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PREFACE

to the New King James Version®

To understand the heart behind the New King James Version, one need look no further than the stated intentions of the original King James scholars: “Not to make a new translation . . . but to make a good one better.” The New King James Version is a continuation of their labors, unlocking for today’s readers the spiritual treasures found in the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible.

While seeking to maintain the excellent *form* of the traditional English Bible, special care has also been taken to guard the *precision* that has marked the King James Version for centuries. Where new translation has been necessary, the most complete representation of the original has been rendered by considering the definition and usage of the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words in their contexts. This translation principle, known as *complete equivalence* or *formal equivalence*, seeks to preserve accurately the information in the text while presenting it to modern readers in accepted literary form.

In addition to continuing the King James Version’s legacy of accuracy, the translators have also sought to maintain its highly regarded lyrical and devotional qualities. The flow of thought and beloved phrases from the King James Version have been retained wherever possible without sacrificing clarity.

The format of the New King James Version is designed to enhance its usefulness in all of life, with specific thought given to worship, study, and devotional settings. Words or phrases in italics indicate expressions in the original language that require clarification through the inclusion of additional English words, as was done in the King James Version. Poetry is structured as verse to reflect the form and beauty of the passage in the original language. The covenant name of God is usually translated from the Hebrew as LORD or

GOD, using capital letters as shown, as in the King James Version. This convention is also maintained in the New King James Version wherever the Old Testament is quoted in the New.

The Hebrew text used for the Old Testament is the 1967/1977 Stuttgart edition of the *Biblia Hebraica*, with frequent comparisons to the Bomberg edition of 1524–25. Ancient versions and the Dead Sea Scrolls were also consulted, but the Hebrew text is followed wherever possible. Significant variations, explanations, and alternate renderings are mentioned in footnotes.

The Greek text used for the New Testament is the one that was followed by the King James translators: the traditional text of the Greek-speaking churches, called the Received Text or Textus Receptus, first published in 1516. Footnotes indicate significant variants as found in two other editions of the Greek New Testament:

- (1) NU-Text: These variations generally represent the Alexandrian or Egyptian text type as found in the critical text published in the twenty-sixth edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the United Bible Societies’ third edition (U).
- (2) M-Text: These variations represent readings found in the text of the first edition of the Hodges & Farstad *Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text*, which presents the consensus found in the majority of surviving New Testament manuscripts.

The textual notes in the New King James Version attempt to make no evaluation of variant readings but seek instead to present the facts objectively.



THE
OLD TESTAMENT



The First Book of Moses Called

GENESIS

The History of Creation

1 In the ^abeginning ^bGod created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was ^awithout form, and void; and darkness *was*^l on the face of the deep. ^bAnd the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

^{3a}Then God said, ^b“Let there be ^clight”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the ^adarkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶Then God said, ^a“Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷Thus God made the firmament, ^aand divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were*^b above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹Then God said, ^a“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and ^blet the dry *land* appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth ^abring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the ^bfruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. ¹²And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹³So the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴Then God said, “Let there be ^alights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the

day from the night; and let them be for signs and ^bseasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. ¹⁶Then God made two great lights: the ^agreater light to rule the day, and the ^blesser light to rule the night. *He made*^c the stars also. ¹⁷God set them in the firmament of the ^aheavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and to ^arule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” ²¹So ^aGod created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, ^a“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind”; and it was so. ²⁵And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶Then God said, ^a“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ^blet them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all^l the earth and over every creeping thing that

^{1:1}^a[John 1:1–3] ^bActs 17:24 ^{1:2}^aJer. 4:23 ^bIs. 40:13, 14 ¹Words in italic type have been added for clarity. They are not found in the original Hebrew or Aramaic. ^{1:3}^aPs. 33:6, 9 ^{b2} Cor. 4:6 ^c[Heb. 11:3] ^{1:5}^aPs. 19:2; 33:6; 74:16; 104:20; 136:5 ^{1:6}^aJer. 10:12 ^{1:7}^aProv. 8:27–29 ^bPs. 148:4 ^{1:9}^aJob 26:10 ^bPs. 24:1, 2; 33:7; 95:5 ^{1:11}^aHeb. 6:7 ^{b2} Sam. 16:1 ^{1:14}^aPs. 74:16; 136:5–9 ^bPs. 104:19 ^{1:16}^aPs. 136:8 ^bPs. 8:3 ^cJob 38:7 ^{1:17}^aGen. 15:5 ^{1:18}^aJer. 31:35 ^{1:21}^aPs. 104:25–28 ^{1:22}^aGen. 8:17 ^{1:26}^a[Eph. 4:24] ^bGen. 9:2 ¹Syriac reads *all the wild animals of*.

creeps on the earth.”²⁷So God created man^a in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them.²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ^a“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and ^bsubdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

²⁹And God said, “See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; ^ato you it shall be for food.³⁰Also, to ^aevery beast of the earth, to every ^bbird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food”; and it was so.³¹Then ^aGod saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and ^aall the host of them, were finished.^{2a}And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.³Then God ^ablessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

^{4a}This *is* the history¹ of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵before any ^aplant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not ^bcaused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man ^cto till the ground; ⁶but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷And the LORD God formed man *of* the ^adust of the ground, and ^bbreathed into his ^cnose the breath of life; and ^aman became a living being.

Life in God’s Garden

⁸The LORD God planted ^aa garden ^beastward in ^cEden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made ^aevery tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. ^bThe tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and ^cevil.

¹⁰Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.¹¹The name of the first *is* Pishon; *it is* the one which skirts ^athe whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.¹²And the gold of that land *is* good. ^aBdellium and the onyx stone *are* there.¹³The name of the second river *is* Gihon; *it is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴The name of the third river *is* ^aHiddekel;¹ *it is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ^ayou shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it ^byou shall surely ^cdie.”

¹⁸And the LORD God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; ^aI will make him a helper comparable to him.”^{19a}Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and ^bbrought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, *that was* its name.²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹And the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.²²Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, ^aand He ^bbrought her to the man.

²³And Adam said:

“This *is* now ^abone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she *was* ^btaken out of Man.”

^{24a}Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and ^bbe joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

^{25a}And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ^bashamed.

1:27^aGen. 5:2 ^bMatt. 19:4 1:28^aGen. 9:1, 7 ^b1 Cor. 9:27 1:29^aGen. 9:3 1:30^aPs. 145:15 ^bJob 38:41 1:31^a[Ps. 104:24]
2:1^aPs. 33:6 2:2^aEx. 20:9–11; 31:17 2:3^a[Is. 58:13] 2:4^aGen. 1:1 ¹Hebrew *toledoth*, literally *generations* 2:5^aGen. 1:11,
12 ^bGen. 7:4 ^cGen. 3:23 2:7^aGen. 3:19, 23 ^bJob 33:4 ^cGen. 7:22 ^d1 Cor. 15:45 2:8^aIs. 51:3 ^bGen. 3:23, 24 ^cGen. 4:16
2:9^aEzek. 31:8 ^b[Gen. 3:22] ^c[Deut. 1:39] 2:11^aGen. 25:18 2:12^aNum. 11:7 2:14^aDan. 10:4 ¹Or *Tigris* 2:17^aGen. 3:1, 3, 11,
17 ^bGen. 3:3, 19 ^cRom. 5:12 2:18^a1 Cor. 11:8, 9 2:19^aGen. 1:20, 24 ^bPs. 8:6 2:21^aSam. 26:12 2:22^a1 Tim. 2:13 ^bHeb. 13:3
2:23^aGen. 29:14 ^b1 Cor. 11:8, 9 2:24^aMatt. 19:5 ^bMark 10:6–8 2:25^aGen. 3:7, 10 ^bIs. 47:3

The Temptation and Fall of Man

3 Now ^athe serpent was ^bmore cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the ^afruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you ^atouch it, lest you die.’”

⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman ^asaw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit ^band ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, ^aand they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸And they heard ^athe sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife ^bhid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

¹⁰So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, ^aand I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

¹²Then the man said, ^a“The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

¹³And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”

The woman said, ^a“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;

On your belly you shall go,
And ^ayou shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
¹⁵ And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between ^ayour seed and ^bher Seed;
^cHe shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

¹⁶To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow
and your conception;
^aIn pain you shall bring forth children;
^bYour desire *shall be* for your husband,
And he shall ^crule over you.”

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, ^a“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree ^bof which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

^c“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
^dIn toil you shall eat *of* it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall
bring forth for you,
And ^ayou shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ ^aIn the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
^bFor dust you *are*,
And ^cto dust you shall return.”

²⁰And Adam called his wife’s name ^aEve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden ^ato till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴So ^aHe drove out the man; and He placed ^bcherubim ^cat the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of ^dlife.

3:1^a Chr. 21:1 ^b2 Cor. 11:3 3:2^a Gen. 2:16, 17 3:3^a Ex. 19:12, 13 3:4^a [2 Cor. 11:3] 3:6^a1 John 2:16 ^b1 Tim. 2:14 3:7^a Gen. 2:25
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^bIs. 7:14 ^cRom. 16:20 3:16^a John 16:21 ^bGen. 4:7 ^c1 Cor. 11:3 3:17^a Sam. 15:23 ^bGen. 2:17 ^cRom. 8:20–22 ^dEccl. 2:23
3:18^a Ps. 104:14 3:19^a2 Thess. 3:10 ^bGen. 2:7; 5:5 ^cJob 21:26 3:20^a2 Cor. 11:3 3:23^a Gen. 4:2; 9:20
3:24^a Ezek. 31:3, 11 ^bPs. 104:4 ^cGen. 2:8 ^dGen. 2:9

Cain Murders Abel

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” ²Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now ^aAbel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit ^aof the ground to the LORD. ⁴Abel also brought of ^athe firstborn of his flock and of ^btheir fat. And the LORD ^crespected Abel and his offering, ⁵but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

⁸Now Cain talked with Abel his brother;¹ and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and ^akilled him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where *is* Abel your brother?”

He said, ^a“I do not know. Am I ^bmy brother’s keeper?”

¹⁰And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood ^acries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹So now ^ayou *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”

¹³And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment *is* greater than I can bear! ¹⁴Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; ^aI shall be ^bhidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen *that* ^canyone who finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Therefore,¹ whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him ^asevenfold.” And the LORD set a ^bmark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

The Family of Cain

¹⁶Then Cain ^awent out from the ^bpresence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on

the east of Eden. ¹⁷And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, ^aand called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. ¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

¹⁹Then Lamech took for himself ^atwo wives: the name of one *was* Adah, and the name of the second *was* Zillah. ²⁰And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹His brother’s name *was* Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. ²²And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain *was* Naamah.

²³Then Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!
For I have killed a man for wounding me,
Even a young man for hurting me.

²⁴^aIf Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

A New Son

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and ^anamed him Seth, “For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” ²⁶And as for Seth, ^ato him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh.¹ Then *men* began ^bto call on the name of the LORD.

The Family of Adam

5 This is the book of the ^agenealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in ^bthe likeness of God. ²He created them ^amale and female, and ^bblessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. ³And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot *a son* ^ain his own likeness, after his image, and ^bnamed him Seth. ⁴After he begot Seth, ^athe days of Adam were eight hundred years; ^band he had sons and daughters. ⁵So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; ^aand he died.

⁶Seth lived one hundred and five years, and

^{4:2}^aLuke 11:50, 51 ^{4:3}^aNum. 18:12 ^{4:4}^aNum. 18:17 ^bLev. 3:16 ^cHeb. 11:4 ^{4:8}^a[1 John 3:12–15] ¹Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate add “Let us go out to the field.” ^{4:9}^aJohn 8:44 ^{b1}Cor. 8:11–13 ^{4:10}^aHeb. 12:24 ^{4:11}^aGen. 3:14 ^{4:14}^aPs. 51:11 ^bIs. 1:15 ^cNum. 35:19, 21, 27 ^{4:15}^aGen. 4:24 ^bEzek. 9:4, 6 ¹Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate read *Not so*. ^{4:16}^{a2}Kin. 13:23; 24:20 ^bJon. 1:3 ^{4:17}^aPs. 49:11 ^{4:19}^aGen. 2:24; 16:3 ^{4:24}^aGen. 4:15 ^{4:25}^aGen. 5:3 ^{4:26}^aGen. 5:6 ^bZeph. 3:9 ¹Greek *Enos* ^{5:1}^aGen. 2:4; 6:9 ^bGen. 1:26; 9:6 ^{5:2}^aMark 10:6 ^bGen. 1:28; 9:1 ^{5:3}^{a1}Cor. 15:48, 49 ^bGen. 4:25 ^{5:4}^aLuke 3:36–38 ^bGen. 1:28; 4:25 ^{5:5}^a[Heb. 9:27]

begot ^aEnosh. ⁷After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and had sons and daughters. ⁸So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

⁹Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Cainan. ¹⁰After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and had sons and daughters. ¹¹So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

¹²Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. ¹³After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and had sons and daughters. ¹⁴So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

¹⁵Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. ¹⁶After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years, and had sons and daughters. ¹⁷So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.

¹⁸Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot ^aEnoch. ¹⁹After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²⁰So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.

²¹Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. ²²After he begot Methuselah, Enoch ^awalked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴And ^aEnoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God ^btook him.

²⁵Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. ²⁶After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. ²⁷So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

²⁸Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹And he called his name ^aNoah, saying, “This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground ^bwhich the LORD has cursed.” ³⁰After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. ³¹So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.

³²And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot ^aShem, Ham, ^band Japheth.

The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

6 Now it came to pass, ^awhen men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they ^atook wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³And the LORD said, ^a“My Spirit shall not ^bstrive¹ with man forever, ^cfor he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴There were giants on the earth in those ^adays, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵Then the LORD¹ saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every ^aintent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶And ^athe LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and ^bHe was grieved in His ^cheart. ⁷So the LORD said, “I will ^adestroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah ^afound grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah Pleases God

⁹This is the genealogy of Noah. ^aNoah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah ^bwalked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: ^aShem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹The earth also was corrupt ^abefore God, and the earth was ^bfilled with violence. ¹²So God ^alooked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for ^ball flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The Ark Prepared

¹³And God said to Noah, ^a“The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; ^band behold, ^cI will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵And this is how you shall make it: The length

^{5:6}^aGen. 4:26 ^{5:9}¹Hebrew *Qenan* ^{5:18}^aJude 14, 15 ^{5:22}^aGen. 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15 ^{5:24}^{a2} Kin. 2:11 ^bHeb. 11:5
^{5:29}^aLuke 3:36 ^bGen. 3:17–19; 4:11 ^{5:32}^aGen. 6:10; 7:13 ^bGen. 10:21 ^{6:1}^aGen. 1:28 ^{6:2}^aDeut. 7:3, 4 ^{6:3}^a[Gal. 5:16,
17] ^{b2} Thess. 2:7 ^cPs. 78:39 ¹Septuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read *abide*. ^{6:4}^aNum. 13:32, 33 ^{6:5}^aGen. 8:21
¹Following Masoretic Text and Targum; Vulgate reads *God*; Septuagint reads *LORD God*. ^{6:6}^{a1} Sam. 15:11, 29 ^bIs. 63:10
^cMark 3:5 ^{6:7}^aGen. 7:4, 23 ^{6:8}^aGen. 19:19 ^{6:9}^{a2} Pet. 2:5 ^bGen. 5:22, 24 ^{6:10}^aGen. 5:32; 7:13 ^{6:11}^aRom. 2:13
^bEzek. 8:17 ^{6:12}^aPs. 14:2; 53:2, 3 ^bPs. 14:1–3 ^{6:13}^{a1} Pet. 4:7 ^bGen. 6:17 ^{c2} Pet. 2:4–10

of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. ^{17^a}And behold, I Myself am bringing ^bfloodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which *is* the breath of life; everything that *is* on the earth shall ^cdie. ¹⁸But I will establish My ^acovenant with you; and ^byou shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring ^atwo of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* ^awill come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

^{22^a}Thus Noah did; ^baccording to all that ^cGod commanded him, so he did.

The Great Flood

7 Then the ^aLORD said to Noah, ^b"Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that* ^cyou *are* righteous before Me in this generation. ²You shall take with you seven each of every ^aclean animal, a male and his female; ^btwo each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; ³also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For after ^aseven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth ^bforty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." ^{5^a}And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. ⁶Noah *was* ^asix hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

^{7^a}So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, of animals that *are* unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, ⁹two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female,

as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on ^athat day all ^bthe fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the ^cwindows of heaven were opened. ^{12^a}And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— ^{14^a}they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every ^bsort. ¹⁵And they ^awent into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which *is* the breath of life. ¹⁶So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in ^aas God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

^{17^a}Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, ^aand the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ^{21^a}And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²²All in ^awhose nostrils *was* the breath of the spirit^l of life, all that *was* on the dry *land*, died. ²³So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only ^aNoah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ^{24^a}And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Noah's Deliverance

8 Then God ^aremembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. ^bAnd God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

^{6:17^a}2 Pet. 2:5 ^b2 Pet. 3:6 ^cLuke 16:22 ^{6:18^a}Gen. 8:20—9:17; 17:7 ^bGen. 7:1, 7, 13 ^{6:19^a}Gen. 7:2, 8, 9, 14–16 ^{6:20^a}Gen. 7:9, 15 ^{6:22^a}Gen. 7:5; 12:4, 5 ^bGen. 7:5, 9, 16 ^c[1 John 5:3] ^{7:1^a}Matt. 11:28 ^bMatt. 24:38 ^cGen. 6:9 ^{7:2^a}Lev. 11 ^bLev. 10:10 ^{7:4^a}Gen. 7:10 ^bGen. 7:12, 17 ^{7:5^a}Gen. 6:22 ^{7:6^a}Gen. 5:4, 32 ^{7:7^a}Matt. 24:38 ^{7:11^a}Matt. 24:39 ^bGen. 8:2 ^cPs. 78:23 ^{7:12^a}Gen. 7:4, 17 ^{7:14^a}Gen. 6:19 ^bGen. 1:21 ^{7:15^a}Gen. 6:19, 20; 7:9 ^{7:16^a}Gen. 7:2, 3 ^{7:17^a}Gen. 7:4, 12; 8:6 ^{7:18^a}Ps. 104:26 ^{7:21^a}Gen. 6:7, 13, 17; 7:4 ^{7:22^a}Gen. 2:7 ^lSeptuagint and Vulgate omit of the spirit. ^{7:23^a}2 Pet. 2:5 ^{7:24^a}Gen. 8:3, 4 ^{8:1^a}Gen. 19:29 ^bEx. 14:21; 15:10

^{2a}The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also ^bstopped, and ^cthe rain from heaven was restrained. ³And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end ^aof the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

⁶So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened ^athe window of the ark which he had made. ⁷Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. ⁸He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. ¹¹Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. ¹²So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

¹³And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

¹⁵Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, ^ayou and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and ^abe fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on

the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

God’s Covenant with Creation

²⁰Then Noah built an ^aaltar to the LORD, and took of ^bevery clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered ^cburnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And the LORD smelled ^aa soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again ^bcurse the ground for man’s sake, although the ^cimagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; ^dnor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

²²“While the earth ^aremains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And ^bday and night
Shall not cease.”

9 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ^a“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.¹ ^{2a}And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. ^{3a}Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you ^ball things, even as the ^cgreen herbs. ^{4a}But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. ⁵Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; ^afrom the hand of every beast I will require it, and ^bfrom the hand of man. From the hand of every ^cman’s brother I will require the life of man.

⁶ “Whoever ^asheds man’s blood,
By man his blood shall be shed;
^bFor in the image of God
He made man.

⁷ And as for you, ^abe fruitful and multiply;
Bring forth abundantly in the earth
And multiply in it.”

⁸Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: ⁹“And as for Me, ^abehold, I establish ^bMy covenant with you and with your descendants¹ after you, ^{10a}and with every

^{8:2}^aGen. 7:11 ^bDeut. 11:17 ^cJob 38:37 ^{8:3}^aGen. 7:24 ^{8:6}^aGen. 6:16 ^{8:16}^aGen. 7:13 ^{8:17}^aGen. 1:22, 28; 9:1, 7
^{8:20}^aGen. 12:7 ^bLev. 11 ^cEx. 10:25 ^{8:21}^aEx. 29:18, 25 ^bGen. 3:17; 6:7, 13, 17 ^cGen. 6:5; 11:6 ^dGen. 9:11, 15 ^{8:22}^aIs. 54:9
^bJer. 33:20, 25 ^{9:1}^aGen. 1:28, 29; 8:17; 9:7, 19; 10:32 ¹Compare Genesis 1:28 ^{9:2}^aPs. 8:6 ^{9:3}^aDeut. 12:15; 14:3, 9, 11
^bRom. 14:14, 20 ^cGen. 1:29 ^{9:4}^a1 Sam. 14:33, 34 ^{9:5}^aEx. 21:28 ^bGen. 4:9, 10 ^cActs 17:26 ^{9:6}^aLev. 24:17 ^bGen. 1:26, 27
^{9:7}^aGen. 9:1, 19 ^{9:9}^aGen. 6:18 ^bIs. 54:9 ¹Literally *seed* ^{9:10}^aPs. 145:9

living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. ¹¹Thus ^aI establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²And God said: ^a“This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³I set ^aMy rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and ^aI will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember ^athe everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.” ¹⁷And 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.”

Noah and His Sons

¹⁸Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ^aAnd Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹^aThese three were the sons of Noah, ^band from these the whole earth was populated.

²⁰And Noah began *to be* ^aa farmer, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹Then he drank of the wine ^aand was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³^aBut Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.

²⁴So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. ²⁵Then he said:

^a“Cursed *be* Canaan;
A ^bservant of servants
He shall be to his brethren.”

²⁶And he said:

^a“Blessed *be* the LORD,
The God of Shem,
And may Canaan be his servant.

²⁷ May God ^aenlarge Japheth,
^bAnd may he dwell in the tents of Shem;
And may Canaan be his servant.”

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

Nations Descended from Noah

10 Now this *is* the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ^aAnd sons were born to them after the flood.

^{2a}The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath,¹ and Togarmah. ⁴The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.¹ ⁵From these ^athe coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

^{6a}The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put,¹ and Canaan. ⁷The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

⁸Cush begot ^aNimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹He was a mighty ^ahunter ^bbefore the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.” ^{10a}And the beginning of his kingdom was ^bBabel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹From that land he went ^ato Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ¹²and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that *is* the principal city).

¹³Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ¹⁴Pathrusim, and Casluhim ^a(from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).

¹⁵Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and ^aHeth; ^{16a}the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; ¹⁷the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; ¹⁸the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. ^{19a}And the border of

^{9:11} ^aIs. 54:9 ^{9:12} ^aGen. 9:13, 17; 17:11 ^{9:13} ^aEzek. 1:28 ^{9:15} ^aLev. 26:42, 45 ^{9:16} ^aGen. 17:13, 19 ^{9:18} ^aGen. 9:25–27; 10:6 ^{9:19} ^aGen. 5:32 ^{b1} Chr. 1:4 ^{9:20} ^aGen. 3:19, 23; 4:2 ^{9:21} ^aProv. 20:1 ^{9:23} ^aEx. 20:12 ^{9:25} ^aDeut. 27:16 ^b Josh. 9:23 ^{9:26} ^aGen. 14:20; 24:27 ^{9:27} ^aGen. 10:2–5; 39:3 ^b Eph. 2:13, 14; 3:6 ^{10:1} ^aGen. 9:1, 7, 19 ^{10:2a1} Chr. 1:5–7 ^{10:3} ¹Spelled *Diphath* in 1 Chronicles 1:6 ^{10:4} ¹Spelled *Rodanim* in Samaritan Pentateuch and 1 Chronicles 1:7 ^{10:5} ^aPs. 72:10 ^{10:6a1} Chr. 1:8–16 ^{10r} ^{Phut} 10:8 ^a Mic. 5:6 ^{10:9} ^a Jer. 16:16 ^b Gen. 21:20 ^{10:10} ^a Mic. 5:6 ^b Gen. 11:9 ^{10:11} ^a Mic. 5:6 ^{10:14a1} Chr. 1:12 ^{10:15} ^a Gen. 23:3 ^{10:16} ^a Gen. 14:7; 15:19–21 ^{10:19} ^a Num. 34:2–12

the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. ²⁰These *were* the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands *and* in their nations.

²¹And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. ²²The ^asons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, ^bArphaxad, Lud, and Aram. ²³The sons of Aram *were* Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.¹ ²⁴Arphaxad begot ^aSalah,¹ and Salah begot Eber. ²⁵^aTo Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan. ²⁶Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ²⁷Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸Obal,¹ Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan. ³⁰And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. ³¹These *were* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

³²^aThese *were* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; ^band from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land ^aof Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower ^awhose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a ^bname for ourselves, lest we ^cbe scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵^aBut the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Indeed ^athe people *are* one and they all have ^bone language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they ^cpropose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷Come, ^alet Us go down and there ^bconfuse

their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So ^athe LORD scattered them abroad from there ^bover the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹Therefore its name is called Babel, ^abecause there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Shem's Descendants

¹⁰^aThis *is* the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. ¹¹After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹²Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, ^aand begot Salah. ¹³After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁴Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. ¹⁵After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁶^aEber lived thirty-four years, and begot ^bPeleg. ¹⁷After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁸Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. ¹⁹After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁰Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot ^aSerug. ²¹After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

²²Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. ²³After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁴Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot ^aTerah. ²⁵After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁶Now Terah lived seventy years, and ^abegot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's Descendants

²⁷This *is* the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot ^aAbram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. ²⁸And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of

^{10:22}^{a1} Chr. 1:17–28 ^bLuke 3:36 ^{10:23}¹Called *Meshech* in Septuagint and 1 Chronicles 1:17 ^{10:24}^aGen. 11:12 ¹Following Masoretic Text, Vulgate, and Targum; Septuagint reads *Arphaxad begot Cainan, and Cainan begot Salah* (compare Luke 3:35, 36). ^{10:25}^{a1} Chr. 1:19 ^{10:28}¹Spelled *Ebal* in 1 Chronicles 1:22 ^{10:32}^aGen. 10:1 ^bGen. 9:19; 11:8 ^{11:2}^aGen. 10:10; 14:1 ^{11:4}^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1 ^bGen. 6:4 ^cDeut. 4:27 ^{11:5}^aGen. 18:21 ^{11:6}^aGen. 9:19 ^bGen. 11:1 ^cPs. 2:1 ^{11:7}^aGen. 1:26 ^bEx. 4:11 ^{11:8}^a[Luke 1:51] ^bGen. 10:25, 32 ^{11:9}^{a1} Cor. 14:23 ^{11:10}^aGen. 10:22–25 ^{11:12}^aLuke 3:35 ^{11:16}^{a1} Chr. 1:19 ^bLuke 3:35 ^{11:20}^aLuke 3:35 ^{11:24}^aJosh. 24:2 ^{11:26}^{a1} Chr. 1:26 ^{11:27}^aGen. 11:31; 17:5

Abram's wife *was* ^aSarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, ^bMilcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. ³⁰But ^aSarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹And Terah ^atook his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from ^bUr of the Chaldeans to go to ^cthe land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. ³²So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Promises to Abram

12 Now the ^aLORD had said to Abram:

- "Get ^bout of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.
- ² ^aI will make you a great nation;
^bI will bless you
And make your name great;
^cAnd you shall be a blessing.
- ³ ^aI will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in ^byou all the families of the
earth shall be ^cblessed."

⁴So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and ^athe people whom they had acquired ^bin Haran, and they ^cdeparted to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶Abram ^apassed through the land to the place of Shechem, ^bas far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. ¹ ^cAnd the Canaanites *were* then in the land.

^{7a}Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ^b"To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an ^caltar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar

to the LORD and ^acalled on the name of the LORD. ⁹So Abram journeyed, ^agoing on still toward the South. ¹

Abram in Egypt

¹⁰Now there was ^aa famine in the land, and Abram ^bwent down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine *was* ^csevere in the land. ¹¹And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you *are* ^aa woman of beautiful countenance. ¹²Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This *is* his wife'; and they ^awill kill me, but they will let you live. ^{13a}Please say you *are* my ^bsister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I ¹ may live because of you."

¹⁴So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she *was* very beautiful. ¹⁵The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶He ^atreated Abram well for her sake. He ^bhad sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷But the LORD ^aplagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸And Pharaoh called Abram and said, ^a"What *is* this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she *was* your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, 'She *is* my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take *her* and go your way." ^{20a}So Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Abram Inherits Canaan

13 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and ^aLot with him, ^bto the South. ¹ ^{2a}Abram *was* very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³And he went on his journey ^afrom the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the ^aplace of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram ^bcalled on the name of the LORD.

^{11:29}^aGen. 17:15; 20:12 ^bGen. 22:20, 23; 24:15 ^{11:30}^aGen. 16:1, 2 ^{11:31}^aGen. 12:1 ^bActs 7:4 ^cGen. 10:19 ^{12:1}^aActs 7:2, 3 ^bGen. 13:9 ^{12:2}^aDeut. 26:5 ^bGen. 22:17; 24:35 ^cGen. 28:4 ^{12:3}^aNum. 24:9 ^bActs 3:25; [Gal. 3:8] ^cIs. 41:27 ^{12:5}^aGen. 14:14 ^bGen. 11:31 ^cGen. 13:18 ^{12:6}^aHeb. 11:9 ^bDeut. 11:30 ^cGen. 10:18, 19 ¹Hebrew *Alon Moreh* ^{12:7}^aGen. 17:1; 18:1 ^bGen. 13:15; 15:18; 17:8; Acts 7:5; Gal. 3:16 ^cGen. 13:4, 18; 22:9 ^{12:8}^aGen. 4:26; 13:4; 21:33 ^{12:9}^aGen. 13:1, 3; 20:1; 24:62 ¹Hebrew *Negev* ^{12:10}^aGen. 26:1 ^bPs. 105:13 ^cGen. 43:1 ^{12:11}^aGen. 12:14; 26:7; 29:17 ^{12:12}^aGen. 20:11; 26:7 ^{12:13}^aGen. 20:1-18; 26:6-11 ^bGen. 20:12 ¹Literally *my soul* ^{12:16}^aGen. 20:14 ^bGen. 13:2 ^{12:17}^aChr. 16:21 ^{12:18}^aGen. 20:9, 10; 26:10 ^{12:20}^a[Prov. 21:1] ^{13:1}^aGen. 12:4; 14:12, 16 ^bGen. 12:9 ¹Hebrew *Negev* ^{13:2}^aGen. 24:35; 26:14 ^{13:3}^aGen. 12:8, 9 ^{13:4}^aGen. 12:7, 8; 21:33 ^bPs. 116:17