can count the dust of the earth, then your seed also will be able to be counted.

¹⁷ Get up, walk through the length and breadth of the land; for I will give it to you."

¹⁸ Then Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron. There he built an altar to the LORD.

DASV: Genesis 14

¹ In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim,

² they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

³ All these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt or Dead Sea).

⁴ For twelve years they served Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵ So in the fourteenth year Kedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,

⁶ and the Horites in the mountains of Seir, as far as El-paran, on the edge of the wilderness.

⁷ Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is Kadesh), and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and prepared for battle against them in the Valley of Siddim;

⁹ against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar--four kings against the five.

¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled some fell into them, while the rest fled into the hills.

¹¹ So the victors seized all the plunder of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food, and went their way.

¹² They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, who lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

¹³ But one who escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew who lived by the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner who were Abram's allies.

¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he mustered 318 of his trained men, born in his house, and pursued as far as Dan.

¹⁵ Now he divided his forces against them at night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them to Hobah, just north of Damascus.

¹⁶ Then he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his nephew Lot with his goods, and the women and the people.

¹⁷ After his return from his victory over Kedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.

¹⁹ And he blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, but take the goods for yourself."

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand swearing to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

²³ that I will not take even a thread or a thong of a sandal or anything that is yours, so that you will never say, 'I made Abram rich.'

²⁴ I will accept what my young men have eaten, and the share for the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their share."

DASV: Genesis 15

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield, and your reward will be very great."

² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what will you give me, since I am still childless, and Eliezer of Damascus is the heir of my estate?"

³ Then Abram said, "Look, you have given me no children, so one of my servants will be my heir."

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir. But a son coming from your own body will be your heir."

⁵ Then he brought him outside, and said, "Look up at the heavens, and count the stars, if you can count them." Then he said to him, "that's how many your descendants will be."

⁶ And Abram believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then the LORD said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land as your possession."

⁸ But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will inherit it?"

⁹ And the LORD said to him, "Bring me a three-year old heifer, a three-year old female goat, a three-year old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ So Abram brought him all these, and cut them in two, and laid each half beside the other. But he did not cut the birds in two.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² Now as the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep; and a deep and dreadful darkness came over him.

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and they will be slaves and oppressed there for four hundred years.

¹⁴ But I will punish that nation that they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great wealth.

¹⁵ But you will go to your fathers in peace. You will be buried in a good old age.

¹⁶ And they will come back here after fourth generations, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

¹⁷ When the sun went down, and it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

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

¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,

²⁰ Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,

²¹ Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.

DASV: Genesis 16

¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian servant, whose name was Hagar.

² Sarai said to Abram, "Look now, the LORD has prevented me from having children. Go, sleep with my servant; perhaps I may obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

³ So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar, her Egyptian servant, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.

⁴ Now Abram slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When she saw that she was pregnant, she despised her mistress Sarai.

⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for this wrong done to me. I gave my servant into your embrace and when she saw that she was pregnant, she despised me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, "Look, your servant is under your authority. Do to her whatever you think best." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, so she ran away from her.

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, the spring beside the road to Shur.

⁸ And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from and where are you going?" Then she said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai."

⁹ Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority."

¹⁰ The angel of the LORD said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will not be able to be numbered."

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Look, you are pregnant and will give birth to a son. And you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

¹² He will be a wild donkey of a man. His hand will be against every one, and every one's hand will be against him. He will live having hostility against all his kin."

¹³ So she called on the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are the God who sees me;" for she asked, "Have I really seen the One who sees me?"

¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer-lahai-roi. It is between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ So Hagar bore Abram a son. And Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

¹⁶ Now Abram was 86 years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

DASV: Genesis 17

¹ When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me, and be blameless.

² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will give you numerous descendants."

³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you, you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

⁵ No longer will your name be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham because I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

⁶ I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will make nations from you, and kings will come from you.

⁷ I establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

⁸ I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land where you are now a foreigner, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

⁹ Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you, and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

¹⁰ This is my covenant, that you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you will be circumcised.

¹¹ You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

¹² Throughout your generations, every male will be circumcised when he is eight days old, including anyone born in your household, even any foreigner bought with money who is not of your offspring.

¹³ Whether one is born in your house, or purchased with your money, they must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be marked in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name will be Sarah.

¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. Yes, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face, laughed and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to him that is a hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth?"

¹⁸ Then Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live before you!"

¹⁹ But God said, "No, Sarah your wife will bear you a son; and you shall call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

²⁰ Now as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Look, I will bless him too, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He will be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year."

²² When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all who were born in his house, and all who had been bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskin that very same day, just as God told him to do.

²⁴ And Abraham was 99 years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁵ And Ishmael his son was thirteen, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

²⁶ In the same day, Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised.

²⁷ And all the men of his household, those born in the house, and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

DASV: Genesis 18

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat by the entrance of the tent in the heat of the day.

² He lifted up his eyes and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent, and bowed down to the ground.

³ He said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your eyes, do not pass by your servant.

⁴ Let a little water be brought, so you can wash your feet and rest under the tree.

⁵ And let me fetch a little bread, so you may refresh yourselves before continuing on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "All right do as you have said."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quick. Take three measures of fine flour. Knead it and make bread."

⁷ Then Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a servant who quickly prepared it.

⁸ Then he took curds and milk along with the calf he had prepared, and set it before them. He stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he replied, "There, in the tent."

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will certainly return to you at this time next year; and Sarah, your wife, will have a son." And Sarah was listening by the entrance of the tent behind him.

¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, and well on in years. Sarah was long past the age of childbearing.

¹² So Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "Can a worn-out woman and a old man finally have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'"

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? When I return to you next year at this time, Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. Then he said, "No, you did laugh."

¹⁶ Then the men got up from the meal and looked out toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to send them on their way.

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

¹⁸ since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him?"

¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he may instruct his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what he has promised him."

²⁰ So the LORD said, "Because the cry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is so grievous;

²¹ I will go down and see if they are as bad as the outcry against them that has come to me. If not, then I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood in front of the LORD.

²³ Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous in the city, will you sweep it away and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are in it?

²⁵ Surely you will not do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous are treated like the wicked. Far be it from you. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶ Then the LORD replied, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous inside the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Then Abraham answered, "Since I have been so bold to speak to the Lord, I, who am but dust and ashes,

²⁸ what if five of the fifty righteous are lacking, will you destroy all the city for lack of five?" Then he said, "I will not destroy it, if I find there forty-five."

²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "What if there are only forty found there?" And he said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."

³⁰ Then he said, "Please, Lord, do not get angry if I speak, what if there are thirty found there?" And he said, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

³¹ Then he said, "Since I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, what if there are twenty found there." And he said, "I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake."

³² Finally Abraham said, "Oh, let the Lord not be angry, but I will speak one more time, what if ten are found there." And he said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

³³ Then the LORD went on his way after he had finished speaking with Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

DASV: Genesis 19

¹ The two angels came to Sodom, in the evening, as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he stood up to meet them and bowed with his face to the ground.

² He said, "My lords, turn aside to your servant's house, and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you can get up early and be on your way." "No," they replied "we will spend the night in the city square."

³ But he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house. He made a feast for them, baking unleavened bread, and they ate.

⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, from every part of the city surrounded the house.

⁵ Then they called to Lot, "Where are the men that came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we can have sex with them."

⁶ But Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him.

⁷ and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly.

⁸ Look, I have two daughters that have not known a man; please let me bring them out to you, and you can do to them as you wish. Only do not do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."

⁹ Then they retorted, "Stand back." And they said, "This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to judge us. Now we will deal worse with you, than with them." And they pressed in hard against Lot to break the door down.

¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them and shut the door.

¹¹ Then they struck the men at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out trying to find the door.

¹² Then the men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here? Do you have any sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone else in the city? Get them out of this place.

¹³ For we will destroy this place, since the outcry against this place has become great before the LORD, so the LORD sent us to destroy it."

¹⁴ Then Lot went and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were going to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up and get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking.

¹⁵ The next morning the angels hurried Lot along, saying, "Get up, take your wife, and your two daughters that are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of this city."

¹⁶ But he hesitated, so the men grabbed his hand, and the hand of his wife, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and put him outside the city.

¹⁷ When they had brought them out, one of them said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains or you will be swept away."

¹⁸ But Lot said to them, "No, please, my lords.

¹⁹ Look now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness by saving my life, but I cannot escape to the mountains or disaster will overtake me and I will die.

²⁰ Look, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is a small one. Let me escape there--is it not a little one?--and my life shall be saved."

²¹ And he said to him, "Alright, I will grant you this favor also, and I will not overthrow the town which you have spoken of.

²² But hurry, escape there; for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

²³ The sun was rising on the land as Lot reached Zoar.

²⁴ Then the LORD rained down on Sodom and on Gomorrah burning sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

²⁵ So he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and even the vegetation that grew upon the ground.

²⁶ But his wife, behind him, looked back, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

²⁷ Early the next morning Abraham got up and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

²⁸ He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and the smoke rose from the land like the smoke from a furnace.

²⁹ So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, then God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the destruction, when he destroyed the cities in which Lot lived.

³⁰ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountains, with his two daughters; for he feared to live in Zoar. So he and his two daughter lived in a cave.

³¹ Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man in the earth to marry us as is customary throughout all the earth.

³² Come, let us get our father drunk, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve the family line of our father."

³³ So they got their father drunk that night. Then the firstborn went in, and slept with her father; and he was unaware of when she lay down and when she got up.

³⁴ The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Last night I slept with my father; let us get him drunk again tonight and you go and sleep with him, that we may preserve the family line of our father."

³⁵ So they got their father drunk that night too, and the younger arose, and slept with him; and he was unaware of when she lay down, and when she got up.

³⁶ Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

³⁷ And the firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day.

³⁸ And the younger, also bore a son, and named him Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

DASV: Genesis 20

¹ From there Abraham journeyed toward the region of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur. He stayed for a while in Gerar.

² Then Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." So Abimelech, king of Gerar, sent and took Sarah.

³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream at night, and said to him, "You are as good as dead, because of the woman you have taken; for she is a married woman."

⁴ Now Abimelech had not gone near her. And he said, "Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation?"

⁵ Did he not tell me himself, 'She is my sister?' Even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' I have done this with a clear conscience. My hands are clean."

⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this with a clear conscience, so I stopped you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her.

⁷ Now then return the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. And if you do not return her, know that you will surely die, you, and all who belong to you."

⁸ So Abimelech got up early in the morning, called all his servants, and rehearsed all these things in their ears; and they were very afraid.

⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you that you would bring such great guilt on me and on my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done."

¹⁰ Abimelech asked Abraham, "What prompted you to do such a thing?"

¹¹ Abraham replied, "Because I thought, 'There is no fear of God in this place, they will kill me because of my wife.'

¹² Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not of my mother; and she became my wife.

¹³ When God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is how you can do to show me loyal love. Everywhere we go, say about me, 'He is my brother.'"

¹⁴ Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and he gave back Sarah his wife to him.

¹⁵ And Abimelech said, "Look, my land is before you. Live wherever you want."

¹⁶ To Sarah he said, "I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is compensation in the eyes to all that are with you. You are completely vindicated."

¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his female servants so that once again they could have children.

¹⁸ For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

DASV: Genesis 21

¹ The LORD visited Sarah just as he said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised.

² So Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time that God had said it would happen.

³ Then Abraham named his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore, Isaac.

⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had instructed him.

⁵ Now Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born.

⁶ Sarah exclaimed, "God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears this will laugh with me."

⁷ She said, "Who would have ever said to Abraham, that Sarah should nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

⁸ The child grew, and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹ When Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking,

¹⁰ she said to Abraham, "Throw out this slave girl and her son. For the son of this slave girl will not be heir along with my son Isaac."

¹¹ Now this issue was very troubling to Abraham because of his son Ishmael.

¹² Then God said to Abraham, "Do not be upset over the boy, or your slave girl. Listen to all Sarah has said to you. For your descendants will be counted through Isaac.

¹³ And I will make the son of the slave girl into a nation too, because he is your offspring."

¹⁴ So Abraham got up early in the morning, took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. She left and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the shrubs.

¹⁶ Then she went and sat down across from him about a bow shot away. For she said, "Do not let me watch the death of the child." So she sat across from him, lifted up her voice and wept.

¹⁷ Then God heard the voice of the boy. And the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What's wrong, Hagar? Fear not. For God has heard the voice of the boy there.

¹⁸ Get up, pick up the boy, and hold him by the hand. For I will make him into a great nation."

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ Now God was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and as he grew up he became an archer.

²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got him a wife from of the land of Egypt.

²² At that time, Abimelech and Phicol, the captain of his army, said to Abraham, "God is with you in everything you do.

²³ Now therefore, swear to me by God that you will not deal falsely with me, or with my son, or with my son's son. But according to the loyal kindness that I have shown you, you show to me, and to the land where you have lived as a foreigner."

²⁴ Then Abraham said, "I swear to it."

²⁵ But Abraham complained to Abimelech about the well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized.

²⁶ Then Abimelech replied, "I do not know who did this. You did not tell me, and I had not even heard of it until today."

²⁷ So Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech. And they made a treaty.

²⁸ Abraham set apart seven female lambs of the flock by themselves.

²⁹ Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven female lambs mean which you have set apart by themselves?"

³⁰ And he said, "Accept these seven female lambs from my hand, as a witness proving that I dug this well."

³¹ That is why he called that place Beersheba, because the two of them swore an oath there.

³² So they made a treaty at Beersheba. Abimelech and Phicol, the captain of his army, got up and returned to the land of the Philistines.

³³ Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

³⁴ So Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines many days.

DASV: Genesis 22

¹ Some time after these things, God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham." And he answered, "Here I am."

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

³ So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, took two of his young servants with him, and Isaac his son. After he chopped the wood for the burnt offering, he got up, and went to the place God told him about.

⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place in the distance.

⁵ Then Abraham said to his young servants, "Stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I will go over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, and laid it on his son Isaac. Then he took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them went on together.

⁷ Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father." He answered, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Look, here is the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ And Abraham replied, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went on together.

⁹ Then they came to the place God had told him about. There Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰ Abraham reached out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹ Then the angel of the LORD called to him out of heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham." And he answered, "Here I am."

¹² And he said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

¹³ Then Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. Abraham went over and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh-yireh--the LORD will provide. It is said even to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ Now the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

¹⁶ and said, "I have sworn by myself," said the LORD, "because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will possess the gate of their enemies.

¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young servants, and they got up and went on together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

²⁰ Some time after these things, Abraham was told, "Look, Milcah has borne children to your brother Nahor:

²¹ Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

²² Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, Bethuel."

²³ Now Bethuel fathered Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

²⁴ And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

DASV: Genesis 23

¹ Now Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of Sarah's life.

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

³ Then Abraham got up from beside his dead wife, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,

⁴ "I am a stranger and a foreigner among you. Sell me a piece of land for a burial site among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

⁵ And the Hittites answered Abraham, saying,

⁶ "Hear us, my lord. You are a mighty prince among us. You may bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb for burying your dead."

⁷ Then Abraham got up and bowed down before the people of the land, the Hittites.

⁸ And he said to them, "If you should agree I may bury my dead out of my sight, then hear me, and intercede with Ephron the son of Zohar for me,

⁹ that he may sell me the cave of Machpelah, that he has; it is at the end of his field. I will pay him full price to acquire it for me in your presence for a burial site."

¹⁰ Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth; and Ephron, the Hittite, answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, who had come to the town gate, saying,

¹¹ "No, my lord. Hear me out. I give you the field and the cave in it. In the presence of the children of my people, I give it to you. Bury your dead."

¹² And Abraham bowed down before the people of the land.

¹³ Then he spoke to Ephron in their hearing of the people of the land, "But if you will, please hear me out. I will give the price of the field. Accept it from me, so that I may bury my dead there."

¹⁴ Ephron answered Abraham,

¹⁵ "My lord, listen to me, the piece of land is worth 400 shekels of silver, but what is that between me and you? Bury your dead."

¹⁶ So Abraham agreed to pay Ephron. Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had stipulated in the hearing of the Hittites, 400 shekels of silver, according to the current weights among the merchants.

¹⁷ So the field of Ephron, in Machpelah, that is east of Mamre, the field and the cave in it, and all the trees that were in the field, and all around its border was secured

¹⁸ for Abraham for a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who entered the gate of his town.

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

²⁰ So the field, and the cave in it, were secured by Abraham as property for a burial site from the Hittites.

DASV: Genesis 24

¹ Now Abraham was old, well on in years, and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

² Abraham said to his servant, the oldest in his house who had charge over all he had, "Put your hand under my thigh.

³ I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live.

⁴ But go instead to my country and to my relatives and find a wife for my son Isaac."

⁵ Then the servant said to him, "What if the woman is not willing to follow me back to this land. Should I bring your son back to the land from which you came?"

⁶ Abraham replied to him, "Be careful never to bring my son back there.

⁷ For the LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, spoke swearing to me, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' He will send his angel before you, so that you may find a wife for my son from there.

⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you are freed from this my oath. Only do not bring my son back there again."

⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master's camels, and left with all kinds of gifts from his master in his hand. He arose and set out for the city of Nahor in Aram-Naharaim.

¹¹ He made the camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water as evening was near, at the time when women go out to draw water.

¹² So he prayed, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show faithful love to my master Abraham.

¹³ Here I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the people of the city are coming out to draw water.

¹⁴ Let it be that the woman to whom I say, 'Let down your jug, that I may drink.' May she reply, 'Drink, and I will give your camels water also.' Let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. This is how I will know that you have shown faithful love to my master."

¹⁵ Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jug upon her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, who was the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother.

¹⁶ And the young woman was very beautiful, a virgin, who had never slept with a man. She went down to the spring, and filled her jug, and came up.

¹⁷ Then the servant hurried to meet her, and said, "Please, give me a drink of water from your jug."

¹⁸ She replied, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly lowered her jug to her hand and gave him a drink.

¹⁹ When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough."

²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jug into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw water, and drew it for all his camels.

²¹ The man silently watched her to determine whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold,

²³ and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please, tell me. Is there room for us to stay in your father's house?"

²⁴ She answered, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son that Milcah bore to Nahor."

²⁵ She added, "We have enough straw and feed and a room for you to spend the night."

²⁶ Then the man bowed his head, and worshipped the LORD.

²⁷ He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loyal love and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the LORD has led me straight to the house of my master's relatives."

²⁸ The young woman ran, and told her mother's household about these things.

²⁹ Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban; and Laban ran out to meet the man, at the spring.

³⁰ As soon as he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This is what the man said to me," he approached the man, who was standing by the camels near the spring.

³¹ He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why are you standing outside? For I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels."

³² So the man went into the house, and Laban unloaded the camels. He gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men traveling with him.

³³ Food was served for him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat, until I have said what I need to say." Laban replied, "Tell us."

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant."

³⁵ The LORD has blessed my master greatly and he has become very wealthy. And he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants and camels and donkeys.

³⁶ Sarah, my master's wife, bore my master a son when she was old. And to him he has given all that he has.

³⁷ Now my master made me swear, saying, 'You must not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell.

³⁸ But you must go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and find a wife for my son.'

³⁹ Then I said to my master, 'What if the woman will not come back with me.'

⁴⁰ He said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and make your journey successful. You will find a wife for my son from among my relatives and from my father's house.'

⁴¹ When you come to my relatives, if they will not give her to you, then you are free from my oath.'

⁴² So I came this day to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if you are making my journey successful,

⁴³ here I am standing by the spring of water then let it be that when the young woman comes to draw water, and I will say to her, "Please, give me a little water from your jug to drink."

⁴⁴ Then she will say to me, "Drink, both you, and I will also draw water for your camels." May this be the woman whom the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ Before I had finished speaking in my heart, here came Rebekah with her jug on her shoulder. And she went down to the spring, and drew water. And I said to her, 'Please, give me a drink.'

⁴⁶ And she quickly let down her jug from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels a drink too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels too.

⁴⁷ And I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she replied, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore him.' So I put the ring in her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who led me in the right way to take my master's brother's granddaughter for his son.

⁴⁹ Now if you will show loyal love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; so that I will know whether to go to the left or right."

⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing has come from the LORD. We cannot speak to you anything either bad or good.

⁵¹ Look, Rebekah is before your, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken."

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

⁵³ And the servant brought out jewels of silver and gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave her brother and her mother precious gifts.

⁵⁴ Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and he stayed the night. When they got up in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my master."

⁵⁵ But her brother and mother said, "Let the girl stay with us a while, at the least ten days and after that she may go."

⁵⁶ But he requested, "Do not delay me seeing the LORD has made my journey successful. Let me leave that I may go to my master."

⁵⁷ Then they replied, "We will call the girl, and ask her."

⁵⁸ So they called Rebekah, and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" And she answered, "I will go."

⁵⁹ So they sent off Rebekah their sister and her nurse, along with Abraham's servant and his men.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, "Our sister, may you be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your offspring possess the gate of their enemies."

⁶¹ Then Rebekah got up and her servant girls, and they rode on the camels, and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi, for he lived in the Negev.

⁶³ Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening. And as he lifted up his eyes he looked and saw there were camels approaching.

⁶⁴ When Rebekah lifted up her eyes and saw Isaac, she dismounted the camel.

⁶⁵ Then she said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "It is my master." And she took her veil, and covered herself.

⁶⁶ Then the servant told Isaac everything he had done.

⁶⁷ So Isaac brought her to his mother Sarah's tent, married Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

DASV: Genesis 25

¹ Abraham took another wife named Keturah.

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

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

⁴ The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida and Eldaah. All these were the descendants of Keturah.

⁵ Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

⁶ But to the sons of the concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living. And he sent them away from Isaac his son, to the east country.

⁷ And Abraham lived 175 years.

⁸ Abraham breathed his last, dying in a good old age, full of years, and he was gathered to his ancestors.

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

¹⁰ This was field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. Abraham was buried there with Sarah his wife.

¹¹ After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac lived near Beer-lahai-roi.

¹² Now this is the account of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham.

¹³ These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in order of their birth: Nebaioth, Ishmael's firstborn, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

¹⁴ Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

¹⁵ Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.

¹⁶ These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and their camps, twelve princes according to their tribes.

¹⁷ Ishmael lived 137 years, and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his ancestors.

¹⁸ They settled from Havilah to Shur that is near the eastern border of Egypt, as you go toward Assyria. They settled away from all their relatives.

¹⁹ This is the account of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham fathered Isaac.

²⁰ Isaac married Rebekah when he was forty years old. She was the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram and the sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was childless. And the LORD answered him, and Rebekah his wife became pregnant.

²² But the children struggled together within her. And she said, "If this is the way it's going to be, why is happening to me?" And she went to ask the LORD.

²³ The LORD answered her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples will be separated from inside you. One people will be stronger than the other people. The elder will serve the younger."

²⁴ When it was time for the delivery, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵ The first came out red all over, like a hairy coat. So they called him Esau.

²⁶ When his brother came out his hand was grabbing onto Esau's heel. So he was named Jacob. Now Isaac was 60 years old when they were born.

²⁷ As the boys grew, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.

²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he ate his wild game. But Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came in from the field and he was famished.

³⁰ So Esau said to Jacob, "Please, give me some of that red stew. I'm starved." That is why he was called Edom--Red.

³¹ And Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

³² Then Esau responded, "Look, I'm about to die. What good is the birthright to me?"

³³ Jacob demanded, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him. And he sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. He ate and drank, then got up, and went on his way. So Esau despised his birthright.

DASV: Genesis 26

¹ There was a famine in the land, after the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, at Gerar.

² The LORD appeared to him, and said, "Do not go down to Egypt. Settle in the land that I will tell you about.

³ Remain in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you. For to you and your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will keep the oath that I promised to Abraham your father.

⁴ I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give to your descendants all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

⁵ This will happen because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws."

⁶ So Isaac settled in Gerar.

⁷ When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister." For he was afraid to say, "She is my wife." For he thought, "the men of this place will kill me for Rebekah, because she is so beautiful."

⁸ After Isaac had been there quite a while, Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looked out the window, and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah.

⁹ So Abimelech summoned Isaac, and said, "Look, surely she is your wife. Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac replied, "Because I thought, I might die because of her."

¹⁰ Then Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us."

¹¹ So Abimelech ordered all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife will surely be put to death."

¹² Now Isaac sowed in that land, and he reaped that same year a hundredfold because the LORD blessed him.

¹³ The man became rich, and grew in wealth until he became very wealthy.

¹⁴ He acquired flocks, herds and a great household so that the Philistines were jealous of him.

¹⁵ So the Philistines filled all the wells with dirt that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.

¹⁶ Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Leave us. For you have become more powerful than we are."

¹⁷ So Isaac left there, and camped in the valley of Gerar, and settled there.

¹⁸ Isaac reopened the wells, that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he gave the wells the same names that his father had called them.

¹⁹ Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and discovered there a well of fresh water.

²⁰ But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, meaning "argument", because there they argued with him.

²¹ Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one too. So he called the name of it Sitnah, meaning "hostility".

²² Then he moved from there, and dug another well. And they did not quarrel over that one. So he called the name of it Rehoboth, meaning "room". And he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we will prosper in this land."

²³ From there he went up to Beersheba.

²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

²⁵ So he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD. He pitched his tent there, and Isaac's servants dug a well there.

²⁶ Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar, along with Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the commander of his army.

²⁷ Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, seeing you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

²⁸ They replied, "We see clearly that the LORD is with you. And we said, 'Let there be a treaty between us, and let us make a covenant with you,

²⁹ that you will not harm us, just as we have not harmed you, but we have done nothing but good to you, and have sent you away in peace. You are now blessed by the LORD.'"

³⁰ So Isaac made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

³¹ Early the next morning they got up, and swore an oath to one another. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left him in peace.

³² That same day, Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well that they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

³³ So he called it Shibah ("oath"). Therefore to this day the name of the city is Beersheba meaning, well of the oath.

³⁴ Now when Esau was forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

³⁵ And they were a cause of grief for Isaac and Rebekah.

DASV: Genesis 27

¹ Now when Isaac was old, and his eyes were so clouded that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, "My son." He replied, "Here I am."

² Isaac said, "Look now, I am old, I do not know the day of my death.

³ Now please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt some wild game for me.

⁴ Then prepare me some delicious food, just the way I like it, and bring it to me so that I may eat and bless you before I die."

⁵ But Rebekah overheard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. Esau went to the field to hunt for game, and to bring it back.

⁶ Then Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, "Look, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,

⁷ 'Bring me wild game, and make me some delicious food, so that I may eat and bless you before the LORD before I die.'

⁸ Now therefore, my son, listen to me, do exactly what I tell you.

⁹ Go to the flock, and bring me two choice young goats. And I will prepare them as delicious food for your father, just the way he likes it.

¹⁰ Then you will bring it to your father, so that he may eat and bless you before he dies."

¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I have smooth skin.

¹² What if my father touches me? I will be found to be deceiving him and I will bring a curse on myself rather than a blessing."

¹³ Then his mother replied, "Let your curse come on me, my son. Just obey my voice, and go get them for me."

¹⁴ So he went, and got them for his mother. And his mother made delicious food, just the way his father liked it.

¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her elder son, that she had in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

¹⁶ And she put skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

¹⁷ Then she gave to her son Jacob the delicious food and bread she had prepared.

¹⁸ So he came to his father, and said, "My father." And he said, "Here am I. Who are you my son?"

¹⁹ Then Jacob replied to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done just as you told me. Now sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may bless me."

²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God granted me success."

²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, so that I may touch you, my son, to determine whether you are really my son Esau or not."

²² So Jacob drew near to Isaac his father, and he touched him, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

²³ He did not recognize him, because his hands were as hairy as his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.

²⁴ Then he asked, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he replied, "I am."

²⁵ So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, then I will bless you." So he brought it to him and he ate. He also brought him wine and he drank.

²⁶ His father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son."

²⁷ So he came and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothes, and blessed him, saying, "Ah, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.

²⁸ May God give you from the dew of heaven and from the richness of the earth, plenty of grain and new wine.

²⁹ Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. May you be master over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be every one that curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you."

³⁰ As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob was scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹ He too made delicious food and brought it to his father. Then he said to his father, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may bless me."

³² But Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?" And he replied, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

³³ Then Isaac shook violently, and said, "Who was it that just hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it just before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he will be blessed."

³⁴ When Esau heard the words of his father, he wailed with a loud and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me too, my father."

³⁵ But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and has taken away your blessing."

³⁶ Esau responded, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright and now he has taken away my blessing." Then he asked, "Have you not reserved any blessing for me?"

³⁷ Then Isaac answered Esau, "Look, I have made him your master and I have given him all his brothers as servants. I have sustained him with grain and new wine. What can I do now for you, my son?"

³⁸ Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, O my father." Then Esau lifted up his voice and wept aloud.

³⁹ Isaac his father answered, "Your dwelling will be away from the richness of the earth, and from the dew of heaven above.

⁴⁰ And you will live by your sword and you will serve your brother. And it will come to pass, when you break free you will break his yoke from off your neck."

⁴¹ So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are near. Then will I kill my brother Jacob."

⁴² When Rebekah was told the words of Esau her elder son, she sent for Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Look, your brother Esau, is comforting himself by planning to kill you.

⁴³ Now therefore, my son, do what I say. Get up, flee to Laban my brother in Haran.

⁴⁴ Stay with him a while, until your brother's fury settles down.

⁴⁵ When your brother's anger subsides, and he forgets what you have done to him, then I will send and bring you back from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am sick to death of these Hittite women. If Jacob marries a Hittite woman like the women of this land, what good will my life be to me?"

DASV: Genesis 28

¹ So Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him and ordered him, "Do not marry a Canaanite woman.

² Get up and go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father. Find your wife there from one of the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.

³ May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may become a large nation.

⁴ May He give you the blessing of Abraham, and to your descendants after you, that you may possess the land where you now live as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham."

⁵ Then Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

⁶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to find a wife there and that he blessed him commanding him, "You shall not marry a Canaanite woman,"

⁷ and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Paddan-aram,

⁸ Esau realized that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father.

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

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹ And he arrived at a certain place, and he stayed there all night, since the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down to sleep in that place.

¹² Then he dreamed of a ladder set up on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

¹³ The LORD stood at the top of it, and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The ground on which you lie, I will give to you and to your descendants.

¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, east, north and south. Through you and your offspring will all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ I am with you, and will protect you wherever you go, and will bring you back again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep, and he said, "Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it."

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

¹⁸ Jacob got up early the next morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up as a memorial pillar, and poured olive oil on the top of it.

¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel. But the name of the city was formerly called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will protect me in this journey that I am taking, and will give me bread to eat, and clothes to wear,

²¹ and I will return to my father's house safely, then the LORD will be my God,

²² then this stone, which I have set up for a memorial pillar, will be God's house and I will give you a tenth of all that you give me."

DASV: Genesis 29

¹ Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east.

² He saw a well in the field with three flocks of sheep lying there beside it, for the flocks were watered from the well. A large stone covered the well's mouth.

³ After all the flocks gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would put the stone back again in its place on the well's mouth.

⁴ Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they replied, "We are from Haran."

⁵ So he asked them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they answered, "We know him."

⁶ Then he asked them, "Is he doing well?" And they replied, "Yes, he is well and look, here comes Rachel, his daughter, with the sheep."

⁷ He said, "Look it is still broad daylight, it is not time for the flocks to be rounded up. Water the sheep and then take them back to graze some more."

⁸ But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well. Then we water the sheep."

⁹ While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she tended them.

¹⁰ As soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob went over and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban, his mother's brother.

¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud.

¹² Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative, and that he was Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.

¹³ When Laban heard this news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran out to meet him, and embraced him, kissed him and brought him to his house. Then Jacob told Laban all these things.

¹⁴ Then Laban said to him, "Surely you are my flesh and blood." And he stayed with him for a month.

¹⁵ Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my relative, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be?"

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah and the younger one was Rachel.

¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak. But Rachel had a beautiful figure and appearance.

¹⁸ Now Jacob loved Rachel. So he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."

¹⁹ Laban responded, "It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel. But they seemed to him like a few days, because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may marry her, for I have finished the days of my agreement."

²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast.

²³ But when evening came he took his daughter Leah and brought her to him. And Jacob slept with her.

²⁴ Laban gave Zilpah, his female servant, to his daughter Leah for a servant.

²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah. So Jacob complained to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did not I serve you for Rachel? Why have you tricked me?"

²⁶ Then Laban replied, "It is not our custom to marry off the younger before the firstborn.

²⁷ Complete this one's week, then we will give you the younger one too for the service of another seven years."

²⁸ Jacob did so and finished Leah's week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

²⁹ Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, Bilhah his female servant to be her servant.

³⁰ So Jacob slept with Rachel and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, he opened her womb. But Rachel was barren.

³² So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "The LORD has seen my affliction. Surely now my husband will love me."

³³ She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, he has given me this son also." So she named him Simeon.

³⁴ She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now, this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he was called Levi.

³⁵ She conceived again and bore a son and she said, "This time will I praise the LORD." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

DASV: Genesis 30

¹ When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I will die."

² Jacob became angry with Rachel and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?"

³ Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah, sleep with her that she may bear children for me, so I also may have children through her."

⁴ So she gave him Bilhah her servant as a wife and Jacob slept with her.

⁵ Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son.

⁶ Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son." So she named him Dan.

⁷ Bilhah Rachel's servant conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son.

⁸ Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed." So she named him Naphtali.

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

¹⁰ Zilpah, Leah's servant, bore Jacob a son.

¹¹ Then Leah said, "How fortunate for me!" So she named him Gad.

¹² Zilpah Leah's servant bore Jacob a second son.

¹³ Then Leah said, "I am happy! For women will call me happy" So she named him Asher.

¹⁴ Now during the wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please, give me some your son's mandrakes."

¹⁵ But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you now take away my son's mandrakes too?" Then Rachel said, "He may sleep with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

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

¹⁷ Then God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

¹⁸ Leah said, "God has rewarded me, because I gave my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

¹⁹ Then Leah conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

²⁰ Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good dowry; now my husband will respect me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

²¹ After that she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and opened her womb.

²³ She conceived, and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my disgrace."

²⁴ So she named him Joseph, saying, "May the LORD add another son to me."

²⁵ And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go home to my own country.

²⁶ Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go, for you know my service how I have worked for you."

²⁷ Then Laban said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay here, for I learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me for your sake."

²⁸ Then he said, "Name your wages, and I will pay it."

²⁹ So Jacob replied to him, "You know how I have served you, and how your livestock have fared with me.

³⁰ For you had little before I came, and it has increased greatly; and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. Now when can I provide for my own family?"

³¹ Then he asked, "What shall I give you?" Jacob responded, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again tend and guard your flocks.

³² I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled or spotted sheep, and every black sheep, and all spotted or speckled goats will be my wages.

³³ So my honesty will answer for me later, when you shall come to oversee my wages paid me, every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, if found in my possession will be counted as stolen."

³⁴ Then Laban said, "Good, let it be just like you have said."

³⁵ So he removed that day the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black sheep, and gave them into the care of his sons.

³⁶ Then he set three days' journey between himself and Laban. And Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flocks.

³⁷ Jacob took rods from fresh poplar, almond and plane trees. He peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the branches.

³⁸ He set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink. They mated when they came to drink.

³⁹ When the flocks bred before the sticks, the flocks produced striped, speckled and spotted.

⁴⁰ Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. So he put his own flocks apart and did not put them with Laban's flock.

⁴¹ Whenever the stronger of the flock were mating, Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the watering troughs, that they might breed near the sticks;

⁴² but for the feeble of flock he did not put them in. So Laban got the feebler, and Jacob the stronger.

⁴³ Thus the man grew very wealthy, and had large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

DASV: Genesis 31

¹ Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken everything that was our father's. He has gotten rich off what belonged to our father."

² Jacob saw that Laban's attitude toward him was not as favorable as before.

³ Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers, and to your relatives; and I will be with you."

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

⁵ and said to them, "I see your father's attitude is not as favorable to me as before, but the God of my father has been with me.

⁶ Now you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

⁷ Yet your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God has not allowed him to harm me.

⁸ If he said, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the flock bore speckled; and if he said, 'The striped will be your wages,' then the whole flock bore striped.

⁹ In this way God has taken away your father's livestock, and given them to me.

¹⁰ Once, at the time when the flock mated I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, that the male goats that were mating with the flock were striped, speckled, and spotted.

¹¹ The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I answered, 'Here I am.'

¹² He said, 'Lift up your eyes, and see all the male goats that are mating with the flock are striped, speckled, and spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has done to you.

¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Get up now and get out of this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"

¹⁴ Then Rachel and Leah said to him, "Is there any portion or inheritance still left for us in our father's house?"

¹⁵ Are we not treated by him as foreigners? For he sold us, and has used up the money he got for us.

¹⁶ For all the riches which God has taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

¹⁷ Then Jacob got up, and put his sons and his wives on the camels,

¹⁸ and he took away all his livestock, and all his property that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, and set out for the land of Canaan where Isaac, his father was.

¹⁹ Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods.

²⁰ Jacob outwitted Laban the Aramean, by not telling him he was leaving.

²¹ So he fled with all that he had. He got up and passed over the Euphrates River and headed for the hill country of Gilead.

²² On the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled.

²³ So he gathered a group of his relatives with him, and pursued after him seven days until he caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁴ Then God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night, and said to him, "Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

²⁵ Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country and Laban with his relatives camped in the hill country of Gilead.

²⁶ Then Laban accused Jacob, "What have you done, that you deceived me, and carried off my daughters as captives of war?"

²⁷ Why did you flee secretly, and trick me, by not even telling me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and songs accompanied by tambourines and harps.

²⁸ Why did you not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now what you did was foolish.

²⁹ It is in the power of my hand to harm you, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob either good or bad.'

³⁰ Even though you needed to go because you longed to return to your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?"

³¹ Then Jacob answered Laban, "Because I was afraid. For I thought, 'Lest you would take your daughters from me by force.'

³² But with whomever you find your gods, they shall not live. Before our relatives, point out what is yours, and take it back." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods.

³³ So Laban went into Jacob's tent, then into Leah's tent, and then into the tent of the two female servants; but he did not find them. After he went out of Leah's tent, he entered into Rachel's tent.

³⁴ Now Rachel had taken the household gods, and hid them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. Laban thoroughly searched the tent, but did not find them.

³⁵ Then she said to her father, "Do not be angry my lord. I cannot rise before you for I am having my monthly period." Though he searched, he did not find the household gods.

³⁶ Then Jacob was angry and argued with Laban. "What is my offense? What is my sin that you have chased me down in hot pursuit?"

³⁷ Now that you have thoroughly searched through all my stuff, what have you found in all the household goods? Set it here before your relatives and mine, that they may judge between us.

³⁸ For twenty years have I been with you, your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

³⁹ That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you. I bare the loss of it myself. You made me pay for everything, whether it was stolen by day or night.

⁴⁰ This is what it was like, by day the heat consumed me, and at night it was the frost; and sleep fled from my eyes.

⁴¹ For twenty years have I labored in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flocks and you changed my wages ten times.

⁴² Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely even now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."

⁴³ Then Laban replied to Jacob, "These women are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne?"

⁴⁴ Now come, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between me and you."

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

⁴⁶ Then Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones," and they took stones and made a heap. Then they ate there beside the heap.

⁴⁷ And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

⁴⁸ Then Laban said, "This heap is witness between me and you this day." That is why it was named Galeed.

⁴⁹ It was also called Mizpah, for he said, "The LORD watch between me and you, when we are out of one another's sight.

⁵⁰ If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, though no one is with us; God is a witness between you and me."

⁵¹ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Look at this heap and the pillar, that I have set up between you and me.

⁵² This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to harm you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to harm me.

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

⁵⁴ Then Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his relatives to eat bread. They ate bread, and spent the night there in the hill country.

⁵⁵ Early the next morning Laban got up, kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. Then Laban left and went back home.

DASV: Genesis 32

¹ While Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him.

² Jacob exclaimed, "This is God's camp." So he named the place Mahanaim.

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

⁴ He told them, "This is what you shall say to my lord Esau: 'This is what your servant Jacob says, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now.

⁵ I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, so that I may find favor in your sight.'"

⁶ The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We went to your brother Esau. He is already coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him."

⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. So he divided the people who were with him, the flocks, herds, and camels, into two camps.

⁸ For he thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one camp, then the other camp that is left may escape."

⁹ Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who told me, 'Return to your country, and to your relatives, and I will do you good.'

¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the kindness and faithfulness that you have shown to your servant; for with just my walking stick I passed over this Jordan River; and now I have two camps.

¹¹ Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, along with the mothers and children.

¹² And you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, too many to be counted.'"

¹³ So he spent the night there. Then he took from what he had with him and sent it as a gift to his brother Esau:

¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

¹⁵ thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

¹⁶ He delivered these into the hand of his servants, each herd separately, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and put a space between each of the herds."

¹⁷ Then he instructed the first group, "When Esau my brother meets you, and asks, 'To whom do you belong?' or 'Where are you going?' or 'To whom do these animals ahead of you belong?'

¹⁸ then you will say, 'They are your servant Jacob's. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau. And look, he himself is coming behind us.'"

¹⁹ Then he also instructed the second, and third, and all that followed the herds, saying, "You are to say the same thing to Esau, when you meet him.

²⁰ And you will say, 'Look your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I will appease him by sending gifts ahead of me. After that I will see his face; perhaps then he will accept me."

²¹ So the gifts were sent on ahead of him, while Jacob himself spent that night in the camp.

²² That same night he got up, and took his two wives, his two female servants, his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ Then he took them, and sent them across the stream, and also sent over everything that he had.

²⁴ So Jacob was left alone. Then a man wrestled with him until the daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overcome him, he touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated, while he wrestled with him.

²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go, until you bless me."

²⁷ Then he asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, "Jacob."

²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please, tell me your name." And he replied, "Why do you ask about my name?" And he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, "I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been spared."

³¹ When the sun rose as he crossed over Peniel, he limped because of his hip.

³² Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the tendon attached to the hip socket, because he struck Jacob's hip socket tendon.

DASV: Genesis 33

¹ Then Jacob lifted up his eyes, and saw Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two female servants.

² He put the female servants and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

³ Then he himself went on ahead of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, as he approached his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, hugged his neck and kissed him. They wept.

⁵ Then he lifted up his eyes and saw the women and the children, and asked, "Who are these with you?" And Jacob answered, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

⁶ Then the female servants came forward, they and their children, and bowed down.

⁷ Then Leah and her children came up, and bowed down. Finally, Rachel and Joseph approached and bowed down.

⁸ Then Esau asked, "What do you mean by sending all this company that I met?" And Jacob answered, "To find favor in the your sight, my lord."

⁹ Then Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

¹⁰ But Jacob insisted, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then receive my gift from my hand; forasmuch as I have seen your face, as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

¹¹ Take, I beg you, my gift that was brought to you; because God has dealt graciously with me, and I have plenty." So Jacob urged him, and Esau took it.

¹² Then Esau said, "Let us be on our way. Let's go. I will go in front of you."

¹³ But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds are nursing their young. If they are driven too hard for even one day, all the flocks will die.

¹⁴ Please, may my lord, go on ahead of his servant and I will follow more slowly, according to the pace of the herds and the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

¹⁵ So Esau suggested, "Let me now leave some of my men with you." And Jacob responded, "What need is there for that? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

¹⁷ But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, where he built a house and made shelters for his livestock. So the name of the place is called Succoth.

¹⁸ When Jacob came safely to the town of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, after he left Paddan-aram, he camped near the town.

¹⁹ Then he bought the parcel of land where he had pitched his tent, from the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of silver.

²⁰ There he erected an altar, and called it El Elohe Israel.

DASV: Genesis 34

¹ Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the young women of the land.

² Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, seized her, and lay with her, and humiliated her.

³ Yet his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl, and spoke affectionately to her.

⁴ Then Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, "Get me this girl for my wife."

⁵ When Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob remained silent until they arrived.

⁶ Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak about the matter with him.

⁷ Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field, as soon as they heard about it. The men were grieved and furious, because he had done such a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter. Such a thing ought never to be done.

⁸ But Hamor appealed to them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife.

⁹ Intermarry with us. Let us marry your daughters, and you take our daughters for yourselves.

¹⁰ You shall live with us, and the land will be open before you. Live, trade and acquire property in it.

¹¹ Then Shechem said to her father and brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you ask for I will give you.

¹² Ask me for an expensive bridal price and gift, and I will give whatever you ask, just give me the girl as my wife."

¹³ But the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister,

¹⁴ They said to them, "We cannot give our sister to one who is uncircumcised. It would be a disgrace to us.

¹⁵ We will consent but only on this condition, if you will become like us, with every male among you being circumcised.

¹⁶ Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will live among you and become one people.

¹⁷ But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then will we take our daughter and go."

¹⁸ Their words pleased Hamor and his son Shechem.

¹⁹ The young man did not delay in doing what was requested, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most highly respected in the house of his father.

²⁰ So Hamor and Shechem his son came to their town gate, and spoke with the men of their town, saying,

²¹ "These men are at peace with us; therefore let them live in the land, and trade in it; for the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters for wives, and let us give our daughters to them.

²² But they will agree to live with us and become one people only on one condition, that every male among us must be circumcised, just as they are circumcised.

²³ Will not their livestock, their property and all their animals be ours? Just let us agree with their demand, and they will live with us."

²⁴ All who went out of the town gate listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, everyone who went out of his town gate.

²⁵ But on the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and entered the town unopposed, and slaughtered all the males.

²⁶ They killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the sword, then took Dinah from Shechem's house, and left.

²⁷ Jacob's other sons came on the slain and plundered the city because they had defiled their sister.

²⁸ They took their flocks, herds and donkeys, and whatever else was in the town, and in the field.

²⁹ They carried off all their wealth, their little ones and their wives, they took captive and plundered everything that was in their houses.

³⁰ Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink to the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites and Perizzites. My numbers are few, they will join forces against me and attack me, and I and my entire household will be destroyed."

³¹ But they replied, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?"

DASV: Genesis 35

¹ Then God said to Jacob, "Get up, go to Bethel, and settle there. Make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of your brother Esau."

² Then Jacob said to his household and to all that were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves and change your clothes.

³ Let us get up and go up to Bethel where I will make an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me wherever I have gone."

⁴ So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Then Jacob hid them under the oak that was near Shechem.

⁵ As they journeyed the terror of God fell upon the towns that were round about them and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

⁶ So Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan.

⁷ There he built an altar, and called the place El-bethel, because there God was revealed to him when he fled the face of his brother.

⁸ Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried under the oak below Bethel and the name of it was called Allon-bacuth--Oak of Weeping.

⁹ Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him.

¹⁰ God said to him, "Your name is Jacob. Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So God called his name Israel.

¹¹ Then God said to him, "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body.

¹² The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give the land to you and your descendants after you."

¹³ Then God went up from the place he spoke with him.

¹⁴ Jacob set up a pillar in the place he spoke with him, a pillar of stone. Then he poured out a drink offering on it and poured olive oil on it.

¹⁵ So Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel--House of God.

¹⁶ Then they left Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and it was a difficult labor.

¹⁷ When she was in hard labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you are having another son."

¹⁸ As she was dying (for she was dying) she called his name Ben-oni--Son of my sorrow, but his father called him Benjamin--Son of my right hand.

¹⁹ So Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

²⁰ Jacob set up a pillar over her grave. It is the pillar of Rachel's grave that is there to this day.

²¹ Then Israel journeyed on, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

²² While Israel was living in that land, Reuben went and slept with Bilhah his father's concubine and Israel heard about it. Now Jacob had twelve sons.

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

²⁴ The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁵ The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant, were Dan and Naphtali.

²⁶ The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant, were Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Paddan-aram.

²⁷ Now Jacob came to Isaac his father at Mamre, near Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had lived as foreigners.

²⁸ Now Isaac lived to be 180 years old.

²⁹ And Isaac breathed his last, died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. His sons, Esau and Jacob, buried him.

DASV: Genesis 36

¹ This is the account of Esau (that is Edom).

² Esau took his wives from the Canaanites: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite,

³ and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth.

⁴ Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau; and Basemath bore Reuel,

⁵ and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

⁶ Then Esau took his wives, his sons and his daughters, and all the people in his household, his cattle, all his animals and all his possessions he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went into a land a distance away from his brother Jacob.

⁷ For their possessions were too great for them to live together; and the land where they were living could not support them because of their livestock.

⁸ So Esau settled in mountains of Seir. Esau is Edom.

⁹ This is the account of Esau the father of the Edomites in mountains of Seir.

¹⁰ These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.

¹¹ And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz.

¹² And Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

¹³ These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

¹⁴ And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife. And she bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah to Esau.

¹⁵ These were the chiefs of the sons of Esau, the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz,

¹⁶ chief Korah, chief Gatam and chief Amalek. These were the chiefs that came from Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Adah.

¹⁷ Now these were the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah and chief Mizzah. These were the chiefs that came from Reuel in the land of Edom. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

¹⁸ And these were the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam and chief Korah. These were the chiefs that came from Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

¹⁹ These were the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these were their chiefs.

²⁰ These were the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

²¹ Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These were the chiefs that came from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

²² The sons of Lotan were Hori and Heman. And Lotan's sister was Timna.

²³ These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

²⁴ These were the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This was Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of Zibeon his father.

²⁵ These were the sons of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah.

²⁶ These were the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran and Cheran.

²⁷ These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan and Akan.

²⁸ These were the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

²⁹ These were the chiefs that came from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah,

³⁰ chief Dishon, chief Ezer and chief Dishan. These were the chiefs that came from the Horites, according to their clan chiefs in the land of Seir.

³¹ Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the Israelites.

³² Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his town was Dinhabah.

³³ When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

³⁴ When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

³⁵ When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place, and the name of his town was Avith.

³⁶ When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

³⁷ When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his place.

³⁸ When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

³⁹ When Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, Hadar reigned in his place. The name of his town was Pau and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab.

⁴⁰ These are the names of the chiefs that came from Esau, according to their families, according to their places, by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth,

⁴¹ chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

⁴² chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

⁴³ chief Magdiel and chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they possessed. This was Esau, the father of the Edomites.

DASV: Genesis 37

¹ Now Jacob settled in the land his father had lived in as a foreigner, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he was tending the flocks with his brothers. He was a boy working with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. But Joseph brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. So he had a special robe made for him.

⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak kindly to him.

⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.

⁶ He told them, "Listen to this dream I have had:

⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain in the field, when all of a sudden my sheaf rose up and stood upright while your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."

⁸ Then his brothers retorted, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Are you really going to rule over us?" And they hated him even more for his dreams, and for his words.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and told it to his brothers, "Look, I had another dream: the sun, moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father along with his brothers, his father rebuked him, saying to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Will I, your mother and your brothers really come to bow down to the ground before you?"

¹¹ So his brothers were jealous of him. But his father kept what was said in his mind.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

¹³ Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers grazing the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He replied, "I am ready to go."

¹⁴ So Jacob said to him, "Go now, see if it is going well with your brothers, and with the flock. Then report back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he arrived at Shechem.

¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields and the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

¹⁶ He answered, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are grazing the flock."

¹⁷ The man replied, "They left here; for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan.

¹⁸ When they saw him in the distance, before he reached them, they conspired to kill him.

¹⁹ They said one to another, "Look, here comes this dreamer.

²⁰ Come on, let's kill him, and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we will say, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we will see what becomes of his dreams."

²¹ But Reuben heard it and rescued him from their hand, saying, "Let's not take his life."

²² Then Reuben suggested to them, "Do not shed blood; throw him into this cistern that is in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him." He did this so he might rescue him from their hand, and restore him to his father.

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the special robe that he was wearing.

²⁴ Then they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty with no water in it.

²⁵ Then when they sat down to eat bread, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying spices, balm and myrrh, transporting it down to Egypt.

²⁶ So Judah said to his brothers, "What benefit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"

²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay a hand on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." So his brothers agreed with him.

²⁸ Now there passed by Midianite merchants; so they hoisted Joseph up out of the cistern. Then they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ Now when Reuben returned to the cistern, Joseph was not in the cistern, so he tore his clothes.

³⁰ He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone! Where can I go now?"

³¹ So they took Joseph's robe, killed a male goat, and dipped the robe in the blood.

³² Then they brought the special robe to their father, and said, "We found this. See whether it is your son's robe or not."

³³ Jacob recognized it, and said, "Yes, it's my son's robe. A wild animal has eaten him. Without doubt Joseph has been torn to pieces."

³⁴ Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters attempted to console him but he refused to be comforted. He said, "No, I will go down to the grave grieving for my son." So his father wept for him.

³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

DASV: Genesis 38

¹ At that time, Judah left his brothers, and settled near an Adullamite whose name was Hirah.

² There Judah saw a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He married her, and slept with her.

³ She conceived and bore a son; and he named him Er.

⁴ She conceived again, and bore a son; and she named him Onan.

⁵ Yet again she bore a son, and named him Shelah. It was at Kezib that she gave birth to him.

⁶ Now Judah got a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

⁷ But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death.

⁸ Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, in order to raise up offspring for your brother."

⁹ But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled his semen on the ground, so as not to produce offspring for his brother.

¹⁰ What he did was evil in the sight of the LORD, so he put him to death too.

¹¹ Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, until my son Shelah grows up." For he thought, "Or else he also may die, like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

¹² In course of time Shua's daughter, Judah's wife died. After Judah was consoled, he went up to visit his sheep-shearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

¹³ Then Tamar was told, "Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep."

¹⁴ So she put off her widow's clothes, covered herself with her veil, wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah. For she saw that although Shelah had grown up, she had not been given to him as a wife.

¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face.

¹⁶ So he went over to her by the roadside, and said, "Come, let me have sex with you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. Then she asked, "What will you give me so you may sleep with me?"

¹⁷ He responded, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." She asked, "Will you give me a pledge until you send it?"

¹⁸ And he replied, "What pledge shall I give you?" She said, "Your personal seal, your cord, and the staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her, and had sex with her, and she became pregnant by him.

¹⁹ After she got up and left, she took off her veil, and put on her widow's clothes.

²⁰ When Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to get back the pledge items from the woman, he could not find her.

²¹ So he asked the men who lived there, "Where is the shrine prostitute, that was at Enaim by the roadside?" But they answered, "There has been no shrine prostitute here."

²² Then he returned to Judah, and said, "I could not find her, moreover the men of the place said, 'There has been no shrine prostitute here.'"

²³ Then Judah said, "Let her keep those things for herself, or we will become a laughingstock. I sent this young goat, and you have not been able to find her."

²⁴ About three months later, Judah was told, "Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has become a whore and she has become pregnant by her prostitution." So Judah demanded, "Bring her out and let her be burned to death."

²⁵ When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I am pregnant by the man who owns these," and she said, "Please identify the owner of the signet, cords and staff."

²⁶ Then Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more righteous than I because I would not give Shelah my son to her." And he never slept with her again.

²⁷ When the time came for her delivery twins were in her womb.

²⁸ While she was giving birth one put out a hand and the midwife took and bound on his hand a scarlet thread, saying, "This one came out first."

²⁹ But then he drew his hand back, and his brother came out. So she said, "What a breaking out you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez.

³⁰ Afterward his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread on his hand, and he was named Zerah.

DASV: Genesis 39

¹ Now when Joseph was taken down to Egypt, Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down there.

² But the LORD was with Joseph, and he was successful. He stayed in the house of his Egyptian master.

³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made everything he did succeed,

⁴ Joseph found favor in his sight, and he became his personal attendant. Potiphar made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of everything he owned.

⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and of everything he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake. The blessing of the LORD was on everything he had both in the house and field.

⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's care and he did not concern himself with anything except the bread he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and good-looking.

⁷ After a while his master's wife set her eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Sleep with me."

⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not concern himself with anything in this house with me here. He has put everything that he has into my care.

⁹ There is no one greater in this house than I am. He has not withheld anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day he did not listen to her, to lie with her, or even be with her.

¹¹ But one day he went into the house to do his work and there were no other household servants inside.

¹² She grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, "Sleep with me." But he left his cloak in her hand, fled and got out of there.

¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had fled out of the house,

¹⁴ she called her household servants, and spoke to them, saying, "See, my husband has brought in a Hebrew to insult us. He came in to sleep with me, but I screamed with a loud voice.

¹⁵ When he heard I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me, fled and took off."

¹⁶ Then she kept his cloak by her until his master came home.

¹⁷ Then she told him this story, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came on to me to humiliate me.

¹⁸ But when I screamed and cried out, he left his cloak beside me and ran away."

¹⁹ When his master heard his wife's story, that she told him, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became furious.

²⁰ So Joseph's master took him and threw him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were locked up. He stayed there in prison.

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed kindness to him and gave him favor in the sight of the head prison guard.

²² The head guard put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners that were in the prison. He was in charge of whatever happened there.

²³ The head guard did not pay attention to anything that was under Joseph's care because the LORD was with him and the LORD made him successful in everything he did.

DASV: Genesis 40

¹ After these things happened, the cupbearer and chief baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.

² Now Pharaoh was angry with two officers, the cupbearer and the chief baker,

³ so he put them in prison in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined.

⁴ The captain of the guard charged Joseph to be their attendant and they continued for some time in custody.

⁵ Both of them, the cupbearer and chief baker of the king of Egypt who were confined in the prison, dreamed a dream that same night each one having its own interpretation.

⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning and saw them, he saw that they were troubled.

⁷ He asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why do you look so sad today?"

⁸ They replied, "We have both dreamed a dream but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell me about them."

⁹ So the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, "In my dream, there was a vine in front of me.

¹⁰ The vine had three branches. As soon as it budded its blossoms came out and its clusters ripened into grapes.

¹¹ Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup and I placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

¹² Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: the three branches represent three days.

¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your post. You will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to when you were his cupbearer.

¹⁴ But remember me when it goes well for you, and please show kindness to me by mentioning me to Pharaoh and bring me out of this house of confinement.

¹⁵ For I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews and I have done nothing here that they should have put me into a dungeon."

¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the dream interpretation was favorable he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream, and there were three baskets of white cakes on my head.

¹⁷ In the top basket there were all sorts of baked goods for Pharaoh but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

¹⁸ Then Joseph answered, "This is the interpretation of it. The three baskets are three days.

¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will take your head off, and will impale you on a pole and the birds will eat your flesh off of you."

²⁰ So it happened on the third day, on Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his officials, and he lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and chief baker among his other officials.

²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his former position and he put the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

²² But he impaled the chief baker just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

DASV: Genesis 41

¹ After two full years Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile river.

² And there came up out of the river seven cows, healthy and fat and they grazed among the reeds.

³ Then seven more cows came up after them out of the Nile river, scrawny and thin, and stood by the other cows on the river bank.

⁴ The scrawny and thin cows ate up the seven healthy and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

⁵ Again he slept and had a second dream: seven heads of grain grew on one stalk, healthy and good.

⁶ Then seven heads of grain, thin and withered by the east wind sprung up after them.

⁷ But the thin ears swallowed up the seven healthy and full heads. Then Pharaoh awoke, and realized it was a dream.

⁸ In the morning his spirit was troubled so he sent and called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Then Pharaoh told them his dream, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

⁹ Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, "Today I remember my faults.

¹⁰ When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in prison in the house of the captain of the guard,

¹¹ we each had a dream on the same night, each dream had its own interpretation.

¹² There was there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard with us there. We told him our dreams and he gave an interpretation to each of us according to our dream.

¹³ It turned out just like he had interpreted to us, I was restored to my office, and the baker was impaled."

¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the dungeon. He shaved himself and changed his clothes and came before Pharaoh.

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard about you, that when you hear a dream you are able to interpret it."

¹⁶ Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not me, but God will give Pharaoh a complete answer."

¹⁷ So Pharaoh told Joseph, "In my dream, I was standing on the brink of the Nile river.

¹⁸ Then there came up out of the river seven cows, fat and healthy and they grazed in the reeds.

¹⁹ Then seven more cows came up after them, scrawny, thin and gaunt. I had never seen such bad looking cows in all the land of Egypt.

²⁰ The scrawny and thin cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

²¹ But after they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them because they were still as thin as before. Then I awoke.

²² I also saw in my dream, seven heads of grain growing on one stalk, full and good.

²³ Then seven heads of grain, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them.

²⁴ Then the thin ears swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. Now I told it to the magicians but there was no one that could explain its meaning to me."

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh have the same meaning. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years. The seven good heads of grain are seven years. The dreams are the same.

²⁷ The seven lean and scrawny cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty heads of grain scorched by the east wind, they are seven years of famine.

²⁸ This is exactly what I told Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do.

²⁹ Seven years of great plenty are coming throughout all the land of Egypt.

³⁰ But after that will come seven years of famine and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land.

³¹ The abundance will not be remembered in the land because of the subsequent famine; for it will be very severe.

³² The dream was doubled to Pharaoh, meaning the matter is established by God, and God will soon make it happen.

³³ Now therefore Pharaoh should find a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

³⁴ Let Pharaoh do this: let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

³⁵ Then let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.

³⁶ The food should be held in reserve for the land to counter the seven years of famine, which will be in the land of Egypt; so that the land will not perish as a result of the famine."

³⁷ The plan seemed good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

³⁸ Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone like this, a man in whom the spirit of God is?"

³⁹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "As God has shown you all of this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are.

⁴⁰ You shall oversee my house, and all my people will submit to your orders. Only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

⁴¹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have put you in charge over all the land of Egypt."

⁴² Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.

⁴³ He made Joseph ride in the chariot as the second-in-command. And they cried out before him, "Bow the knee." So he put him in charge over all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁴ Now Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your approval no one will lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt."

⁴⁵ Then Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On as a wife. And Joseph took charge over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Now Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁷ In the seven plenteous years, the earth produced abundantly.

⁴⁸ During those seven years, he gathered up all the food which was in the land of Egypt, and stored up the food in the cities. He put in each city food from the surrounding fields.

⁴⁹ So Joseph stored up so much grain it was as the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring it because it was beyond measuring.

⁵⁰ Joseph had two sons born before the year of the famine. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On bore them to him.

⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh saying: "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's house."

⁵² The name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³ The seven years of plenty in the land of Egypt, came to an end.

⁵⁴ Then the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was also famine in all the other lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

⁵⁵ But when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph, do whatever he says to you."

⁵⁶ When the famine was spread over all the face of the earth, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold it to the Egyptians. Now the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

⁵⁷ So all the world came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

DASV: Genesis 42

¹ When Jacob found out there was grain in Egypt, Jacob asked his sons, "Why are you staring at each other?"

² Then he said, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy grain for us so that we may live and not die."

³ So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

⁴ But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers for he thought, "What if some harm happens to him."

⁵ So the sons of Israel went to buy grain along with others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also.

⁶ Now Joseph was the governor over the land. He was the one who sold grain to all the people of the land. When Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down before him with their faces to the ground.

⁷ When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger to them, and spoke harshly to them. He asked them, "Where did you come from?" And they replied, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

⁸ Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

⁹ Then Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies. You have come to see how vulnerable the land is."

¹⁰ But they objected, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food."

¹¹ We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants are not spies."

¹² But he insisted, "No, you are come to see how vulnerable the land is."

¹³ They replied, "We your servants are sons of one man, twelve brothers in the land of Canaan. The youngest is this day with our father, and one is no longer alive."

¹⁴ Then Joseph said to them, "It is just like I said to you, 'You are spies.'

¹⁵ Here is how you will be tested. By the life of Pharaoh you must not leave here, unless your youngest brother comes here.

¹⁶ Send one of you back, and let him bring your brother, and the rest of you shall be put in prison that your words may be tested whether you are honest or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies."

¹⁷ So he put them all together in prison three days.

¹⁸ Then Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God:

¹⁹ if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay confined in prison; but go, carry back grain for your starving families.

²⁰ But bring your youngest brother to me. So your words may be verified and you will not die." So that is what they did.

²¹ Then they said one to another, "Surely we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he pleaded with us, but we refused to listen. This is why this distress has come upon us."

²² Then Reuben answered them, "Didn't I tell you, 'Do not sin against the boy?' But you would not listen? So this is the pay back for shedding his blood."

²³ But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke through an interpreter.

²⁴ Then he turned away from them and wept. When he returned he spoke to them, and took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

²⁵ Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This is what was done for them.

²⁶ Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and left.

²⁷ As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed at their camp site, he discovered his money in the mouth of his sack.

²⁸ He said to his brothers, "My money has been returned; and here it is in my sack." Then their heart failed them and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

²⁹ When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying,

³⁰ "The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly with us, and accused us of spying out the country.

³¹ But we told him, 'We are honest men. We are not spies.

³² We are twelve brothers, sons of our father, one is no longer alive, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan.'

³³ But the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'This is how I will know that you are honest men. Leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for your starving families, and go your way.

³⁴ But bring your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies, but honest men. Then I will give you back your brother, and you may trade freely in the land.'"

³⁵ As they emptied their sacks, each man's bag of money was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bags of money, they were afraid.

³⁶ Then Jacob their father complained to them, "You have bereaved me of my children. Joseph is gone. Simeon is gone. And now you want to take Benjamin away. All these things are against me."

³⁷ Then Reuben spoke to his father, "You may kill my two sons, if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands and I will bring him back to you."

³⁸ But he replied, "My son will not go down with you. For his brother is dead and he is the only one left. If he is harmed on the journey you are making, then you will bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to the grave."

DASV: Genesis 43

¹ Now the famine was severe in the land.

² So when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food."

³ But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You will not see my face unless your brother is with you.'

⁴ If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you.

⁵ But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You will not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'"

⁶ Then Israel complained, "Why did you bring this trouble on me, by telling the man you still had another brother?"

⁷ They replied, "The man questioned us thoroughly about ourselves, and about our family, asking, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' So we answered his questions this way. How could we have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down here?'"

⁸ Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy with me and let us go now that we may live and not die--both we and you and also our children.

⁹ I will guarantee his safety. You may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you, and place him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

¹⁰ If we had not delayed so long by now we could have returned twice."

¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this. Take some of the best products of the land in your bags. Bring them down to the man as a gift--a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

¹² Take double the money in your hand. Take back the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks, perhaps it was an oversight.

¹³ Take also your brother and go again to the man.

¹⁴ May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. As for me if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

¹⁵ So the men took the gifts and double the money with them along with Benjamin. Then they hurried down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he told his household manager, "Bring the men into the house, slaughter an animal and prepare it, for the men will dine with me at noon."

¹⁷ So the manager did as Joseph directed and he brought the men to Joseph's house.

¹⁸ But the men were afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time, he wants a pretext that he may seize us and attack us and take us for slaves and take our donkeys."

¹⁹ So they came near to Joseph's household manager and spoke to him at the door of the house,

²⁰ and confessed, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food.

²¹ But when we came to a place to spend the night we opened our sacks and each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full. We have brought it back with us.

²² We have also brought down additional money to buy food. We have no idea who put our money in our sacks."

²³ Then he said, "Peace be to you, do not be afraid, for your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I did receive your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

²⁴ The manager brought the men into Joseph's house, gave them water and they washed their feet. Then he gave their donkeys fodder.

²⁵ They prepared the gift for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they would eat a meal there.

²⁶ When Joseph came home, they presented him the gifts that they had brought with them into the house. Then they bowed down to the ground before him.

²⁷ After asking them how they were doing, he inquired, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke, is he still alive?"

²⁸ They replied, "Your servant, our father, is well; he is still alive." They bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.

²⁹ As Joseph looked up he saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?" Then he said, "God be gracious to you, my son."

³⁰ Then Joseph hurried away for his heart was overcome because of his brother and he sought a place to weep. So he entered into his private room and wept there.

³¹ Then he washed his face and came out. He controlled himself, and said, "Serve the food."

³² So they served him by himself, and then them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate by themselves, because the Egyptians refuse to eat bread with Hebrews for that is detestable for the Egyptians.

³³ Now they were seated before him, from the firstborn according to his birthright down to the youngest. The men looked at each other in amazement.

³⁴ When he gave portions to them from his table, Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

DASV: Genesis 44

¹ Then Joseph directed the household manager, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in his sack's mouth.

² Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, along with his grain money." And he did as Joseph had instructed.

³ As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent off with their donkeys.

⁴ When they had gone a short distance out of the city, Joseph said to his household manager, "Go, pursue the men and when you have overtaken them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?

⁵ Is not this the cup my master drinks from and uses it for divination? You have done evil by doing this.'"

⁶ So he overtook them, and he repeated these words to them.

⁷ Then they answered him, "Why does my lord say such things? There is no way your servants would do should such a thing.

⁸ Look, the money we found in the mouth of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. So why would we steal gold or silver from your master's house?

⁹ Whichever of your servants has it, let him die, and the rest of us will be my lord's slaves."

¹⁰ So he replied, "Now let it be according to what you have said. The one with whom it is found will become my slave but the rest of you will go free."

¹¹ Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground and opened his sack.

¹² He searched beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. The cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

¹³ Then they tore their clothes. So each man reloaded his donkey and returned to the city.

¹⁴ When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. So they fell on the ground before him.

¹⁵ Then Joseph said to them, "What have you done? Don't you know that a man like me can discover things like this through divination?"

¹⁶ Then Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What explanation can we give? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has exposed your servant's guilt. We are now my lord's slaves, both we and the one in whose hand the cup was found."

¹⁷ Then he said, "I would never do that. Only the one in whose hand the cup was found will be my slave. But as for the rest of you, go up in peace to your father."

¹⁸ Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word to my lord privately, and do not be angry with your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself.

¹⁹ My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Do you have a father or a brother?'

²⁰ And we told my lord, 'We have an aged father and a young brother born in his old age. His brother is dead and he is the only one left of his mother's children and his father loves him.'

²¹ Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may see him with my own eyes.'

²² Later we said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he leaves his father, his father would die.'

²³ And you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother come down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

²⁴ When we returned to your servant, my father, we told him the words of my lord.

²⁵ And our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food.'

²⁶ But we said, 'We cannot go down unless our youngest brother goes with us, only then will we go down. For we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

²⁷ Your servant, my father, said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons.

²⁸ The one is gone from me, and I thought, 'Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since.

²⁹ If you take this one also from me, and he is harmed, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.'

³⁰ So now if I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

³¹ when he sees that the boy is not with us he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant, our father, with sorrow to the grave.

³² For your servant became a guarantee for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then will I bear the blame before my father forever.'

³³ So please let your servant stay as my lord's slave instead of the boy and let the boy go back with his brothers.

³⁴ For how can I return to my father, if the boy is not with me? I cannot bear to see the sorrow that would come on my father."

DASV: Genesis 45

¹ When Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, he cried out, "Send every one away from me." So no one stood with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

² Then he wept so loud even the Egyptians heard it, and the house of Pharaoh found out about it.

³ Then Joseph announced to his brothers, "I am Joseph, is my father still alive?" And his brothers could not answer him for they were stunned by his presence.

⁴ Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." So they came near. And he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

⁵ Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves that you sold me here; for God sent me ahead of you in order to preserve life.

⁶ For these past two years the famine has been in the land and there are still five years where there will be neither plowing or harvesting.

⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve you a remnant on the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

⁹ Now hurry back to my father, and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay.

¹⁰ You will dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be near me, you, your children and your grandchildren, your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

¹¹ I will provide for you there for there will be five more years of famine. Otherwise you, your household and all you have will come to poverty.

¹² Then you will see with your own eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you."

¹³ Tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and everything that you have seen. Now hurry and bring my father down here."

¹⁴ Then he threw himself on the neck of his brother Benjamin and wept. Benjamin also wept on his neck.

¹⁵ He kissed all his brothers, and wept over them and afterwards his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶ When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come." It pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

¹⁷ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: load your animals and return to the land of Canaan.

¹⁸ Get your father and your households and come to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

¹⁹ Now you are commanded, to say: 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your children and your wives, and bring your father back here.

²⁰ Do not worry about your belongings for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours."

²¹ So the sons of Israel did as he directed. And Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

²² To each of them he gave a new set of clothes; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five sets of clothes.

²³ He sent to his father the following: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread and provisions for his father's journey.

²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away and they left. Now he said to them, "Do not quarrel about this on way."

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father.

²⁶ And they told him, "Joseph is still alive and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." Jacob's heart was so stunned he could not believe them.

²⁷ But when they told him all the words Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

²⁸ Then Israel said, "It is enough, Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

DASV: Genesis 46

¹ So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

² Then God spoke to Israel in the visions at night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he replied, "Here I am."

³ Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.

⁴ I will go down with you to Egypt and I will surely bring you back again. Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."

⁵ So Jacob left Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their children and their wives in the wagons Pharaoh had sent to transport him.

⁶ They also took their cattle and their goods that they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, along with Jacob and all his descendants,

⁷ his sons, grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

⁸ These are the names of the sons of Israel, who came to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

⁹ The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.

¹⁰ The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

¹¹ The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

¹² The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

¹³ The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Iob and Shimron.

¹⁴ The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon and Jahleel.

¹⁵ These were the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, along with his daughter Dinah. Altogether his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

¹⁶ The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi and Areli.

¹⁷ The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah and Serah their sister. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

¹⁸ These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter. These she bore to Jacob, sixteen in all.

¹⁹ The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁰ To Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.

²¹ The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim and Ard.

²² These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob, fourteen in all.

²³ The son of Dan: Hushim.

²⁴ The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer and Shillem.

²⁵ These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob, seven in all.

²⁶ All the descendants who came with Jacob to Egypt, who were his direct descendants, were sixty-six, not including the wives of Jacob's sons.

²⁷ Joseph had two sons who were born to him in Egypt. So there were seventy in all of the descendants of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt.

²⁸ Now Jacob sent Judah before him to Joseph, to lead the way before him to Goshen. So they arrived in the land of Goshen.

²⁹ Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went to meet Israel his father in Goshen. When he presented himself to him, he fell and wept on his neck for a good while.

³⁰ Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

³¹ Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go and tell Pharaoh, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.

³² The men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock. They have brought their flocks and herds and everything that they own.'

³³ So when Pharaoh summons you asking, 'What is your occupation?'

³⁴ You should tell him, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers.' So that you may live in the land of Goshen, for the Egyptians despise shepherds."

DASV: Genesis 47

¹ Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks and their herds and all that they have, are come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen."

² He took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh.

³ Pharaoh asked his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they replied to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, just like our ancestors were."

⁴ Then they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to live temporarily in the land for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks because the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. So please let your servants live in the land of Goshen."

⁵ Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

⁶ the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them live in the land of Goshen. If you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."

⁷ Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and presented him to Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

⁸ Pharaoh asked Jacob, "How many years have you lived?"

⁹ Jacob replied to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are 130 years. The years of my life have been few and troublesome, but they have not come close to the years of my ancestors in the days of their pilgrimage."

¹⁰ Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹¹ So Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them territory in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the region of Rameses, as Pharaoh had instructed.

¹² Joseph provided food for his father, his brothers and all his father's household, according to the number of their children.

¹³ But there was no food in all the land for the famine was very severe. The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan wasted away because of the famine.

¹⁴ Joseph collected all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain which they purchased. So Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

¹⁵ When all the money in the land of Egypt and Canaan was spent, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and pleaded, "Give us food. Why should we die before your very eyes because our money is gone?"

¹⁶ Then Joseph said, "Give me your livestock and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone."

¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph; and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, flocks, herds and donkeys. That year he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock.

¹⁸ When that year was finished, they came to him the next year, and said to him, "We cannot hide from my lord that our money is gone and the herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land.

¹⁹ Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food and we and our land will become Pharaoh's slaves. But give us seed that we may live and not die and that the land not become desolate."

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. All the Egyptians sold him their fields because the famine was so severe for them. So the land became Pharaoh's.

²¹ As for the people, he made them slaves from one border of Egypt to the other.

²² Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests ate from a special allotment Pharaoh gave them; that is why they did not sell their land.

²³ Then Joseph said to the people, "Look, today I have bought you and your land for Pharaoh, here is seed for you. Farm the land.

²⁴ But when you gather the crops, you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and the other four parts will be yours for seed for the field, and food for you, those of your households and your children."

²⁵ Then they said, "You have saved our lives. May it please my Lord, we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

²⁶ So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have one fifth. Only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's.

²⁷ Now Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the region of Goshen and they acquired property there. They were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

²⁸ Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were a 147 years.

²⁹ When the time of Israel's death drew near, he called his son Joseph, and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt.

³⁰ When I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burial place." So Joseph said, "I will do as you have said."

³¹ He said, "Swear to me." So Joseph promised him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.

DASV: Genesis 48

¹ Now after these things, Joseph was told, "Your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

² When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Israel summoned his strength and sat up in the bed.

³ Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me.

⁴ He said to me, 'I will make you fruitful and multiply you. I will make you into a multitude of nations, and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.'

⁵ Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine. Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine just as Reuben and Simeon are.

⁶ Your offspring that you father after them will be yours. In their inheritance they will be listed with the names of their brothers.

⁷ As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow, Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, some distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem).

⁸ When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

⁹ Then Joseph answered his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." Jacob said, "Bring them to me, so that I may bless them."

¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were so dim with age that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him and he kissed and embraced them.

¹¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected see your face, but now God has even let me see your children too."

¹² Then Joseph removed them from between his father's knees and he bowed with his face to the ground.

¹³ Joseph arranged them with Ephraim on his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh on his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him.

¹⁴ Then Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands; although Manasseh was the firstborn.

¹⁵ He blessed Joseph, and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this very day,

¹⁶ the Angel who delivered me from all harm, bless the boys. May my name be preserved through them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. May they grow into a multitude on the earth."

¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. So he picked up his father's hand, to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

¹⁸ Joseph objected to his father, "Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his head."

¹⁹ But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be greater than he is, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations."

²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce a blessing, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.

²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, "I am about to die, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

²² Beyond that which I have given to your brothers, I am giving you the mountain slope that I took from the Amorites with my sword and bow."

DASV: Genesis 49

¹ Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in the days to come.

² Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob,
listen to Israel your father.

³ Reuben, you are my firstborn,
my might, and the beginning of my strength.
You excel in dignity and are first in power.

⁴ Unstable as water, you will no longer excel,
for you went up on your father's bed,
then you defiled it--he went up onto my couch.

⁵ Simeon and Levi are brothers.
Their swords are weapons of violence.

⁶ Let my soul not enter their council,
my glory, do not join with their assembly,
for in their anger they killed men,
and just for pleasure they hamstringed oxen.

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

⁸ Judah, your brothers will praise you.
Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
Your father's sons will bow down before you.

⁹ Judah is a lion's cub.
From the prey, my son, you are gone up.
He crouches, he lies down like a lion,
Like a lioness, who will dare rouse him?

¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he comes to whom it belongs,
and nations will be obedient to him.

¹¹ Binding his donkey to the vine,
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine.
He has washed his garments in wine,
and his vesture in the blood of grapes:

¹² His eyes will be darker than wine,
And his teeth whiter than milk.

- ¹³ Zebulun will settle by the seashore
and he will be for a haven of ships.
His border will extend up to Sidon.
- ¹⁴ Issachar is a strong donkey,
lying down between the saddlebags.
- ¹⁵ When he sees a resting place that it was good,
and the land that it was pleasant,
he will bow his shoulder under the load,
and became a servant under forced labor.
- ¹⁶ Dan will judge his people,
as one of the tribes of Israel.
- ¹⁷ Dan will be a serpent by the road,
an adder in the path,
that bites the horse's heels,
so that its rider falls over backward.
- ¹⁸ I wait for your salvation, O LORD.
- ¹⁹ Gad will be raided by a gang of raiders
but he will attack them at their heels.
- ²⁰ Asher's food will be rich,
and he will produce royal delicacies.
- ²¹ Naphtali is a doe let loose,
He bears beautiful fawns.
- ²² Joseph is a fruitful vine,
A fruitful vine by a fountain.
His branches run over the wall.
- ²³ The archers have fiercely attacked him,
they shot at him and harassed him.
- ²⁴ But his bow remained firm,
and his arms were strengthened
by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob,
by the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
- ²⁵ because the God of your father will help you,
because the Almighty will bless you,
with blessings from heaven above,
blessings of the deep that lies below,

- blessings of the breasts and womb.
- ²⁶ The blessings of your father are stronger than the blessings of the eternal mountains,
the bounties of the ancient hills.
May they be on the head of Joseph,
and on the crown of the head of him who was set apart from his brothers.
- ²⁷ Benjamin is a ravenous wolf,
in the morning devouring its prey,
and in the evening dividing up the plunder."
- ²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father spoke to them when
he blessed them. He blessed them each with an appropriate blessing.
- ²⁹ Then Jacob charged them saying, "I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me
with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
- ³⁰ in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah near Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which
Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as a burial plot.
- ³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah,
his wife, and there I buried Leah.
- ³² It is the field and the cave that was purchased from the sons of Heth."
- ³³ When Jacob finished instructing his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed, breathed his
last and was gathered to his people.

DASV: Genesis 50

¹ Then Joseph threw himself on his father's face, wept over him and kissed him.

² Joseph instructed the physicians in his service to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

³ It took forty days to complete the embalming process. The Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

⁴ When the days of mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

⁵ "My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die. Bury me in my grave that I have dug in the land of Canaan.'" Now therefore let me go up and bury my father; then I will return."

⁶ Pharaoh replied, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you promise."

⁷ Then Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, all the elders of the land of Egypt,

⁸ as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. But they left their children, and their flocks and herds in the land of Goshen.

⁹ Both chariots and horsemen went up with him. It was a very great company.

¹⁰ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan River, they lamented with a great and sorrowful mourning. He grieved for his father seven days.

¹¹ When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan River.

¹² His sons did for him exactly as he directed them.

¹³ His sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah. This is the field near Mamre that Abraham bought for a possession as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

¹⁴ After burying his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he, his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back for all the harm we did to him."

¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he gave these instructions,

¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive, the sin of your brothers, and their wrong, that they did to harm you." Now, we beg you, forgive the sin of the servants of the God of your father.'" Then Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also came and threw themselves down before him and said, "We are your servants."

¹⁹ But Joseph replied to them, "Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

²⁰ As for you, you intended to harm me; but God intended it for good, to preserve many people alive as he is doing this day.

²¹ Do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

²² So Joseph stayed in Egypt, he, and his father's household. Joseph lived 110 years.

²³ Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh whom Joseph counted as his own children.

²⁴ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely visit you and bring you up out of this land into the land that he swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

²⁵ Then Joseph made the Israelites promise, saying, "When God comes to you, then you must carry up my bones from here."

²⁶ So Joseph died at 110 years of age. They embalmed him and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.