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Genesis

Introduction

The meaning of the English name *Genesis* is ‘source’ or ‘beginning’. Hebrew readers call this document ‘Bereshit’ which is the first word in the Hebrew and means ‘In the beginning’. Some European and other translations call it ‘The first book of Mosheh/Moses’.
This document describes the creation of space and of our planet and its contents, the origin of people, and the beginning of sin and suffering here in the world. This account also describes how God chose one particular people group and how he brought them to the land that he had promised them.
This document has two main parts:
1. The making of world and the account of the first two people, and then the first ten generations of their descendants. We read about the foundations of human culture, beginning with Adam and Havah (Eve) and their banishment from the garden, about Kayin (Cain) killing his brother Hevel (Abel), about Noah and the worldwide flood, and about the construction of the tower at Bavel.
2. The lives of the ancestors of the Jewish people: Avraham the first ancestor became famous due to his faith and trust, and his obedience of God’s commands. Following that is the account about his son Yitshak (Isaac), and his grandson Ya’akov (Jacob, also named ‘Yisrael’ or ‘Israel’), and then Ya’akov’s twelve sons who became the founders of the twelve tribes of Yisrael. That account also includes the part about Ya’akov’s son Yosef and what happened him when he was sold into Mitsrayim/Egypt by his brothers as a slave.
We also read the accounts here about the various people groups that proliferated across the continent and formed into nations.
There in final parts of this account, we’re told about God’s eternal promise of God to the people group that he chose. God doesn’t forget his promises, but he also judges and punishes those who disobey him.

Main components of this account

God’s creation of space and the earth *1:1–2:25*
The beginning of sin and suffering *3:1-24*
The accounts of Adam through to Noah *4:1–5:32*
Noah and the worldwide flood *6:1–10:32*
The tower at Bavel *11:1-9*
The accounts of Shem through to Avraham *11:10-32*
The Hebrew patriarchs: Avraham, Yitshak, and Ya’akov *12:1–35:29*
The descendants of Esav (Esau) *36:1-43*
Yosef and his brothers *37:1–45:28*
The Ivrim in Mitsrayim *46:1–50:26*

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The six days of creation

1:1 In the beginning, God[1] created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was formless and empty and darkness covered the surface of the deep waters and God's spirit was hovering over the waters' surface. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light,"[2] and light came into existence, **4** and God observed that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God named the light *daytime*, and the darkness he named *nighttime*. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the first day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a large space[3] in the middle of the waters, and let it separate the two lots of waters."[4] **7** So God made the large space and separated between the waters that were underneath from the waters that were above it.[5] Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **8** and he named the space *sky*. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered to one place, and let the dry ground appear." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **10** and he named the ground that appeared *land*, and he named the gathered waters seas, and he saw that what he had done was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the land sprout vegetation: every plant yielding seed, every fruit tree bearing its own fruit that has its seed inside it, on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **12** so the land started producing vegetation, every plant producing its own seed, and every tree bearing fruit that has its seed inside it. And God saw that what he had done was good. **13** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate daytime from nighttime, so they'll be signs, and for indicating seasons, and for tracking days and years. **15** They must function as lights in the sky that shine light on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **16** so God made the two large lights, the larger, brighter light to rule the day, and the smaller light to rule the night, and he also made the stars. **17** He put those lights in the sky to shine light on the earth, **18** and to oversee the daytime and the nighttime, and to distinguish be-

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1:1 In_beginning god he_created ~~DOM~~ the_heavens and_~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land. **2** And_the_earth it_was formlessness and_ _emptiness and_darkness was_over the_surface_of the_deep and_spirit god was_hovering over the_surface_of the_waters. **3** And_ god _he/it_said let_it_be light and_he/it_was light. **4** And_ god _he/it_saw ~~DOM~~ the_light if/because_that it_was_ _good and_ god _he/it_separated between the_light and_ _between the_darkness. **5** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_light day and_to_the_darkness he_called night and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning day one. **6** And_ god _he/it_ _said let_it_be a_firmament in_the_middle the_waters and_let_ _it_be separating between waters and_waters. **7** And_ god _ _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_firmament and_he/it_separated between the_waters which from_under to_the_firmament and_between the_waters which from_under to_the_firmament and_he/it_ _was so. **8** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_firmament heaven and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day second. **9** And_ god _he/it_said the_waters let_them_be_gathered from_ _under the_heavens to a_place one and_ the_dry_ground _let_ _it_appear and_he/it_was so. **10** And_ god _he/it_called to_the_ _dry_ground earth and_to_the_collection the_waters he_called seas and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **11** And_ god _he/it_said the_earth/land let_it_sprout vegetation plant[s] which_bears_seed seed tree[s]_of fruit producing fruit to/for_his/its_kind which his/its_seed in_him/it on the_ _earth/land and_he/it_was so. **12** And_ the_earth/land _she/it_ _produced vegetation plant[s] which_bears_seed seed to_ _his/its_kind and_tree producing fruit[9][10] which his/its_seed in_ _him/it to_his/its_kind and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_ _was_good. **13** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day third. **14** And_ god _he/it_said let_it_be luminaries in_ _the_firmament the_heavens to_separate between the_day and_between the_night and_they_will_be to/for_signs and_ _to/for_seasons and_to/for_days and_years. **15** And_they_will_ _be for_lights in_the_firmament the_heavens to_give_light on the_earth/land and_he/it_was so. **16** And_ god _he/it_made ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_lights the_big(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_luminary the_ _big/great(sg) for_dominion the_day and_~~DOM~~ the_luminary the_small(sg) for_dominion the_night and_~~DOM~~ the_stars. **17** And_ god _he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_them in_the_firmament the_ _heavens to_give_light on the_earth/land. **18** And_to_rule in_ _the_day and_in_the_night and_to_separate between the_light and_between the_darkness and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_

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1 RV 1:1 · Note As per common practice, we use 'God' through the Hebrew scriptures for the word 'elohim'. Note that 'elohim' is a Hebrew language plural, and is translated more literally as 'gods' in a few places. However the connected Hebrew verb translated 'created' here is clearly a singular form, so the singular noun 'God' fits better here and everywhere where 'elohim' is used with other verbs marked as being singular. The mysterious plurality of God is confirmed in v26 where 'our' is used to refer to him/them.

2 RV 1:3 · Cross-ref. 2Cor 4:6.

3 RV 1:6 · Note The Hebrew word here is sometimes translated 'firmament' (from the Latin Vulgate), or even 'dome', but God names it as 'sky' in v8 so it's obviously not intended to be anything solid-like.

4 RV 1:6-8 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:5.

5 RV 1:6 · Note It's not clear how large or wide this separation is: if the waters below are the oceans (as distinct from subterranean water), then the waters above could be anything from rain clouds in the atmosphere, to water in space or at the edge of the universe or somewhere??? (Song/Psalm 148:4 refers to 'the waters that are above the heavens/skies'.)

9 LV 1:12 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

10 LV 1:12 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

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_that it_was_good. **19** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning a_day fourth. **20** And_ god _he/it_said the_waters let_ _them_swarm swarming_thing[s]_of creature[s] living and_bird let_it_fly above the_earth/land on the_surface_of the_ _firmament_of the_heavens. **21** And_ god _he/it_created ÐOM the_sea_monsters the_big(pl) and_ÐOM every_of creature the_ _living the_creeping which the_waters they_swarmed to_their_ _kind and_ÐOM every_of bird wing to_his/its_kind and_ god _ _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **22** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ÐOM_them to_say be_fruitful and_increase/multiply and_fill ÐOM the_waters in_the_seas and_the_bird let_it_ _multiply on_the_earth. **23** And_he/it_was evening and_he/it_ _was morning a_day fifth. **24** And_ god _he/it_said the_ _earth/land let_it_produce creature[s] living to_its_kind livestock and_creeping and_(wild)_animal_of the_earth to_its_ _kind and_he/it_was so. **25** And_ god _he/it_made ÐOM animal(s) the_earth/land to_its_kind and_ÐOM the_ _cattle/livestock to_its_kind and_ÐOM every_of (the)_creeping_ _thing_of the_soil to_his/its_kind and_ god _he/it_saw if/because_that it_was_good. **26** And_ god _he/it_said let_us_ _make humankind in_our_image according_to_our_ _likeness/pattern and_they_will_rule_over on/over_(a)_fish_of the_sea and_on/over_bird_of the_heavens and_on/over_ _cattle/livestock and_on/over_all the_earth/land and_on/over_ _all the_creeping_(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_ _earth/land. **27** And_ god _he/it_created ÐOM the_humankind in_his/its_image in_(the)_image god he_created ÐOM_him/it male and_female he_created ÐOM_them. **28** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ÐOM_them and_he/it_said to/for_them god be_fruitful and_increase/multiply and_fill ÐOM the_earth/land and_ _subdue_it and_rule(pl) on/over_fish_of the_sea and_on/over_ _bird_of the_heavens and_on/over_all animal the_creeping on the_earth/land. **29** And_ god _he/it_said HERE I_give to/for_ _you(pl) ÐOM every_of plant which_bears_seed seed which is_on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ÐOM every_of the_tree which in/on/over_him/it the_fruit_of a_tree which_bears_seed seed to/for_you(pl) it_will_belong for_food. **30** And_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_earth/land and_to/for_all (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_to/for_all creeping_thing on the_earth/land which in/on/over_him/it life living ÐOM all_of greenery plant[s] for_food and_he/it_was so. **31** And_ god _he/it_saw ÐOM all_of that he_had_made and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_good very and_he/it_was evening and_he/it_was morning the_day_ _of the_sixth.

2:1 And_ the_heavens and_the_earth and_all their_objects _ _they_were_completed. **2** And_ god _they_were_ended/finished in_the_day the_seventh their_property/content which he_had_ _done and_he/it_rested in_the_day the_seventh from_all their_ _property/content which he_had_done. **3** And_ god _he/it_ _blessed ÐOM the_day_of the_seventh and_he/it_consecrated ÐOM_him/it if/because in_him/it he_rested from_all their_ _property/content which god he_had_created for_doing.

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tween the light and the darkness. And God saw that what he had done was good. **19** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters be full of with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly in the sky above the earth." **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every kind of living creature that moves which the waters swarm with, and every kind of winged bird. And God saw that what he had done was good, **22** and he blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." **23** Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the land bring forth every kind of living creature: livestock and every crawling creature and every kind of living thing on the earth." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **25** so he made every kind of creature of the earth, and every kind of livestock, and every kind of crawling creature on the ground. And God saw that what he had done was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness,[6] and let them rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every creature moving on the earth." **27** Then God created humankind in his image, yes, created in the image of God—male and female he created them.[7] **28** Then God blessed them and told them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and take control of it. You're in charge of the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** Then God said, "Look, I've given you every plant throughout the whole earth that yields seed, and every tree that has fruit with a seed or seeds inside it. They will be yours for food, **30** and to every living thing on the earth, and to every bird in the sky, and to everything moving on the earth that has living breath in it, I've given every green plant for food." Everything happened exactly as he commanded, **31** and he saw everything that he'd made, and wow, it was *very* good. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the sixth day.

2:1 So the heavens and the earth were completed, along with everything in them. **2** By the seventh day God had finished his work, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he'd done.[8] **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and declared it to be different from the other days, because on that first Saturday, he rested from all his work of creating.

6 RV 1:26 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 11:7.

7 RV 1:27-28 · Cross-ref. Gen 5:1-2.

8 RV 2:2-3 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:11.

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4 What follows tells[11] more details about **The garden at Eden** the history of what God did when he created the heavens and the earth:

During the time when Yahweh God[12] made the earth and the heavens, **5** there weren't yet any bushes growing on the earth, and no plants had yet sprung up in the countryside, because Yahweh God had not yet made it rain, and nor were there any people yet to till the ground. **6** However, a mist came up from the ground and watered the entire surface of the land.

7 Then Yahweh God formed the first man out of the dust on the ground and he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living person.[13]

8 Now in the east, Yahweh God had planted a garden in Eden, and he put the man there that he had formed. **9** He also caused all kinds of trees to grow there—some that are pleasant to look at and good for food. In the middle of the garden was the tree of life[14] and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and then from there it split into four rivers. **11** The first river was named Pishon, and it winds around through the entire region of Havilah, where there's gold. **12** The gold from there is very pure, and there's also a type of fragrant resin and onyx gemstones there. **13** The second river was named Gihon, and it winds through the entire region of Kush (Ethiopia). **14** The third river was named Hidekel, and it flowed east of the Ashur (Assyria) region, and then the fourth river was named Perat (Euphrates).

15 Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden at Eden to cultivate and maintain it **16** and instructed him, "You can eat as much fruit as you want from any tree in the garden, **17** but you mustn't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because the day you eat its fruit you'll certainly die."

18 Then Yahweh God said, "It's not good for the man to be alone, so I'll make a suitable helper for him."

19 Now Yahweh God had formed every living thing of the countryside and every bird of the sky from the ground, so he brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called each living creature, that would become its name. **20** The man gave names to all the various livestock and to

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4 These are_the_accounts_of the_heavens and_the_earth at_ _their_creation in/on_day **YHWH** god made earth and_ _heavens. **5** And_all/each/any/every (the)_bush[es]_of the_ _field not_yet it_was in/on_the_earth and_all (the)_vegetation_ _of the_field not_yet it_was_sprouting if/because not **YHWH** god he_had_caused_rain on the_earth/land and_human/'Ādām there_was_not to_work ÐOM the_soil. **6** And_vapour it_came_up from the_earth/land and_it_watered ÐOM all_of the_surface_of the_soil. **7** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_formed ÐOM the_humankind dust from the_soil and_he/it_blew in_his/its_two_nostrils the_ _breath_of life and_ the_humankind _he/it_was to_living_ _creature living. **8** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_planted a_garden in_ _'Ēden from_east and_he/it_assigned there ÐOM the_ _humankind whom he_had_formed. **9** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _made_sprout from the_soil every_of tree desirable to/for_ _appearance and_good for_food and_tree the_life in_the_ _middle the_garden and_tree the_knowledge good and_ _bad/evil. **10** And_river[16] was_going_out from_'Ēden to_water ÐOM the_garden and_from_there it_divided and_it_was to_four heads. **11** The_name_of the_one is_Pishon it the_(one)_going_ _around ÐOM all_of the_land_of the_Ḥ$_a$vīlāh where is_there the_ _gold. **12** And_gold_of the_earth/land the_that is_good are_ _there the_bdellium and_stone_of the_onyx/beryl. **13** And_ _name_of the_river the_second is_Giyḥōn it the_(one)_going_ _around ÐOM all_of the_land_of Kūsh/(Cush). **14** And_name_of the_river the_third is_Tigris it the_(one)_going the_east_of 'Ashshūr and_the_river the_fourth it is_the_Pərāt. **15** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_took ÐOM the_humankind and_he/it_put_ _him/it in_garden of_'Ēden to_work_her/it and_to_ _guard/attend_to_her/it. **16** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _commanded to the_humankind to_say from_all (the)_tree_of the_garden freely_(eat) you_will_eat. **17** And_from_tree the_ _knowledge good and_bad/evil not you_must_eat from_him/it if/because in/on_day you(ms)_eat from_him/it surely_(die) you_will_die. **18** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said not is_good to_be the_humankind for_him/it_being_alone I_will_make for_ _him/it[17] a_helper like_in_front_of_him/it. **19** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_formed from the_soil every_of (the)_animal_of the_field and_ÐOM every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_he/it_brought to the_humankind to_see what will_he_call to_him/it and_ _all/each/any/every that he_called to_him/it the_humankind a_creature living it his/its_name. **20** And_ the_humankind _ _he/it_called names to/from_all/each/any/every the_

11 RV 2:4 · Note This little formula is sometimes known as a 'toledoth' (or 'tōlədōt', from the Hebrew word) and seems to mark a new section, but it's debated whether this part belongs at the bottom of the previous section, or at the top of the following section. We're assuming the later here.

12 RV 2:4 · Note This is the first occurrence of the Hebrew letters 'יהוה' (YHWH) in the Bible, which we find out later (in Exodus 3, also compiled by Mosheh/Moses) is God's actual name. Although the vowels which go with those four consonants have been lost over the millennia, most scholars believe 'Yahweh' to be the best guess that we can make. (It's certainly NOT 'Jehovah', which was a historical mistake made by confusing the vowels of two different words.) Some older translations use LORD which is NOT a translation of 'יהוה' (which means 'I am'), but which represents confusion over the more recent Jewish (but non-Biblical) custom of not pronouncing God's name (and which makes one wonder what's the use of telling people your name if they're then not allowed to use it).

13 RV 2:7 · Cross-ref. 1Cor 15:45.

14 RV 2:9 · Cross-ref. Rev 2:7; 22:2,14.

16 LV 2:10 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

17 LV 2:18 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_cattle/livestock and_to/for_bird the_heavens and_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_field and_to/for_humankind not he_found a_helper like_in_front_of_him/it. **21** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_ _made_fall/lie_down a_deep_sleep on the_humankind and_ _he/it_fell_asleep and_he/it_took one from_his/its_ribs/planks and_he/it_closed_up flesh instead_of_her/it. **22** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_built ~~ĐOM~~ the_rib/plank which he_had_taken from the_humankind to/for_(a)_woman and_he/it_brought_her/it to the_humankind. **23** And_ the_humankind _he/it_said this_one at_last is_bone from_my_bones and_flesh/body from_my_ _flesh/body to_this_(one) woman it_will_be_called if/because from_man this_(one) she_was_taken. **24** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so a_man he_leaves ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_father and_ _~~ĐOM~~ his/its_mother and_he/it_clings in/on_his/its_ _woman/wife and_they_will_be to/for_flesh/body one. **25** And_ _they_were both_of_them naked the_humankind and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_not they_were_ashamed.

3:1 And_the_snake it_was crafty from_all (the)_animal_of the_ _field which **YHWH** god he_had_made and_he/it_said to the_ _woman also if/because god did_he_say not you(pl)_must_eat from_all (the)_tree_of the_garden. **2** And_ the_woman _she/it_ _said to the_snake from_the_fruit of_the_tree[s]_of the_garden we_will_eat. **3** And_from_fruit the_tree which in_the_middle the_garden god he_said not you(pl)_must_eat from_him/it and_ _not you(pl)_will_touch in/on/over_him/it lest you(pl)_will_ _die_(emph). **4** And_ the_snake _he/it_said to the_woman not surely_(die) you(pl)_will_die_(emph). **5** If/because god is_ _knowing if/because_that in/on_day you(pl)_to_eat from_it and_ your(pl)_eyes _they_will_be_opened and_you(pl)_will_be like_'Elohīm (ones)_knowing (of)_good and_bad/evil. **6** And_ the_woman _she/it_saw if/because_that was_good the_tree for_ _food and_that was_a_delight it to/for_both_eyes and_ the_tree _was_desirable to_make_wise/intelligent and_she/it_took from_its_fruit and_she/it_ate and_she/it_gave also to_her_ _husband with_her/it and_he/it_ate. **7** And_ the_eyes_of both_ _of_them _they_were_opened and_they_knew if/because_that were_naked they and_they_sewed leafage_of fig_tree and_they_ _made to/for_them loin_coverings. **8** And_they_heard ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _sound_of **YHWH** god walking_about in_the_garden to/for_ _wind/breath/spirit the_day and_ the_humankind and_his/its_ _woman/wife _he/it_hid_himself/itself from_before **YHWH** god in_the_middle the_tree[s]_of the_garden. **9** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_called to the_humankind and_he/it_said to_him/it where_you(ms). **10** And_he/it_said ~~ĐOM~~ your(ms)_sound/voice I_heard in_the_garden and_I_was_afraid if/because was_naked I and_I_hid_myself. **11** And_he/it_said who (did)_he_tell to/for_ _yourself(m) if/because_that were_naked you the_(one)_from the_tree which I_commanded_you(ms) to_not to_eat from_ _him/it have_you_eaten. **12** And_ the_humankind _he/it_said the_woman whom you_put with_me she she_gave to/for_me from the_tree and_I_ate. **13** And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said to_ _the_woman what this have_you_done and_ the_woman _ _she/it_said the_snake he/it_deceived/seduced_me and_I_ate.

15 **RV 2:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:5; Mrk 10:7-8; 1Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31.

18 **RV 3:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:9; 20:2.

19 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 11:3; 1Tim 2:14.

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the birds of the sky and to every living creature in the countryside, but none of them was a suitable companion to help him.

21 So Yahweh God caused the man to go into a deep sleep, and then while he was sleeping, he removed one of his ribs and closed up over its place with flesh. **22** Then Yahweh God used the rib which he had taken from the man to form into a woman, and he brought her to the man, **23** and the man said:

"Now this is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.
She'll be named 'woman'
because she came from a man."

24 So that's why a man leaves his father and mother, and becomes united to his wife, and the two of them become one being.[15]

25 At that time, both the man and his wife were naked, but they had no sense of shame.

The couple disobey God

3:1 Now the snake[18] was the craftiest of all the wild animals that Yahweh God had created, and one day he asked the woman, "Did God really command you to not eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

2 "No," answered the woman, "we can eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden, **3** except from the tree that is in the centre. He commanded us to not eat that fruit or even touch it, because if we do, we will die!"

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "It's not definite that you'll die. **5** Actually, God knows that as soon as you eat fruit from that tree, you'll understand new things, so that you will know what's right and what's wrong just like God does."

6 The woman saw that the tree's fruit looked good to eat and that the tree itself was very attractive, plus she wanted to eat the fruit so that it would make her wise. So she picked some of the fruit and ate it and she also gave some of it to her husband who was there with her, and he ate it too. **7** Immediately they both had new understanding and they felt their nakedness. So they sewed some fig leaves together and made skirts for themselves.

8 Late that afternoon, during the cool time of the day, the man and his wife heard Yahweh God's voice as he walked in the garden, but they hid from him behind some trees in the garden, **9** so Yahweh God called out to the man, "Adam, where are you?"

10 "I heard you walking in the garden," he replied, "but I was scared because I was naked, so I hid myself."

11 "Who told you that you're naked?" Yahweh God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit that I told you not to eat?"

12 "The woman that you put here beside me," answered the man, "she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it."

13 Then Yahweh God asked the woman, "What did you do?"

"The snake tricked me, so I ate some of the fruit,"[19] the woman replied.

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God's judgements after they disobeyed

14 Then Yahweh God said to the snake,
"Because you've done this you'll be
cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
Now you'll move along on your belly,
and you'll eat dust all the rest of your life.
15 I'll put hostility between you and the woman
between your descendants and hers.[20]
He will crush your head
and you'll strike his heel."
16 To the woman God said,
"I'll sharply increase your pain in childbirth.
You'll produce children in pain.
Your desire will be for your husband
and he will rule over you."
17 Then God said to the man,
"Because you did what your wife told you
and ate from that tree
that I'd told you not to eat from,
then the ground will be cursed because of you.[21]
You'll have to work hard to get food from it
all the rest of your life.
18 It'll produce thorns and thistles for you
although you'll eat the crops from the countryside.
19 You'll eat bread with sweat drops on your nose
until you return to the ground
because you were taken out of the ground.
Yes, you were created from dust,
and you'll return back to dust."
20 Then the man named his wife 'Havah' (Eve) (which means 'living') because she would become the mother of all future people. **21** Then Yahweh God made clothes from animal skins for Adam and his wife and he dressed them.

The humans get expelled from the garden

22 Then Yahweh God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, being aware of good and evil. But now, he mustn't be allowed to reach out his hand and also take fruit from the tree of life and eat it and live forever."[23] **23** So Yahweh God expelled them out of the garden in Eden to work the soil from which Adam had been taken.
24 After he expelled them, he placed sentries on the east side of the garden in Eden, as well as a fiery sword that swung around in every direction to guard the path to the tree of life.

Kayin (Cain) murders Hevel (Abel)

4:1 Then Adam slept with his wife Havah (Eve), and she conceived and in due course gave birth to Kayin (Cain). "Yahweh has enabled me to produce a man," she said. **2** Eventually she also

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14 And_ **YHWH** god _he/it_said to the_snake if/because you_
_have_done this you are_cursed from_all the_cattle/livestock
and_from_all (the)_animal_of the_field on your(ms)_
_belly/abdomen you_will_go and_dust you_will_eat all_of the_
_days_of your(ms)_life. **15** And_hostility I_will_put between_
_you(ms) and_between the_woman and_between your_
_offspring and_between her_offspring he he/it_will_
_crush/cover_over_you(ms) head and_you(ms) you(ms)_will_
_crush/cover_over_him/it heel. **16** To the_woman he_said
greatly_(increase) I_will_increase your(fs)_worries/pain and_
_your(fs)_pregnancy in_earthen_vessel//painful_toll you_will_
_bear children and_near/to your(fs)_man/husband your(fs)_
_longing/desire and_he he_will_rule on/over_you(fs). **17** And_
_to/for_humankind he_said if/because you_listened[22] to_
_sound/voice your(ms)_woman/wife and_she/it_ate from the_
_tree which I_commanded_you(ms) to_say not you_must_eat
from_him/it the_soil is_cursed on_account_of_you(ms) in_pain
you(ms)_will_eat_it(f) all_of the_days_of your(ms)_life. **18** And_
_thorn and_thorn/thistle it_will_cause_to_sprout to/for_
_you(fs) and_you(ms)_will_eat ~~ĐOM~~ the_vegetation_of the_field.
19 On_perspiration/sweat_of your(ms)_both_nostrils you_will_
_eat food until you(ms)_return to the_soil if/because from_it
you_were_taken if/because are_dust you and_near/to dust you_
_will_return. **20** And_ the_humankind _he/it_called the_name_
_of his/its_wife/woman Ḥavvāh/(Eve) if/because she she_was
the_mother_of every_of living_person. **21** And_ **YHWH** god _
_he/it_made for_'Ādām and_for_his_wife garments_of skin
and_he/it_clothed_them.

22 And_he/it_said **YHWH** god HERE the_humankind he_has_
_become like_one from_him/it to_know good and_bad/evil
and_now lest he_should_stretch_out his/its_hand and_he/it_
_will_take also from_tree the_life and_he/it_will_eat and_he/it_
_will_live forever. **23** And_he/it_sent_out/away_him/it **YHWH**
god from_the_garden of_ʿĒden to_work ~~ĐOM~~ the_soil where he_
_was_taken from_there. **24** And_he/it_drove_out ~~ĐOM~~ the_
_humankind and_he/it_made_stay/reside from_east to/for_
_garden of_ʿĒden ~~ĐOM~~ the_cherubims and_~~ĐOM~~ the_flame_of
the_sword/knife the_tumbling to_guard/protect ~~ĐOM~~ the_way_
_of the_tree_of the_life.
4:1 And_the_man he_knew ~~ĐOM~~ Ḥavvāh/(Eve) his/its_
_wife/woman and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_
_she/it_gave_birth ~~ĐOM~~ Qayin/(Cain) and_she/it_said I_have_
_acquired a_man with **YHWH**. **2** And_she/it_added to_give_
_birth ~~ĐOM~~ his/its_brother ~~ĐOM~~ Hevel/(Abel) and_he/it_was

20 **RV 3:15 · Cross-ref.** Rev 12:17.
21 **RV 3:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:8.
22 **LV 3:17 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
23 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:14.

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Hevel a_herdsman_of sheep and_Qayin/(Cain) he_was one_
_who_tilled_of the_ground. **3** And_he/it_was from_the_
end/extremity days and Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_brought from_
_the_fruit the_soil an_offering to/for_**YHWH**. **4** And_Hevel also
he he_brought from_the_firstborn his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats
and_from_their_fat/best and_ **YHWH** _he/it_looked_around to
Hevel and_near/to his/its_donation/offering. **5** And_near/to
Qayin/(Cain) and_near/to his/its_donation/offering not he_
_looked and_it_glowed/burnt to/for_Qayin/(Cain) exceedingly
and_ his/its_faces/face _they_fell. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to
Qayin/(Cain) to/for_what does_it_burn to/for_you(fs) and_why
your(ms)_faces/face have_they_fallen. **7** Am_not if you_will_do_
_well lifting_up and_if not you_will_do_well to/for_the_
_opening/doorway sin is_crouching and_to_you(ms) his/its_
_longing/desire and_you(ms) you_will_rule in/on/over_him/it.
8 And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_said to Hevel his/its_brother and_
_he/it_was on_their_being in_the_field and_ Qayin/(Cain) _
_he/it_rose_up against Hevel his/its_brother and_he/it_killed_
him/it. **9** And **YHWH** _he/it_said to Qayin/(Cain) where is_
_Hevel your(ms)_brother/kindred and_he/it_said not I_know
the_guard/protector/keeper my_brother/kindred am_I.
10 And_he/it_said what have_you_done the_voice_of the_
_blood(s)_of your(ms)_brother/kindred are_crying_out to_me
from the_soil. **11** And_now you are_cursed from the_soil which
it_has_opened ÐOM her/its_mouth to_take/accept/receive ÐOM
the_blood(s)_of your(ms)_brother/kindred from_your(ms)_
_hand. **12** If/because you_will_till ÐOM the_soil not it_will_
_repeat to_give her/its_vigor/produce to/for_you(fs) a_
_wanderer and_nodding/deploring/taunting you_will_be
in/on_the_earth. **13** And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_said to **YHWH** is_
_too_great my_perversity/evil/guilt/punishment from_
_lifting/bearing. **14** HERE you_have_driven_away ÐOM_me the_
_day from_under the_surface_of the_soil and_from_your(ms)_
_face/front I_will_be_hidden and_I_will_be a_wanderer and_
_nodding/deploring/taunting on_the_earth and_it_was every_
_of finding_me he/it_will_smite/kill_me. **15** And_he/it_said to_
_him/it **YHWH** therefore any_of one_who_kills_of Qayin/(Cain)
sevenfold he_will_be_avenged and_ **YHWH** _he/it_assigned
to/for_Qayin/(Cain) a_sign to_not any_of finding_him/it to_
_strike ÐOM_him/it. **16** And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_went_out
from_to/for_face/front/presence **YHWH** and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived in_land_of Nōd the_east_of ʼĒden.

17 And_ Qayin/(Cain) _he/it_knew ÐOM his/its_wife/woman
and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_
_birth ÐOM Ḥanōk/(Enoch) and_he/it_was building a_city and_
_he/it_called the_name_of the_city like/according_to_name
his/its_son Ḥanōk. **18** And_he/it_was_born to/for_Ḥanōk ÐOM
Irad and_Irad he_fathered ÐOM Mehujael and_Mehujael he_
_fathered ÐOM Methushael and_Methushael he_fathered ÐOM
Lemek. **19** And_he/it_took to_him/it Lemek two_of wives the_
_name_of the_one(f) was_ʼĀdāh and_name_of the_second(fs)
was_Tsillāh/(Zillah). **20** And_ ʼĀdāh _she/it_gave_birth ÐOM

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gave birth to Kayin's brother, Hevel (Abel). Hevel became a shepherd, while Kayin became a crop farmer. **3** Some months later, Kayin brought some of what he'd grown in the ground as an offering to Yahweh, **4** and also Hevel brought the best portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. Now Yahweh was pleased with Hevel and his offering,[24] **5** but he didn't even look towards Kayin and his offering. Kayin got very angry and his face showed his displeasure. **6** Then Yahweh said to Kayin, "Why are you so angry? And why are you frowning like that? **7** If you do what's right, won't you be honoured? But if you don't do what's right, sin is crouching in the doorway wanting to have you, but you have the control over it."

8 One day, Kayin spoke to his brother Hevel when they were out in the countryside, and then Kayin attacked him and killed him.[25]

9 Later Yahweh asked Kayin, "Where's your brother Hevel?"

"I don't know," he replied, "It's not my job to look after my brother."

10 "What have you done?" Yahweh asked. "Your brother's blood is calling out to me from the ground.[26] **11** So now you're cursed and banished from the soil that your brother's blood soaked into as a result of your actions. **12** Whenever you till and plant the ground, it will no longer produce good yields for you. You'll be a fugitive and wandering refugee on the earth."

13 "My punishment is more than I can bear," Kayin complained to Yahweh. **14** "Look, you're now driving me away from the ground I've been cultivating to somewhere where you won't be able to see me. I'll be a wandering refugee on the earth, and anyone who finds me will kill me."

15 "Very well,", replied Yahweh and declared, "If anyone kills Kayin, then that person will receive a seven times greater sentence." Then Yahweh marked Kayin so that no one who found him would kill him, **16** and Kayin left Yahweh's presence and settled in the land of Nod to the east of Eden.

Kayin's descendants

17 Then Kayin (Cain) slept with his wife and she conceived and gave birth to Hanok (Enoch). Then Kayin founded a town and named it Hanok after his son. **18** Eventually Hanok fathered Irad, and Irad fathered Mehuyael, and Mehuyael father Metushael, and Metushael fathered Lemek (Lamech). **19** Lemek had two wives: the first was named Adah and the second was Tsilah (Zillah). **20** Adah gave birth to Yaval who became the ancestor of people who live in tents and rear cattle. **21** His brother's name was Yuval and he became the ancestor of people

24 **RV 4:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:4.

25 **RV 4:8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 23:35; Luk 11:51; 1Yhn 3:12.

26 **RV 4:10 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:24.

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who play stringed and wind instruments. 22 Tsilah gave birth to Tuval-Kayin who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. His sister was named Na'amah. 23 Then Lemek said to his wives:

"Adah and Tsilah, listen to me.
My wives, take notice of my words;
I killed a man who had wounded me;
I killed a young man who hurt me.
24 If killers of Kayin (Cain) would be sentenced seven times as much,
then anyone who kills me should be sentenced *seventy-seven* times as much."

Shet's descendants

25 Then Adam slept with his wife again and she bore a son and named him Shet (Seth) (which means 'given') because she had said, "God has given me another son in place of Hevel (Abel) who was killed by Kayin (Cain)." 26 Eventually Shet also had a son and named him Enosh. That was when people began using Yahweh's name when they prayed for help.

Adam's (important) descendants[27]

5:1 This is the list of Adam's descendants. When God had created humankind, he made them in his own likeness.[28] 2 He created them as male and female,[29] and he blessed them and named them 'humans'.
3 When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son who was like him in many ways, and he named him Shet (Seth). 4 After Shet's birth, Adam lived another 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.
6 When Shet was 105 years old, he had a son named Enosh. 7 After Enosh's birth, Shet lived another 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 So Shet lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.
9 When Enosh was 90 years old, he had a son named Keynan. 10 After Keynan's birth, Enosh lived another 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 So Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.
12 When Keynan was 70 years old, he had a son named Mahalalel. 13 After Mahalalel's birth, Keynan lived another 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 So Keynan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.
15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he had a son named Yered (Jared). 16 After Yered's birth, Mahalalel lived another 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 So Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.
18 When Yered was 162 years old, he had a son named Hanok (Enoch). 19 After Hanok's birth, Yered lived another 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 So Yered lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.
21 When Hanok was 65 years old, he had a son named Metushelah (Methuselah). 22 After Metushelah's birth, Hanok walked

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Jabal he he_was the_father_of dweller[s]_of tent and_ _livestock/cattle. 21 And_name_of his/its_brother was_Jubal he he_was the_father_of every_of player_of harp and_reed_ _instrument/flute. 22 And_Tsillāh also she she_bore ĐOM Tūv-al-Qayin/(Cain) a_sharpener_of every_of worker_of bronze and_ _iron and_sister_of Tūv-al- Qayin/(Cain) Na'amāh. 23 And_ Lemek _he/it_said to_his_wives Oh_'Ādāh and_Tsillāh listen_to my_sound/voice Oh_wives_of Lemek give_ear_to my_ _speech/discourse if/because a_man I_have_killed to/for_my_ _wound/bruise and_child/boy/young_man to/for_my_ _stripe/bruise/wound. 24 If/because sevenfold Qayin/(Cain) he_will_be_avenged and_Lemek seventy and_seven.

25 And_ 'Ādām _he/it_knew again ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named ĐOM his/its_name Shēt if/because he_has_appointed to_me god offspring another in_place_of Hev-el/(Abel) if/because he/it_ _killed_him/it Qayin/(Cain). 26 And_to/for_Shet/Shēt also he a_son he_was_born and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name 'Enōsh then it_was_begun to_call on_(the)_name_of **YHWH**.

5:1 This is_the_record_of the_descendants_of 'Ādām in/on_day god created humankind in_the_likeness/resemblance god he_ _made ĐOM_him/it. 2 Male and_female he/it_created_them and_he/it_blessed ĐOM_them and_he/it_called ĐOM their_name humankind in/on_day to_create_them. 3 And_ 'Ādām _he/it_ _lived thirty and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered in_ _his/its_resemblance/likeness according_to_his/its_ _illusion/resemblance and_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Shēt. 4 And_ the_days_of 'Ādām _they_were after fathering_by_ _him/it ĐOM Shēt eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. 5 And_ all_of the_days_of 'Ādām which he_ _lived _they_were nine hundred(s) year[s] and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_died. 6 And_ Shēt _he/it_lived five years and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM 'Enōsh. 7 And_ Shēt _ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM 'Enōsh seven years and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. 8 And_ all_of the_days_of Shēt _they_were two_plus ten year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. 9 And_ 'Enōsh _he/it_lived ninety year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Qēynān/(Kenan). 10 And_ 'Enōsh _he/it_lived after fathering_ _by_him/it ĐOM Qēynān/(Kenan) fif- teen year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. 11 And_ all_of the_days_of 'Enōsh _they_were five years and_ _nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. 12 And_ Qēynān/(Kenan) _he/it_lived seventy year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Mah$_a$lal'^{ē}l. 13 And_ Qēynān/(Kenan) _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Mah$_a$lal'^{ē}l forty year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. 14 And_ all_of the_days_of Qēynān/(Kenan) _they_were ten years and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. 15 And_ Mah$_a$lal'^{ē}l _he/it_lived five years and_sixty year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Yered/(Jared). 16 And_ Mah$_a$lal'^{ē}l _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Yered thirty year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters.

27 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:1-4
28 **RV 5:1-2 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:27-28.
29 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 19:4; Mrk 10:6.

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17 And_ all_of the_days_of Mah$_a$lal'ēl _they_were five and_ _ninety year[s] and_eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **18** And_ Yered _he/it_lived two and_sixty year[s] and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Ḥ$_a$nōk/(Enoch). **19** And_ Yered _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Ḥ$_a$nōk eight hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **20** And_ all_of the_days_of Yered _they_were two and_sixty year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **21** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_lived five and_sixty year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered ĐOM Mətūshelaḥ. **22** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_ _walked/wandered with the_'Elohīm after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Mətūshelaḥ three hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **23** And_ all_of the_days_of Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_ _was five and_sixty year[s] and_three hundred(s) year[s]. **24** And_ Ḥ$_a$nōk _he/it_walked/wandered with the_'Elohīm and_ _he_didn't_exist if/because god he_took ĐOM_him/it. **25** And_ Mətūshelaḥ _he/it_lived seven and_eighty year[s] and_one_ _hundred year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Lemek. **26** And_ Mətūshelaḥ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Lemek two and_eighty year[s] and_seven hundred(s) year[s] and_ _he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **27** And_ all_of the_days_of Mətūshelaḥ _they_were nine and_sixty year[s] and_nine hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **28** And_ Lemek _he/it_lived two and_eighty year[s] and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered a_son. **29** And_he/it_called ĐOM his/its_name Noaḥ to_say this_one he_will_console/comfort_us from_our_ _work/action and_from_worry/pain our_both_hands from the_ _soil which he/it_has_cursed_her/it **YHWH**. **30** And_ Lemek _ _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Noaḥ five and_ _ninety year[s] and_five hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **31** And_ all_of the_days_of Lemek _he/it_ _was seven and_seventy year[s] and_seven hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_died. **32** And_he/it_was Noaḥ a_son_of five hundred(s) year[s] and_ Noaḥ _he/it_fathered ĐOM Shēm ĐOM Ḥām and_ĐOM Yefet/(Japheth).

6:1 And_he/it_was if/because the_humankind it_began to_ _increase_in_number on the_surface_of the_soil and_daughters they_were_born to/for_them. **2** And_ the_sons_of the_'Elohīm _ _they_saw ĐOM the_daughters_of the_humankind if/because_ _that were_good they and_they_took to/for_them wives from_ _all whom they_chose. **3** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said not my_ _breath/wind/spirit it_will_remain in/on_the_humankind to_ _vanishing_point in/on_that_also he is_flesh and_they_will_be his/its_days one_hundred and_twenty year[s]. **4** The_ _Nefilim/Nephilim they_were in/on_the_earth in_the_days those and_also after thus when the_sons_of the_'Elohīm they_ _went into the_daughters_of the_humankind and_they_gave_ _birth to/for_them they the_powerful/mighty(pl) who from_ _long_ago/eternity the_men_of the_name. **5** And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_saw if/because_that was_great the_evil_of the_

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with God for 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** So Hanok lived a total of 365 years. **24** Hanok walked with God, and then he was not there, because God took him away.[30]

25 When Metushelah was 187 years old, he had a son named Lemek (Lamech). **26** After Lemek's birth, Metushelah lived another 782 years and had other sons and daughters. **27** So Metushelah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

28 When Lemek was 182 years old, he had a son **29** and he named him Noah (which sounds like the Hebrew word for 'relief') because he said, "This son will give us relief from the difficult work that we have to do because Yahweh has cursed the ground." **30** After Noah's birth, Lemek lived another 595 years and had other sons and daughters. **31** So Lemek lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he had sons whose names were Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham.[31]

Humankind's evil

6:1 When people began to multiply on the earth's surface, and they were having daughters, **2** God's sons[32] saw that men's daughters were beautiful, and they took any that they wanted for themselves as wives. **3** Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit won't tolerate people forever, because they are physical beings, therefore their remaining time will be 120 years." **4** The NEFILIM[33] were on the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God went to the daughters of humankind and they bore children for them. INVESTIGATE They were the mighty warriors of long ago—those famous men.

5 Then Yahweh saw that the humankind's wickedness on the earth was extensive, and that every inclination of their inner thoughts was only evil all day long.[34] **6** So Yahweh regretted that

30 **RV 5:24 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:5; Yud 14.

31 **RV 5:32 · Note** Gen 10:21 indicates that Yefet was the eldest, and Gen 9:24 indicates that Ham was the youngest.

32 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Yob 1:6; 2:1.

33 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Num 13:33.

34 **RV 6:5-8 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:37; Luk 17:26; 1Pe 3:20.

Readers' Version

he had made humankind on the earth and he was deeply saddened, **7** so he said, "This humankind that I created, I will completely destroy them from the surface of the ground, along with the animals, and crawling creatures and the birds of the sky, because I regret that I made them." **8** However, Yahweh noticed Noah and was pleased with him.

9 This is the account of Noah:[35] He was a **Noah makes a barge** man who obeyed God, blameless among the people of his time and he walked around with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham.

11 Now God noticed that humankind was corrupt and very violent. **12** Yes, God looked at the earth, and wow, all the living creatures on the earth had corrupted their behaviour.

13 So God told Noah, "I've decided to put an end to all people on earth because the earth is filled with violence because of them. So listen, I myself am going to destroy all of them, along with the earth. **14** Make yourself a wooden chest[36] out of cypress. Build rooms inside it, and seal it both inside and outside with resin. **15** These are the dimensions for it: 140m long, 23m wide, and 14m high. **16** It must have a roof, but the last half a metre between the sides and the roof should remain open. Put the door in its side, and build lower, middle, and upper decks. **17** You see, I'm going to flood the earth with water to destroy every creature that breathes. Everything that's on the earth will die. **18** But I'll make an agreement with you, so you must go into this chest along with your wife and sons and their wives, **19** and you must take a pair, male and female, of everything that lives into the chest to keep alive with you. **20** Pairs of every kind of bird and animal, including every kind of creature that moves on the ground, will come to you so that you keep them alive, **21** and you must take with you some of every different kind of food and store it in there for you and them to eat. **22** So Noah did that exactly as God had specified.[37]

Literal Version

_humankind on_the_earth and_all (the)_inclination_of the_
_thoughts_of his/its_heart only was_evil every_of the_day.
6 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_sighed/regretted if/because_that he_
_had_made ~~ÐOM~~ the_humankind on_the_earth and_he/it_was_
_worried/pained to his/its_heart. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said I_
_will_wipe ~~ÐOM~~ the_humankind which I_created from_under
the_surface_of the_soil from_humankind unto animal[s] unto
creeping_thing[s] and_unto the_bird[s]_of the_heavens
if/because I_regret if/because_that I_have_made_them. **8** And_
_Noaḥ he_found favour in/on_both_eyes_of **YHWH**.

9 These are_the_accounts_of Noaḥ Noaḥ was_a_man righteous
blameless he_was in_his/its_generations with the_'Elohīm
Noaḥ he_walked_about. **10** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_fathered three
sons ~~ÐOM~~ Shēm ~~ÐOM~~ Ḥām and_~~ÐOM~~ Yefet/(Japheth). **11** And_
the_earth/land _it(f)_was_decaying/corrupt to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_'Elohīm and_ the_earth/land _
_she/it_was_filled violence. **12** And_ god _he/it_saw ~~ÐOM~~ the_
_earth/land and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_was_corrupt if/because
all_of flesh it_had_corrupted ~~ÐOM~~ its_road/course on the_
earth/land. **13** And god _he/it_said to/for_Noaḥ the_end_of
all_of flesh is_coming to/for_my_face/front if/because the_
_earth/land it_is_full violence from_their_face/front and_
_WOW_I ready_for_destroying_them with the_earth/land.
14 Make to/for_yourself(m) an_box_of wood(s)_of gopher nests
you_will_make ~~ÐOM~~ the_box and_you(ms)_will_cover ~~ÐOM~~_
_her/it from_inside and_from_outside with_pitch. **15** And_this
is_how you_will_make ~~ÐOM~~_her/it will_be_three hundred(s)
cubit[s] the_length_of the_box will_be_fifty cubit[s] breadth_of_
_its and_thirty cubit[s] height_of_its. **16** A_roof you_will_make
for_box and_near/to a_cubit you_will_finish_it[38] from_to_above
and_the_entrance_of the_box in_side_of_its you_will_put
lower_decks second_decks and_third_decks you_will_make_it.
17 And_I HERE_I am_about_to_bring ~~ÐOM~~ the_flood water on
the_earth/land to_destroy all_of flesh which in/on/over_
_him/it the_breath_of life from_under the_heavens all that on_
_the_earth it_will_die. **18** And_I_will_establish ~~ÐOM~~ covenant_
_of_my with_you and_you_will_go into the_box you and_sons_
_of_your and_wife_of_your and_the_wives_of your(pl)_sons_of_
_your with_you. **19** And_of_every_of (the)_living_thing from_all
flesh two from_all you_will_bring into the_box to_preserve_
_alive with_you male and_female they_will_be. **20** Of_the_
_bird[s] to_his/its_kind and_from the_cattle/livestock to_its_
_kind from_all (the)_creeping_thing_of the_soil to_his/its_kind
two from_all they_will_come to_you to_preserve_alive. **21** And_
_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) from_all food which it_is_
_eaten and_you_will_gather_it to_yourself and_it_was to/for_
_yourself(m) and_for_them for_food. **22** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_

35 RV 6:9 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:5.

36 RV 6:14 · Note The reader might have expected the word 'ark' here, but sadly the Latin word 'arca' meaning 'large box, chest' led to the English word 'ark' being invented, and why we can't use it here, is that now for most English readers, they picture a large boat in their minds when they hear that word. If you think about the 'ark of the covenant' that uses the same word, hopefully you can understand how anything like a 'boat' is the wrong word picture, hence we've gone back to translating the actual Hebrew word here.

37 RV 6:22 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:7.

38 LV 6:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

_made according_to_all that god he_commanded ~~DOM~~_him/it so he_did.

7:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_Noaḥ you and_all household_of_your go into the_box if/because you I_have_seen righteous to/for_my_face/front in_generation (the)_this. **2** From_all the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean you_will_take to/for_yourself(m) seven seven a_male and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_from the_cattle/livestock which not is_clean it two a_male and_his/its_woman/wife. **3** Also of_the_bird[s]_of the_heavens seven seven male and_female to_preserve_alive offspring on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land. **4** If/because to_days yet seven I am_about_to_bring_rain on the_earth/land forty day[s] and_forty night[s] and_I_will_wipe ~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _existence which I_have_made from_under the_surface_of the_ _soil. **5** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_made according_to_all that he_ _commanded_him **YHWH**. **6** And_Noaḥ was_a_son_of six hundred(s) year[s] and_the_flood it_was water on the_ _earth/land. **7** And_ Noaḥ and_sons_of_his and_his/its_ _woman/wife and_the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it _ _he_went into the_box from_face/in_front_of the_waters_of the_flood. **8** Of the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean and_from the_ _cattle/livestock which not_it was_clean and_from the_bird[s] and_all/each/any/every that was_creeping on the_soil. **9** Two two they_came to Noaḥ into the_box male and_female just_as god he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~ Noaḥ. **10** And_he/it_was to_the_ _seven_of the_days and_the_waters_of the_flood they_were on the_earth/land. **11** In_year six hundred(s) year of_the_life_of of_Noaḥ in_month the_second on_the_seven- teen day of_ _month in_the_day the_this all_of the_springs_of the_deep great they_were_split_open and_the_windows_of the_heavens they_were_opened. **12** And_ the_rain _he/it_was on the_ _earth/land forty day[s] and_forty night[s]. **13** On_the_ _substance_of the_day the_this Noaḥ and_name_of and_Ḥām and_Yefet/(Japheth) the_sons_of Noaḥ and_the_wife_of Noaḥ and_the_three_of the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_them he_ _went into the_box. **14** They and_all the_living to_its_kind and_ _all the_cattle/livestock to_its_kind and_all the_creeping_ _(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_earth/land to_his/its_kind and_all (the)_bird to_his/its_kind every_of bird_of every_of wing. **15** And_they_came to Noaḥ into the_box two two from_all (the)_flesh which in/on/over_him/it the_breath_of life. **16** And_those_which_came male and_female from_all flesh they_came just_as god he_had_commanded ~~DOM~~_him/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_closed_up behind_him. **17** And_ the_flood _he/it_ _was forty day[s] on the_earth/land and_ the_waters _they_ _increased and_they_lifted ~~DOM~~ the_box and_it_rose from_ _under the_earth/land. **18** And_ the_waters _they_increased and_they_increased exceedingly on the_earth/land and_ the_ _box _it_went on the_surface_of the_waters. **19** And_the_waters they_increased exceedingly exceedingly on the_earth/land and_ all_of the_mountains (the)_high which were_under all_of the_heavens _they_were_covered. **20** Fif- teen cubit[s] from_to_ _above the_waters they_increased and_ the_mountains _they_ _were_covered. **21** And_it_died all_of flesh the_(one)_creeping

Readers' Version

The global flood

7:1 Then Yahweh said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, because I've seen that you're the only one who obeys me in this generation. **2** Take in seven male and female pairs of every kind of 'clean' animal, and one male and female pair of the 'unclean' animals, **3** as well as seven male and female pairs of every kind of flying bird in order to preserve their kinds on the earth. **4** Seven days from now I'll send forty days and nights of rain on the earth, and I'll eliminate every living thing that I've made that's still on the ground. **5** So Noah did everything that Yahweh had instructed him to do.

6 Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth, **7** and he went into the wooden chest along with his wife, his three sons and their wives, in order to escape from the floodwaters.[39] **8** 'Clean' and 'unclean' animals, the birds, and everything that lived on the ground **9** came to Noah in male and female pairs and went into the chest, just like God had instructed Noah. **10** Then when the seven days were up, water started to flood the earth.

11 When Noah was 600 years old (and around the beginning of May), deep underwater geysers in the ocean started spouting out water, and the skies began to drop heavy rain[40] **12** that continued day and night for forty days. **13** That was the very day that Noah and Yefet (Japheth) and Shem and Ham and their wives had all entered the wooden chest. **14** They had with them every kind of living creature, including every kind of livestock and every other kind of creature that lives on the land, and every kind of bird and everything else that flies. **15** They had come to Noah in order to enter the chest—two by two of every creature with the breath of life. **16** So pairs of males and females of every creature entered just as God had instructed Noah, then Yahweh closed the door and they were shut in.

17 Then the flood came onto the earth for forty days, and the water rose so that the wooden chest was lifted up right off the land. **18** The water continued to rise and get deeper on the earth, and the chest floated along on top of the water. **19** Eventually the water on the earth got so deep that all the high mountains everywhere under the sky were under water— **20** in fact the water rose over seven metres above the tops of them. **21** By then every living creature that lived on the earth had drowned—birds, livestock, animals, every creature that swarms on the earth, and all humankind. **22** Everything that had the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils, everything that lived on dry land, died. **23** That's how Yahweh completely annihilated every living creature off the earth, including humankind and livestock and crawling creatures and even the birds. Everything was annihilated except for Noah and those with him in the floating chest, **24** and the earth

39 RV 7:7 · Cross-ref. Mat 24:38-39; Luk 17:27.

40 RV 7:11 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 3:6.

Readers' Version

remained in full flood for 150 days.

Waiting for the land to dry

8:1 Then God considered Noah and all the living things and all the livestock that were with him in the floating chest, and he caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters started to subside **2** and the underwater geysers and the rain was stopped. **3** Then the water steadily receded from the earth and after five months the water had gone down enough **4** that by October the wooden chest was left sitting on one of the Ararat mountains. **5** The water continued to recede until December when the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 Then after another forty days, Noah opened a window near the top of the chest **7** and he released a raven which kept flying out and returning until the land started to dry out. **8** Then Noah also released a dove to see if the land was really out of the water, **9** but the dove didn't find anywhere to land so it returned to the window because the surface of the earth was still wet, and he stretched out his arm and brought the dove back inside. **10** Noah waited another week and then he released the dove again **11** and it returned to him in the evening and wow, it had a fresh, green olive leaf in its beak. So now Noah knew that the land was out of the water. **12** Then he waited another week, and released the dove again, but this time it didn't come back to him.

13 So it was when Noah was 601 years old (in the month of WHAT MONTH on the first day of the Jewish new year) the land was still drying out. So Noah made an opening in the top of the wooden chest and saw that the land surface there was almost dry. **14** By the end of the next month, the land was fully dry.

15 Then God said to Noah, **16** "Leave the wooden chest along with your sons and each of your wives. **17** Take out all the living creatures that are with you, including the birds and livestock, and everything that crawls (CHECK FOR WORD CONSISTENCY) on the ground, so that they'll proliferate and increase their numbers all over the earth. **18** So Noah went outside, along with his sons and each of their wives. **19** Every living creature, every crawling thing and every bird, everything moving on the earth, went outside kind by kind.

Literal Version

on the_earth/land among_bird[s] and_on/over_cattle/livestock and_among_animal[s] and_on/over_all (the)_swarming_thing which_swarms on the_earth/land and_all/each/any/every the_ _humankind. **22** All that the_breath_of the_breath life in_ _his/its_two_nostrils from_all that was_on_ground they_died. **23** And_he_wiped_out ~~ÐOM~~ all_of the_existence which was_on the_surface_of the_soil from_humankind unto animal[s] unto creeping_thing[s] and_unto the_bird[s]_of the_heavens and_ _they_were_wiped_out from the_earth/land and_he_was_left[41] only Noaḥ and_which with_him/it in_box. **24** And_ the_waters _ _they_increased on the_earth/land fifty and_one_hundred day[s].

8:1 And_ god _he_remembered ~~ÐOM~~ Noaḥ and_~~ÐOM~~ every_of the_living and_~~ÐOM~~ all_of the_cattle/livestock which with_ _him/it in_box and_ god _he_made_to_pass a_wind over the_ _earth/land and_ the_waters _they_subsided. **2** And_ the_ _springs_of the_deep and_the_windows_of the_heavens _they_ _were_shut_up and_ the_rain _it_was_restrained from the_ _heavens. **3** And_ the_waters _they_turned_back from_under the_earth/land going and_turning_back and_ the_waters _ _they_decreased from_the_end_of fifty and_one_hundred day[s]. **4** And_ the_box _it_rested in_month the_seventh on_ _the_seven- teen day of_month on the_mountains_of 'Arāraṭ. **5** And_the_waters they_were going and_decreasing until the_ _month (the)_tenth in_month on_day_one of_month the_tops_ _of the_mountains they_were_seen. **6** And_he/it_was from_the_ _end/extremity forty day[s] and_ Noaḥ _he_opened ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _window_of the_box which he_had_made. **7** And_he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_raven and_he/it_went_out going_out and_returning until the_waters dried_up from_under the_earth/land. **8** And_ _he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove from_with_him to_see were_ the_ _waters _they_abated from_under the_surface_of the_soil. **9** And_not the_dove it_found a_resting_place for_the_sole_of its_foot_of_her and_it_returned to_him/it into the_box if/because water was_on the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_he_stretched_out his/its_hand and_he_took_it and_he/it_ _brought ~~ÐOM~~_her/it to_him/it into the_box. **10** And_he_waited again seven_of days other and_he_repeated to_send_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove from the_box. **11** And_it_came to_him/it the_dove to_ _the_time_of evening and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_leaf_of olive freshly_plucked was_in_mouth_of_its and_ Noaḥ _he/it_knew if/because_that the_waters they_were_abated from_under the_ _earth/land. **12** And_he_waited again seven_of days other and_ _he_sent_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_dove and_not it_repeated to_return to_ _him/it again. **13** And_he/it_was in_one and_six hundred(s) year in_month on_day_one of_month the_waters they_were_ _dried_up from_under the_earth/land and_ Noaḥ _he_removed ~~ÐOM~~ the_covering_of the_box and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_surface_of the_soil they_were_dried_up. **14** And_in_month the_second on_the_seven and_twenty day of_ _month the_earth/land it_was_dry. **15** And_ god _he/it_spoke to Noaḥ to_say. **16** Go_out from the_box you and_wife_of_your and_sons_of_your and_the_wives_of your(pl)_sons_of_your with_you. **17** Every_of the_living which is_with_you from_all

41 LV 7:23 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

Literal Version

flesh among_bird[s] and_on/over_cattle/livestock and_
_on/over_all the_creeping_(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_
_earth/land bring_out[42] with_you and_they_will_swarm in/on_
_the_earth and_they_will_be_fruitful and_they_will_multiply
on the_earth/land. **18** And_ Noaḥ and_sons_of_his and_his/its_
_woman/wife and_the_wives_of his_sons_of_his with_him/it _
_he/it_went_out. **19** Every_of the_living every_of the_creeping_
_(thing) and_all (the)_bird every creeping_thing on the_
_earth/land to_families_of_their they_went_out from the_box.
20 And_ Noaḥ _he/it_built an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_
_took from_all the_cattle/livestock (the)_clean and_from_all
(the)_bird (the)_clean and_he/it_ascended burnt_offerings on_
altar. **21** And **YHWH** _he_smelled ᴅᴏᴍ the_odour_of (the)_
soothing and **YHWH** _he/it_said to his/its_heart not I_will_
_repeat to_curse again ᴅᴏᴍ the_soil in_account_of the_
_humankind if/because the_inclination_of the_heart_of the_
_humankind is_evil since_youth(s)_of_his and_not I_will_repeat
again to_strike_down ᴅᴏᴍ every_of living_thing just_as I_have_
_done. **22** Again all_of the_days_of the_earth/land seed and_
_harvest and_cold and_heat and_summer and_winter and_day
and_night not they_will_cease.

9:1 And_ god _he/it_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ Noaḥ and_ᴅᴏᴍ sons_of_his
and_he/it_said to/for_them be_fruitful and_increase/multiply
and_fill ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land. **2** And_fear_of_your(pl) and_
_terror_of_your(pl) it_will_be on every_of (the)_animal_of the_
_earth/land and_on every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens on_all
that it_creeps the_soil and_on/over_all the_fish(es)_of the_sea
in_hand_of_your(pl) they_are_given. **3** Every_of creeping_thing
which it is_alive to/for_you(pl) it_will_become for_food like_
_the_greenery plant[s] I_give to/for_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ everything.
4 Nevertheless flesh with_life_of_its blood_of_its not you(pl)_
_must_eat. **5** And_nevertheless ᴅᴏᴍ blood_of_your(pl) of_lives_
_of_your(pl) I_will_seek from_the_hand_of every_of animal I_
_will_seek_it and_from_the_hand_of the_humankind from_the_
_hand_of each_of his/its_brother I_will_seek ᴅᴏᴍ the_life_of
the_humankind. **6** The_one_who_sheds_of (of)_the_blood_of
the_humankind by_humankind blood_of_his it_will_be_shed
if/because in_(the)_image god he_made ᴅᴏᴍ the_humankind.
7 And_you(pl) be_fruitful and_increase/multiply swarm in/on_
_the_earth and_increase/multiply on_it. **8** And_ god _he/it_said
to Noaḥ and_near/to sons_of_his with_him/it to_say. **9** And_I
HERE_I am_about_to_establish ᴅᴏᴍ covenant_of_my with_
_you(pl) and_with offspring_of_your(pl) after_you(pl). **10** And_
_ᴅᴏᴍ every_of creature_of the_living which is_with_you(pl)
among_bird[s] among_livestock and_on/over_all (the)_animal_
_of the_earth/land with_you(pl) from_all those_which_came_
_out_of the_box to_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_

Readers' Version

Noah's sacrifice and Yahweh's promise

20 Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird, and he offered them as burnt offerings on the altar. **21** When Yahweh smelt the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, "I'll never curse the ground because of humankind again, even though the humankind's hearts are inclined from their youth to do evil things. And I'll never again destroy every living thing again like I've just done.

22 As long as the earth continues to exist,
seedtime and harvest time,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night,
will never stop happening.

God's agreement with Noah

9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.[43] **2** Now every living creature on the earth will be afraid and terrified of you, including every bird that flies in the sky, along with every creature that moves on land, and all the fish in the ocean. I have put them all under your authority. **3** From now on every creature that is alive and moves can be eaten as food—just like I previously provided you green plants for food, now I provide you everything for food— **4** the only exception is meat with its life blood still in it.[44] **5** Also, I will certainly require blood as payment for people's lives: if anyone murders another person, I require that the murderer must die, and even if an animal kills a human being, I require that it must die. **6** Yes, if anyone sheds human blood, the others must shed the murderer's blood, because God made human beings in his image.[45] **7** So then, be fruitful and multiply—have children on the earth and become numerous.[46]

8 Then God said to Noah and his sons, **9** "Now listen, I am making an agreement with you and your future descendants, **10** and it's also with every living creature that is with you: with the birds, the livestock, and every living thing on the earth with you, from all that came out of the wooden chest to every future living thing on the earth. **11** My agreement that I'm establishing

42 LV 8:17 · Note OSHB variant note: **אצוה**: (x-qere) 'אֲצַוֶּה': lemma_3318 morph_HVhv2ms id_01S7t אֲצַוֶּה

43 RV 9:1 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

44 RV 9:4 · Cross-ref. Lev 7:26-27; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deu 12:16,23; 15:23.

45 RV 9:6 · Cross-ref. Exo 20:13; Gen 1:26.

46 RV 9:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 1:28.

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with you is that all living things will never die from a flood again. That's right, I will never use a flood again to destroy everything on the earth." **12** Then God added, "This is how I'll show everyone that I've made this agreement with you and with all the living creatures that are with you, along with all future generations: **13** I'll place my rainbow among the clouds, and it'll be a sign of the agreement between me and all life on the earth. **14** So whenever I cause clouds to form in the sky and a rainbow is visible in the clouds, **15** then I'll remember my agreement that's between me and you and every kind of living creature, and a flood will never again destroy everything living. **16** So whenever a rainbow appears among the clouds, I'll see it and remember my permanent agreement with every living creature that lives and will live on the earth." **17** Then God said to Noah, "The rainbow is the sign of the agreement that I have established between me and every living thing on the earth."

Noah's children

18 Noah's sons who came out of the wooden chest after the flood were Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham. (Ham became Kena'an's (Canaan's) father). **19** They were Noah's three sons and from them the whole earth became populated.

20 After a while, Noah, who was a farmer, planted some grape vines, **21** and in due course he drank some of his wine and got drunk, and he fell asleep naked in his tent. **22** Then Ham (Kena'an's father) saw his father's nakedness then went outside and told his brothers what he'd seen. **23** So Shem and Yefet took a robe, and holding it between their shoulders they walked backwards into the tent and covered their father's nakedness. (Their faces were towards the tent entrance, so they didn't see his nakedness.) **24** Eventually, Noah woke up from his drunken sleep and found out what his youngest son (Ham) had done to him **25** and said, "May Kena'an be cursed and become a slave of slaves to his brothers!" **26** Then he added, "Praise Yahweh who's Shem's god. May Kena'an become Shem's slave. **27** May God expand Yefet's territory and may he live in Shem's tents. May Kena'an also become a slave of Yefet."

28 After the flood, Noah lived another 350 years, **29** and so he was 950 years old when he died.

Noah's grandchildren and their clans[48]

10:1 These are the generations of Noah's sons, Yefet (Japheth), Shem, and Ham, and their descendants born to them after the flood:

Yefet's (Japheth's) descendants

2 Yefet's (Japheth's) sons were Gomer, Magog, Maday, Yavan, Tuval, Meshek, and Tiras. **3** Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, Rifat, and Togarmah. **4** Ya-

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_earth/land. **11** And_I_will_establish ~~ĐǾM~~ covenant_of_my with_ _you(pl) and_not all_of flesh it_will_be_cut_off again from_the_ _waters_of the_flood and_not it_will_be again a_flood to_ _destroy the_earth/land. **12** And_ god _he/it_said this is_the_ _sign_of the_covenant which I am_making between_me and_ _between_you(pl) and_between every_of creature living which is_with_you(pl) for_generations_of perpetuity. **13** ~~ĐǾM~~ bow_of_ _my I_set in_cloud[s] and_it_will_become (into)_a_sign_of a_ _covenant between_me and_between the_earth/land. **14** And_ _it_was when_I_bring_cloud cloud over the_earth/land and_ the_bow _it_will_be_seen in_cloud[s]. **15** And_I_will_remember ~~ĐǾM~~ covenant_of_my which is_between_me and_between_ _you(pl) and_between every_of creature living in_all flesh and_ _not it_will_become again the_waters (into)_a_flood to_destroy all_of flesh. **16** And_ the_bow _it_will_be in_cloud[s] and_I_will_ _see_it to_remember the_covenant_of perpetuity between god and_between every_of creature living in_all flesh which is_on the_earth/land. **17** And_ god _he/it_said to Noaḥ this is_the_ _sign_of the_covenant which I_have_established between_me and_between all_of flesh which is_on the_earth/land.

18 And_ the_sons_of Noaḥ who_came_out from the_box _they_ _were Shēm and_Ḥām and_Yafet and_Ḥām he was_the_father_ _of Kəna'an/(Canaan). **19** Three these were_the_sons_of Noaḥ and_from_these all_of the_earth/land it_dispersed. **20** And_ Noaḥ _he_began the_man_of the_soil and_he/it_planted a_ _vineyard. **21** And_he_drank some_of the_wine and_he_ _became_drunk and_he_uncovered_himself in_the_middle his_ _tent_of_his.[47] **22** And_ Ḥām the_father_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) _ _he/it_saw ~~ĐǾM~~ the_nakedness_of his/its_father and_he_told to_the_two_of brothers_of_his on_outside. **23** And_ Shēm and_ _Yefet/(Japheth) _he/it_took ~~ĐǾM~~ the_garment and_they_put_it on the_shoulder_of both_of_them and_they_walked backwards and_they_covered ~~ĐǾM~~ the_nakedness_of their_father_of_their and_faces_of_their were_backwards and_the_nakedness_of their_father_of_their not they_saw. **24** And_ Noaḥ _he_awoke from_wine_of_his and_he/it_knew ~~ĐǾM~~ that_which he_had_ _done to_him/it his/its_son (the)_young. **25** And_he/it_said Kəna'an/(Canaan) be_cursed a_slave_of slaves he_will_be of_ _brothers_of_his. **26** And_he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of Shēm be_blessed and_let_it_be Kəna'an/(Canaan) a_slave his. **27** god may_he_make_spacious (to)_Yefet and_let_him_dwell in_the_ _tents_of Shēm and_let_it_be Kəna'an/(Canaan) a_slave his. **28** And_ Noaḥ _he/it_lived after the_flood three hundred(s) year[s] and_fifty year[s]. **29** And_ all_of the_days_of Noaḥ _they_ _were nine hundred(s) year[s] and_fifty year[s] and_he/it_died.

10:1 And_these are_the_accounts_of the_sons_of Noaḥ Shēm Ḥām and_Yafet and_they_were_born to/for_them sons after the_flood.

2 The_sons_of Yefet were_Gomer and_Māgōg and_Māday and_ _Yāvān/(Javan) and_Tūval and_Meshek and_Tirāṣ. **3** And_the_ _sons of_Gomer were_'Ashkənaz and_Rifat and_Tōgarmāh. **4** And_the_sons of_Yāvān/(Javan) were_'Elīshā'h and_Tarshiysh

47 LV 9:21 · Note OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

48 RV 10:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:5-23

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Kittim and_Dodānīm. **5** From_these the_coastlands_of the_
_nations they_separated in_their_lands each to_his/its_
_language to_their_clans in_their_nations.

6 And_the_sons of_Ḥām were_Kūsh/(Cush) and_Mitsrayim and_
_Pūṭ and_Kəna′an. **7** And_the_sons of_Kūsh/(Cush) were_Şəvā’
and_Ḥavīlāh and_Şavtā’h and_Ra′māh and_Şavtəkā’ and_the_
_sons of_Ra′māh were_Shəvā’ and_Dədān. **8** And_Kūsh he_
_fathered ĐOM Nimrōd he he_began to_be a_mighty_man on_
_the_earth. **9** He he_was a_mighty_man_of hunting to_(the)_
_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** therefore
yes/correct/thus/so it_is_said like_Nimrōd a_mighty_man_of
hunting to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **10** And_it_
_became the_beginning_of his/its_kingdom Bāvel and_Erech
and_Akkad and_Kələneh in_land of_Shin′ār. **11** From the_
_earth/land the_that he_went_forth ’Ashshūr and_he/it_built
ĐOM Nīnəvēh and_ĐOM Rəḥovōt- Ir and_ĐOM Calah. **12** And_ĐOM
Resen between Nīnəvēh and_between Calah that the_city the_
_big/large/great(fs). **13** And_Mitsrayim he_fathered ĐOM the_
_Lūdī and_ĐOM the_′Anāmīm and_ĐOM the_Lehāvīm and_ĐOM
the_Naftuḥīm. **14** And_ĐOM the_Patruşī and_ĐOM the_
_Kaşluḥīm/(Casluhites) where they_came_out from_there the_
_Pəlishtiy and_ĐOM the_Kaftorī/(Caphtorites). **15** And_Kəna′an
he_fathered ĐOM Tsīdōn/(Sidon) his/its_firstborn and_ĐOM Ḥēt.
16 And_ĐOM the_Yəvūşī and_ĐOM the_’Amorī and_ĐOM the_
_Girgāshiy. **17** And_ĐOM the_Ḥiūī and_ĐOM the_′Arqī and_ĐOM
the_Şīnī. **18** And_ĐOM the_’Arvādī and_ĐOM the_Tsəmārī and_
_ĐOM the_Ḥamātī and_after the_clans_of the_Kəna′anī they_
_were_scattered. **19** And_ the_border_of the_Kəna′anī _he/it_
_was from_Tsidon your(ms)_going towards_Gərāra to ′Azzāh
your(ms)_going towards_Sedom and_Amorah and_’Admāh and_
_Tseboyim to Lasha. **20** These were_the_sons_of Ḥām to_their_
_clans to_languages_of_their in_their_lands in_their_nations.

21 And_to_Shēm it_was_born also he the_father_of all_of the_
_sons_of ′Ēvēr the_brother_of Yefet/(Japheth) (the)_old.
22 The_sons_of Shēm were_′Ēylām and_’Ashshūr and_
_Arpakshad and_Lūd and_’Arām. **23** And_the_sons of_’Arām
were_′Ūts and_Ḥūl and_Geter and_Mash. **24** And_Arpakshad he_
_fathered ĐOM Shelaḥ and_Shelaḥ he_fathered ĐOM ′Ēvēr.
25 And_to_′Ēvēr two_of sons it_was_born the_name_of the_one
was_Peleg if/because in_days_of_his the_earth/land it_was_
_divided and_name_of his/its_brother was_Yoqṭān/(Joktan).
26 And_Yoqṭān he_fathered ĐOM ’Almōdād and_ĐOM Shelef and_
_ĐOM Hazarmaveth and_ĐOM Yeraḥ/(Jerah). **27** And_ĐOM
Ḥadōrām and_ĐOM ’Ūzāl and_ĐOM Diqlāh. **28** And_ĐOM Obal and_
_ĐOM ’Avīmā’ēl and_ĐOM Shəvā’. **29** And_ĐOM ’Ōfīr and_ĐOM
Ḥavīlāh and_ĐOM Yōvāv/(Jobab) all_of these were_the_sons_of
Yoqṭān. **30** And_ place_of_their_dwelling _he/it_was from_
_Mesha your(ms)_going towards_Sephar the_hill_country_of
the_east. **31** These were_the_sons_of Shēm to_their_clans to_

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van’s sons were Elishah and Tarshish, and Kitim[49] and Dodanim.
5 From all those descendants, people spread out into areas near
the coast, each group with their own language, and with all the
clans making up their nations.

Ham’s descendants

6 Ham’s sons were Kush, Mitsrayim, Put,
and Kena’an (Canaan). **7** Kush’s sons were Seva, Havilah, Savtah,
Raemah, and Savteka. Then Raemah’s sons were Sheva and
Dedan. **8** Kush was also the father of Nimrod who became a
mighty warrior on the earth. **9** Nimrod also became a terrific
hunter noticed by Yahweh, so people said, “Like Nimrod, a ter-
rific hunter noticed by Yahweh.” **10** His kingdom began in the
cities of Bavel, Erek, Akad, and Keleneh, all in the Shin’ar region.
11 From that area he extended to Ashur (Assyria)[50] where he
built the cities of Nineveh, Rehovot-Ir, Kelah, **12** and Resen, be-
tween Nineveh and the large city of Kelah.
13 Mitsrayim fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehavim, Naftuhim,
14 Patrusi, and Kasluhim (who the Pelishtim came from), and
Kaftorim.
15 Kena’an (Canaan) fathered Tsidon (Sidon) his firstborn, then
Het,[51] **16** Yevusi, Amori, Girgashi. **17** Hivi, Arki, Sini, **18** Arvadi,
Tsemari, and Hamati. Later on, the Kena’an clans spread in all
directions **19** and their border went from Tsidon toward Gerar as
far as Azah (Gaza), and then toward Sedom, Amorah (Gomorrah),
Admah, and Tsevoim, as far as Lesha. **20** Those are Ham’s descen-
dants according to their clans, languages, regions, and nations.

Shem’s descendants

21 Shem (the younger brother of Yefet
(Japheth)) also had some sons and became the ancestor of all the
descendants of Ever. **22** Shem’s sons were Eylam, Ashur, Arpak-
shad, Lud, and Aram. **23** Aram’s sons were Uts (Uz), Hul, Geter,
and Mash. **24** Arpakshad fathered Shelah, then Shelah fathered
Ever. **25** Ever’s two sons were Peleg and Yaketan. (Peleg’s name
means ‘division’, because it was during his lifetime that the
earth was divided.[52]) **26** Yaketan fathered Almodad, Shelef, Hat-
sarmavet, Yerah, **27** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **28** Oval, Avimael,
Sheva, **29** Ofir, Havilah, and Yovav. (All of those were the sons of
Yaketan.) **30** They lived in the area from Meysha then to Sefar in
the eastern hills. **31** Those are Shem’s descendants according to
their clans, languages, regions, and nations.
32 All of those are the clans of Noah’s sons, according to their
generations and nations, and from them the nations spread out

49 **RV 10:1 · Note** These names ending with ‘-im’ (the Hebrew plural) are possibly the names of the ensuing *tribes* (e.g., ‘Kittites’) and not the individuals. (Similarly for v13-14.)

50 **RV 10:11 · Note** Known to us as ‘Assyria’.

51 **RV 10:15 · Note** The ancestor of the Hittim.

52 **RV 10:25 · Note** Often believed to refer to the division of languages after the building of the tower described in chapter 11.

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across the earth after the flood.

The tower at Bavel

11:1 Now the whole world had a single language and the same words, **2** and as they migrated from the east, they discovered a plain in the Shin'ar region and settled there. **3** Then they said to each other, "Come on, let's make bricks and cure them with fire." So they had bricks instead of stones, and they had tar for mortar.

4 Then they said, "Come on, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a reputation for ourselves, so that we don't get scattered all over the whole earth." **5** Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower that the humans were building **6** and he said, "Look, they're just one people group, and they all speak the same language. This is only the beginning of what they can do together—soon they'll be capable of doing anything they plan to do. **7** Come on then, let's go down and confuse their language so that they won't be able to understand each other's words." **8** So then they stopped building the city and Yahweh caused them to scatter over the whole world. **9** That's why they named the city 'Bavel' (meaning 'mixed-up') because it was there that Yahweh mixed up everyone's language and then scattered them over the whole world.

Shem's descendants[53]

10 This is the record of Shem's descendants: Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he had a son named Arpakshad. **11** After Arpakshad was born, Shem lived another 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

12 When Arpakshad was thirty-five years old, he had a son named Shelah. **13** After Shelah was born, Arpakshad lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

14 When Shelah was thirty years old, he had a son named Ever. **15** After Ever was born, Shelah lived another 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

16 When Ever was thirty-four years old, he had a son named Peleg. **17** After Peleg was born, Ever lived another 430 years and had other sons and daughters

18 When Peleg was thirty years old, he had a son named Re'u. **19** After Re'u was born, Peleg lived another 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

20 When Re'u was thirty-two years old, he had a son named Serug. **21** After Serug was born, Re'u lived another 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

22 When Serug was thirty years old, he had a son named Nahor. **23** After Nahor was born, Serug lived another 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

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_languages_of_their in_their_lands to_nations_of_their.
32 These were_the_clans_of the_sons_of Noaḥ to_descendants_ _of_their in_nations_of_their and_from_these the_nations they_ _separated on_the_earth after the_flood.
11:1 And_ all_of the_earth/land _he/it_was language one and_ _words/messages one(s). **2** And_he/it_was on_their_pulling_out from_east and_they_found a_plain in_land of_Shin'ār and_they_ _lived there. **3** And_they_said each to his/its_neighbour come_ _NOW let_us_make_bricks bricks and_let_us_burn to_burning and_it_became to/for_them the_brick to_stone and_the_ _bitumen it_became to/for_them to_mortar. **4** And_they_said come_NOW let_us_build to/for_ourselves a_city and_(a)_tower and_its_top in_the_heavens and_we_may_make to/for_ _ourselves a_name lest we_should_be_scattered over the_ _surface_of all_of the_earth/land. **5** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_ _descended for_seeing ĐOM the_city and_ĐOM the_tower which the_children_of the_humankind they_had_built. **6** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said HERE a_people one and_(a)_language one to/for_ _all_them and_this their_beginning for_doing and_now not it_ _will_be_withheld from_them all that they_will_plan for_doing. **7** Come_NOW let_us_go_down and_let_us_confuse there their_ _language that not they_will_hear each the_language_of his/its_neighbour. **8** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_scattered ĐOM_them from_there over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land and_ _they_stopped to_build the_city. **9** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name Bāvel if/because there **YHWH** he_confused the_language_of all_of the_earth/land and_from_there he/it_scattered_them **YHWH** over the_surface_of all_of the_earth/land.

10 These are_the_accounts_of Shēm Shēm was_a_son_of one_ _hundred_of year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM 'Arpakshad two_ _years after the_flood. **11** And_ Shēm _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM 'Arpakshad five hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **12** And_Arpakshad he_ _lived five and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Shelaḥ. **13** And_ 'Arpakshad _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Shelaḥ three years and_four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **14** And_Shelaḥ he_lived thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM ʿĒvēr. **15** And_ Shelaḥ _he/it_ _lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM ʿĒvēr three years and_ _four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **16** And_ ʿĒvēr _he/it_lived four and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Peleg. **17** And_ ʿĒvēr _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Peleg thirty year[s] and_four hundred(s) year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **18** And_ Peleg _he/it_lived thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Rəʿū. **19** And_ Peleg _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Rəʿū nine years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **20** And_ Rəʿū _he/it_lived two and_thirty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ĐOM Sərūg. **21** And_ Rəʿū _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Sərūg seven years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_he/it_fathered sons and_ _daughters. **22** And_ Sərūg _he/it_lived thirty year[s] and_ _he/it_fathered ĐOM Nāḥōr. **23** And_ Sərūg _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ĐOM Nāḥōr two_hundred year[s] and_

53 **RV 11:10 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:24-27

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_he/it_fathered sons and_daughters. **24** And_ Nāḥōr _he/it_ _lived nine and_twenty year[s] and_he/it_fathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Teraḥ. **25** And_ Nāḥōr _he/it_lived after fathering_by_him/it ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Teraḥ nine- teen year[s] and_one_hundred year[s] and_he/it_ _fathered sons and_daughters. **26** And_ Teraḥ _he/it_lived seventy year[s] and_he/it_fathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ 'Avrām ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Nāḥōr and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Ḥārān.

27 And_these are_the_accounts_of Teraḥ Teraḥ he_fathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ 'Avrām ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Nāḥōr and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Ḥārān and_Ḥārān he_fathered ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Lōṭ. **28** And_ Ḥārān _he/it_died on the_face_of Teraḥ his/its_father in_land his/its_descendants in_'Ūr of_the_ones_ _from_Kasdiy. **29** And_ 'Avrām and_Nāḥōr _he/it_took to/for_ _them wives the_name_of the_wife_of 'Avrām was_Sarai and_ _name_of the_wife_of Nāḥōr was_Milkāh the_daughter_of Ḥārān the_father_of Milkāh and_father_of Iscah. **30** And_it_ _became Sarai barren there_belonged_not to/for_her/it a_ _child. **31** And_ Teraḥ _he/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ 'Avrām his/its_son and_ _~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Lōṭ the_son_of Ḥārān the_son_of his/its_son and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Sarai his/its_daughter-in-law the_wife_of 'Avrām his/its_son and_they_went_out with_them from_'Ūr of_the_ones_from_ _Kasdiy to_go towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_ _came to Ḥārān and_they_lived there. **32** And_ the_days_of Teraḥ _they_were five years and_two_hundreds year[s] and_ Teraḥ _he/it_died in_Ḥārān.

12:1 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Avrām go to/for_yourself(m) from_your(ms)_land and_from_your(ms)_descendants and_ _from_household your_father_of_your to the_earth/land which I_will_show_you(ms). **2** And_I_will_make_you(ms) to_(a)_nation great and_I_will_bless_you(ms) and_I_will_make_big/great your(ms)_name and_be a_blessing. **3** And_I_will_bless (those_ _who)bless_you(ms) and_despises_you(ms) I_will_curse and_ _they_will_be_blessed in_you(ms) all_of the_clans_of the_soil. **4** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_went just_as he_had_said to_him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_went with_him/it Lōṭ and_Avram was_a_son_ _of five years and_seventy year[s] in_his/its_coming_out from_ _Ḥārān. **5** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_took ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Sarai his/its_ _wife/woman and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ Lōṭ the_son_of his/its_brother and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ all_of their_property which they_had_accumulated and_~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_people whom they_had_acquired in_Ḥārān and_they_ _went_out to_go towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_ _came towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **6** And_ 'Avrām _ _he/it_passed_through on_the_earth to the_place_of Shəkem to the_great_tree_of Mōreh and_the_Kəna'ₐnīte then on_the_ _earth. **7** And_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to 'Avrām and_he/it_said to_offspring_of_your I_will_give ~~ᴅᴏᴍ~~ the_earth/land (the)_this and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** who_had_ _appeared to_him/it. **8** And_he_moved_on from_there to_the_ _hill_country from_east of_Bēyt-ʾēl and_he_pitched tent_of_ _his[57] Bēyt-ʾēl was_from_the_west and_(the)_'Ay from_east and_ _he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH** and_he/it_called in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **9** And_ 'Avrām _he_journeyed going

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24 When Nahor was twenty-nine years old, he had a son named Terah. **25** After Terah was born, Nahor lived another 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

26 After Terah was seventy years old, he had sons whose names were Avram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's descendants

27 This is the record of Terah's descendants: Terah's sons were Avram, Nahor, and Haran and Haran had a son named Lot. **28** While his father was still alive, Haran died in the land where he was born, in the city of Ur where the Kasdim (Chaldeans) lived. **29** Meanwhile Avram married Saray (Sarai) and Nahor married Milkah. (Milkah and her sister Yiskah were the daughters of Nahor's brother Haran.) **30** However, Saray wasn't able to get pregnant so they didn't have any children.

31 Then one day, Terah gathered his son Avram and his grandson Lot (who was Haran's son), and his daughter-in-law Saray (who was Avram's wife), and they all left from the city of Ur (where the Kasdim lived), to travel to the region of Kena'an (Canaan), but when they arrived at the city of Haran, they decided to live there. **32** Then when Terah was 205 years old, he died there in Haran.

God commissions Avram to go

12:1 Then Yahweh said to Avram, "You must leave your land and your relatives and your father's house and go to the land that I'll show you.[54] **2** I'll bless you and make you into a great nation. I'll make you famous and you'll be a blessing to others. **3** I'll bless everyone who blesses you, but I'll curse anyone who curses you. All the families on the earth will be blessed because of you.[55]

4 So Avram left there just as Yahweh had told him, and Lot also went with him. Avram was seventy-five years old when he left the city of Haran. **5** He took his wife Saray (Sarai) and his nephew Lot and all their possessions that they had accumulated and the people who they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Kena'an (Canaan).

When they arrived in the Kena'an region, **6** they continued travelling as far as the city of Shekem, to Moreh's oak tree. (The Kena'anim (Canaanites) were still living in that region at that time.) **7** Then Yahweh came to Avram and told him, "I'll give this land to your descendants."[56] So Avram built an altar there and made a burnt offering to Yahweh, who had appeared to him. **8** Then from there he went on to the hills to the east of Beyt-El (Bethel) and pitched his tents, with Beyt-El on the west and Ay on the east. He built an altar to Yahweh there, and sacrificed and prayed to Yahweh **9** before continuing south down toward the Negev desert.

54 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:2-3; Heb 11:8.

55 **RV 12:3 · Cross-ref.** Gal 3:8.

56 **RV 12:7 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:5; Gal 3:16.

57 **LV 12:8 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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Avram goes to Mitsrayim

10 One time when there was a drought causing a severe food shortage, Avram and his household travelled west across to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to stay there. **11** Just before they arrived in Mitsrayim, Avram said to his wife Saray (Sarai), "Listen, you're a very beautiful woman, **12** so when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) see you they'll say, 'This is his wife,' and they'll kill me but let you live. **13** Please tell them that you're my sister[58] so they'll treat me well because of you and let me live." **14** So that's what happened when they entered Mitsrayim—the Mitsrim indeed noticed that Saray was very beautiful, **15** and when Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) officials saw her, so they told him about her beauty, and she was taken into Par'oh's palace. **16** He treated Avram well (thinking he was the brother), so he was given flocks and herds, male and female donkeys, male and female slaves, and camels.

17 But Yahweh directed terrible deadly diseases onto Par'oh and his household because of his taking Avram's wife Saray. **18** So Par'oh called for Avram and said, "What's this you've done to me? Why didn't you tell me that she's your wife? **19** Why did you say, 'She's my sister,' so that I took her in as a wife? Now then, here's your wife. Take her and get out of here." **20** Then Par'oh commanded his officers, and they sent Avram and his wife away and everything that belonged to him.

Avram and Lot part ways

13:1 Then Avram left Mitsrayim (Egypt) with his wife and everything that belonged to him, and their nephew Lot. They returned to the Negev **2** and now Avram had become very wealthy, with both livestock, and silver and gold. **3** Then they continued north through the Negev as far as Beyt-El (Bethel), to the place where his tents had been at the beginning—between Beyt-El and Ay—**4** to the place where he'd previously built an altar,[59] and Avram sacrificed and prayed to Yahweh there.

5 Now Lot, who was travelling with Avram, also had flocks and herds and tents, **6** but the land couldn't support them all while they stayed together. Because the needs of their combined assets were so demanding, they couldn't all thrive in one place **7** and that led to strife between Avram's and Lot's herdsmen. Also, the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the Perizim were living in the land at that time.

8 So Avram said to Lot, "Let's not have quarrelling between you and I, or between yours herdsmen and mine, because we're relatives. **9** Isn't the whole land available to you? So let's separate. If

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and_journeying towards_the_south.

10 And_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth and_ 'Avrām _he/it_ _descended to_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_sojourn there if/because was_heavy the_famine on_the_earth. **11** And_he/it_was just_as he_drew_near to_enter towards_Mitsrayim and_he/it_said to Sarai his/its_wife/woman HERE please I_know if/because_that are_a_woman beautiful_of appearance you. **12** And_it_was if/because the_Mitsrayimians they_will_see you and_they_will_ _say his/its_wife/woman this and_they_will_kill ÐOM_me and_ _you they_will_let_live. **13** Say please sister_of_are_my you so_ _that it_may_go_well to_me because_of_you and_ life_of_my _ _it_will_live on_account_of_of_you. **14** And_he/it_was just_ 'Avrām _as_entered towards_Mitsrayim and_ the_ _Mitsrayimians _they_saw ÐOM the_woman if/because_that was_beautiful she very. **15** And_ the_officials_of Par'oh _they_ _saw ÐOM_her/it and_they_praised ÐOM_her/it to Par'oh and_ the_woman _she_was_taken the_house_of Par'oh. **16** And_to_ _'Avrām he_did_good because_of_her and_he/it_was to_him/it sheep and_cattle and_male_donkeys and_male_servants and_ _female_servants and_female_donkeys and_camels. **17** And_ **YHWH** _he_struck ÐOM Par'oh plagues great and_ÐOM house_of_ _his on the_matter_of Sarai the_wife_of 'Avrām. **18** And_ Par'oh _he/it_called (to)_'Avrām and_he/it_said what this have_you_ _done to/for_me to/for_what not did_you_tell to/for_me if/because_that wife_of_was_your she. **19** Why did_you_say sister_of_is_my she and_I_took ÐOM_her/it to_me to/for_(a)_ _woman and_now HERE wife_of_your take_her and_go. **20** And_ _he/it_commanded on/upon/above_him/it Par'oh men and_ _they_sent_away ÐOM_him/it and_ÐOM his/its_wife/woman and_ÐOM all_of that to_him/it.

13:1 And_ 'Avrām _he/it_ascended from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he and_his/its_woman/wife and_all that to_him/it and_Lōṭ with_ _him/it towards_the_south. **2** And_Avram was_wealthy very in_ _livestock in_silver and_in_gold. **3** And_he/it_went to_ _journeyings_of_his from_the_Negev and_unto Bēyt-ʾēl to the_ _place where it_had_been there mmm[61] at_beginning between Bēyt-ʾēl and_between (the)_'Ay. **4** To the_place_of the_altar which he_had_made there at_time and_he/it_called there 'Avrām in/on_name_of **YHWH**. **5** And_also to_Lōṭ who_was_ _travelling with 'Avrām sheep and_cattle and_tents it_ _belonged. **6** And_not the_earth/land it_supported ÐOM_them to_dwell together if/because their_property it_was much and_ _not they_were_able to_dwell together. **7** And_he/it_was quarrelling between the_herdsmen_of the_livestock_of 'Avrām and_between the_herdsmen_of the_livestock_of Lōṭ and_the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_the_Pərizzī[s] then was_dwelling on_the_earth. **8** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said to Lōṭ not please strife let_it_be between_me and_between_you and_between herdsmen_of_my and_between herdsmen_of_your if/because are_men brothers we. **9** Not is_all_of the_earth/land to_your_ _face separate please from_with_me if the_left and_I_will_go_ _to_the_right and_if the_right and_I_will_go_to_the_left.

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58 **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** Gen 20:2; 26:7.

59 **RV 13:4 · Cross-ref.** Gen 12:8.

61 **LV 13:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/לֹהָא: (x-qere) וֹ/לָהֳא: lemma_168 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01Gdj וֹ/לָהֳא

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10 And_ Lōṭ _he_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_valley_of the_Yardēn/(Jordan) if/because_that of_it_ _of_all was_well-watered to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** destroyed ᴅᴏᴍ Ṣədom and_ᴅᴏᴍ ʻAmorāh/(Gomorrah) like_the_garden_of **YHWH** like_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) your(ms)_going Tsoʻar/(Zoar). **11** And_he_chose to_him/it Lōṭ ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_valley_of the_Yardēn and_ Lōṭ _he_set_out from_ _east and_they_separated each from_under his/its_brother. **12** ʼAvrām he_dwelt in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_Lōṭ he_ _dwelt in_the_cities_of the_valley and_he_moved_tent to Ṣədom. **13** And_the_people_of Ṣədom were_wicked and_sinful to/for_**YHWH** exceedingly.

14 And_**YHWH** he_said to ʼAvrām after Lōṭ separated from_ _with_him lift_up please eyes_of_your and_look from the_place where you are_there northward_to and_southward_to and_ _eastward_to and_westward_to. **15** If/because ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _earth/land which you are_seeing to/for_yourself(m) I_will_ _give_it and_to_offspring_of_your until perpetuity. **16** And_I_ _will_make ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_dust_of the_ _earth/land which if anyone he_will_be_able to_count ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _dust_of the_earth/land also your(ms)_seed/fruit it_will_ _numbered. **17** Arise walk_about on_the_earth to_length_of_its and_to_breadth_of_its if/because to/for_yourself(m) I_will_ _give_it. **18** And_ ʼAvrām _he_moved_tent and_he_went and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived at_the_great_trees_of Mamre which are_at_Ḥevrōn and_he/it_built there an_altar to/for_**YHWH**.

14:1 And_he/it_was in_the_days_of Amraphel the_king_of Shinʻār ʼArəyōk the_king_of Ellasar Kedorlaomer the_king_of ʻĒylām and_Tidʻāl the_king_of Gōy. **2** They_made war with Bera the_king_of Ṣədom and_ᴅᴏᴍ Birsha the_king_of ʻAmorāh/(Gomorrah) Shinab the_king_of ʼAdmāh and_ _Shemeber the_king_of Tsəvoʼīm/(Zeboiim)[6364] and_the_king_ _of Belaʻ that is_Tsoʻar/(Zoar). **3** All_of these they_joined_ _together to the_valley_of (the)_Siddim that is_the_Sea_of (the)_Salt. **4** Two_plus ten year[s] they_had_served ᴅᴏᴍ Kedorlaomer and_three teen year they_rebelled. **5** And_in_ _four- teen year Kedorlaomer and_the_kings who with_him/it he_came and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ the_Rəfāʼīm in_ʻAshtərot-qarnayim and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Zuzites in_Ḥām and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_ʼĒymīm in_Shaveh Qiryātayim. **6** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_Ḥorīte[s] in_their_hill_ _of_country of_Sēʻīr to ʼĒl Pāʼrān which is_at the_wilderness. **7** And_they_turned_back and_they_came to En Mishpat that is_ _Qādēsh and_they_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_region_of the_ _ʻAmālēqite[s] and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_ʼAmorī who_was_dwelling in_ Ḥatstsōn tāmār. **8** And_he/it_went_out the_king_of Ṣədom and_ _the_king_of ʻAmorāh and_the_king_of ʼAdmāh and_the_king_ _of Tsəvoʼīm[65] and_the_king_of Belaʻ that is_Tsoʻar and_they_ _deployed with_them battle in_the_valley_of (the)_Siddim. **9** With Kedorlaomer the_king_of ʻĒylām and_Tidʻāl the_king_of

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you go to the left then I'll go right, or if you go to the right then I'll go left." **10** Lot looked all around and saw that all the plain of the Yarden (Jordan) river valley was well-watered through towards Tsoar, just like Yahweh's garden[60] had been before he destroyed Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), and like the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **11** Lot chose all of the Yarden plain for himself, and so he travelled to the east and they separated from each other. **12** So Avram settled in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), and Lot settled in the cities of the plain and moved his tents as far as Sedom. **13** However, the people of Sedom were extremely wicked, constantly disobeying Yahweh.

God promises Avram the land

14 After Lot had left, Yahweh told Avram, "Look all around you towards the north, the south, the east, and the west, **15** because all that land that you can see, I'll give it to you and to your descendants to have forever.[62] **16** I'll make your descendants as numerous as dust particles. Your descendants will only be able to be counted if someone's able to count all the dust particles on the earth. **17** So, go and start walking throughout the land—through its length and its width, because I'm giving it all to you." **18** So Avram moved his tents and went and settled by the terebinth trees at Mamre (near Hevron), and he built an altar to Yahweh there.

Five kings defend against four attackers

14:1 At the time when Amrafel was king of Shin'ar, Areyok was king of Elasar, Kedorla'omer was king of Eylam, and Tid'al was king of the Goyim, **2** they went to war against Bera king of Sedom, Birsha king of Amorah (Gomorrah), Shin'av king of Admah, Shem'ever king of Tsevoim, and the king of Bela (also known as Tsoar). **3** Those latter five kings joined forces in the Siddim valley (also known as the Salt Sea valley). **4** They had been subject to King Kedorla'omer for twelve years, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 Then in the fourteenth year, Kedorla'omer and the kings who were with him went and attacked the Refaim in Ashterot-Karnayim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-Kiryatayim, **6** and the Horim in the hill country of Se'ir as far as El Paran, which is near the wilderness. **7** Then those four kings turned back and went to Eyn Mishpat (also called Kadesh) and they attacked the entire territories of the Amalekim and also the Amorim, who were living in Hazezon Tamar.

8 Then the king of Sedom, the king of Amorah, the king of Admah, the king of Tsevoim, and the king of Bela (also called

60 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 2:10.

62 RV 13:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

63 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB variant note: **מייבצ**: (x-qere) **ʼסְיֹוְבָצ**: lemma_6636 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_01kJL **סְיֹוְבָצ**

64 LV 14:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

65 LV 14:8 · Note OSHB variant note: **מייבצ**: (x-qere) **ʼסְיֹוְבָצ**: lemma_6636 n_1.1 morph_HNp id_01Jqs **סְיֹוְבָצ**

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Tsoar) went out into the Sidim Valley and arranged their troops
for battle **9** against Kedorla'omer king of Eylam, Tid'al king of
Goyim, Amrafel king of Shin'ar, Areyok king of Elasar—five kings
defending themselves against the four. **10** Now the Sidim Valley
had many tar pits, and when the kings of Sedom and Amorah
fled, they fell into the pits, but the rest fled up into the hills.
11 Then the four attacking kings took all the peoples' posses-
sions from Sedom and Amorah and all their food and left.

Avram rescues Lot

12 Avram's nephew Lot and all his pos-
sessions also got taken because he was living in the city of Se-
dom, **13** but someone who escaped came and reported this news
to Avram the Ivri (Hebrew). At that time, Avram was still living
by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amori, the brother of
Eshkol and the brother of Aner, and the three of them had
formed an alliance together. **14** When Avram heard that his
nephew had been taken captive, he led out his 318 trained men
who'd all been born in his house, and he pursued his enemies as
far as the town of Dan. **15** During the night, Avram split in his
slaves into groups and they attacked the four kings and their
soldiers and pursued them to Hovah (north of Damesek (Damas-
cus)). **16** They were able to bring back all the possessions, as well
as his nephew Lot and his possessions, and also the women and
the other people who'd been captured.

Malki-Tsedek blesses Avram

17 After Avram returned from defeating
Kedorla'omer and his allied kings, the
king of Sedom went out to meet Avram in Shaveh valley (also
called the king's valley) . **18** Then Malki-Tsedek (Melchizedek)
the king of Shalem brought out bread and wine—he was a priest
to the most high God.[67] **19** Malki-Tsedek blessed Avram, saying:

"May Avram be blessed by the most high God,
the owner of heaven and earth.
20 Praise the most high God,
who enabled you to defeat your enemies."

Then Avram gave to Malki-Tsedek a tenth of everything he had
recovered.

21 Then the king of Sedom said to Avram, "Give my people back
to me, but keep the possessions for yourself."

22 But Avram said to the king of Sedom, "I promise by Yahweh,
most high God, the owner of heaven and earth, **23** that I won't
take anything of yours, not even the strap of a sandal, so that
you won't be able to say that it was you who made me wealthy.
24 I'll take nothing, except what the young fighters have eaten,
and the share of the other men who went with me: Aner, Eshkol,
and Mamre. Let them take their share."

God agreement with Avram

15:1 After those events, Yahweh spoke to
Avram in a vision, telling him, "Don't be

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Gōy and_Amraphel the_king_of Shin'ār and_'Arəyōk the_king_
_of Ellasar four kings with the_five. **10** And_the_valley_of (the)_
_Siddim[66] was_pits_of pits_of bitumen and_ the_king_of Ṣədom
and_Amorah _they_fled and_they_fell to_(to) and_those_who_
_survived the_hill_country_to they_fled. **11** And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of the_possession[s]_of Ṣədom and_Amorah and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of
food_of_their and_they_went.

12 And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ Lōṭ and_ᴅᴏᴍ possession[s]_of_his the_
_son_of the_brother_of 'Avrām and_they_went and_he was_
_dwelling in_Ṣədom. **13** And_ the_fugitive _he_came and_he_
told to'Avrām the_Hebrew and_he was_dwelling at_the_
_great_trees_of Mamre the_'Amorī the_brother_of 'Eshkol and_
_the_brother_of ʹĀnēr and_they were_the_partners_of the_
_covenant_of 'Avrām. **14** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_listened
if/because_that his/its_brother he_had_been_taken_captive
and_he_drew_out ᴅᴏᴍ men_of_his_trained those_born_of his_
_household_of_his eight- teen and_three hundred(s) and_he_
_pursued to Dān. **15** And_he_divided_himself on_them night he
and_servants_of_his and_he_attacked_them and_he_pursued_
_them to Hobah which is_from_the_north of_Dammeseq.
16 And_he_brought_back ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_possession[s] and_also
ᴅᴏᴍ Lōṭ his/its_brother and_possession[s]_of_his he_brought_
_back and_also ᴅᴏᴍ the_women and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people.

17 And_ the_king_of Ṣədom _he/it_went_out to_meet_him after
returned_he from_when_defeated ᴅᴏᴍ Kedorlaomer[68][69] and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_kings who with_him/it to the_valley_of Shaveh that
is_the_valley_of the_king. **18** And_Malkī- ṭsedeq the_king_of
Shālēm he_brought_out bread and_wine and_he was_a_priest
of_god Most_High. **19** And_he_blessed_him and_he_said 'Avrām
be_blessed by_god Most_High the_creator_of heaven and_earth.
20 And_be_ god Most_High who he_has_delivered foes_of_your
in_hand_of_your _blessed and_he_gave to_him/it a_tenth from_
all. **21** And the_king_of Ṣədom _he/it_said to 'Avrām give to_
_me the_living_creatures and_the_possession[s] take to/for_
you(fs). **22** And 'Avrām _he/it_said to the_king_of Ṣədom I_
_raise hand_of_my to **YHWH** god Most_High the_creator_of
heaven and_earth. **23** If from_a_thread and_unto a_thong_of a_
_sandal and_if I_will_take from_all that to/for_you(fs) and_not
you_will_say I I_made_rich ᴅᴏᴍ 'Avrām. **24** Apart_from_me only
that_which the_young_men they_have_eaten and_the_share_of
the_men who they_went with_me ʹĀnēr 'Eshkol and_Mamre
they let_them_take share_of_their.

15:1 After the_things the_these the_message_of **YHWH** it_came
to 'Avrām in_vision to_say do_not fear Oh_'Avrām I am_a_
_shield to/for_you(fs) reward_of_your will_be_great very.

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66 LV 14:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

67 RV 14:18-20 · Cross-ref. Heb 7:1-10.

68 LV 14:17 · Note OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

69 LV 14:17 · Note OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.

Literal Version

2 And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said my_master **YHWH** what will_you_ _give to_me and_I am_going childless and_the_son_of the_ _acquisition_of my_household_of_my he is_Dammeseq 'Elī֑ezer. **3** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said HERE to_me not you_have_given offspring and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_son_of my_household_of_ _my is_inheriting ÐOM_me. **4** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _message_of **YHWH** to_him/it to_say not he_will_inherit_you this_one if/because (if) one_who he_will_come_out from_ _your(pl)_inward_of_parts he he_will_inherit_you. **5** And_he_ _brought_out ÐOM_him/it to_the_outside and_he/it_said look please to_the_heavens and_count the_stars if you_are_able to_ _count ÐOM_them and_he/it_said to_him/it thus it_will_be offspring_of_your. **6** And_he_believed in_**YHWH** and_he/it_ _considered_her/it for_him/it righteousness. **7** And_he/it_said to_him/it I am_**YHWH** who I_brought_you_out from_'Ūr of_ _the_ones_from_Kasdiy to_give to/for_yourself(m) ÐOM the_ _earth/land (the)_this to_take_possession_of_it. **8** And_he_said my_master **YHWH** how will_I_know if/because_that I_will_ _take_possession_of_it. **9** And_he/it_said to_him/it bring to_me a_heifer three_years_old and_a_goat three_years_old and_a_ _ram three_years_old and_a_turtle-dove and_a_young_pigeon. **10** And_he/it_took to_him/it ÐOM all_of these and_he_cut_in_ _two ÐOM_them in_middle and_he/it_gave each piece_of_its to_ _meet his/its_neighbour and_ÐOM the_bird[s][76] not he_cut_in_ _two. **11** And_ the_bird[s]_prey _he/it_descended on the_ _carcasses and_ 'Avrām _he_drove_away ÐOM_them. **12** And_ _he/it_was the_sun about_to_go and_a_deep_sleep it_fell on 'Avrām and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE dread darkness great was_falling on/upon/above_him/it. **13** And_he/it_said to_'Avrām certainly_(know) you_will_know if/because_that a_sojourner it_will_be your(ms)_seed/fruit in_land which_not to/for_them and_they_will_serve_them and_they_will_afflict ÐOM_them four hundred(s) year[s]. **14** And_also ÐOM the_nation which they_ _will_serve I will_be_judging and_after thus they_will_come_ _out with_possession[s] great. **15** And_you(ms) you_will_go to ancestors_of_your in_peace you_will_be_buried in_old_age good. **16** And_the_generation fourth they_will_return hither if/because not is_complete the_iniquity_of the_'Amorī until now. **17** And_he/it_was the_sun it_had_gone and_darkness it_ _was and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_fire_pot_of smoke and_a_torch_of fire which it_passed between the_pieces the_these. **18** In_the_ _day (the)_that **YHWH** he_made with 'Avrām a_covenant to_ _say to_offspring_of_your I_give ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this from_the_river_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to the_river the_ _big/great(sg) the_river_of Pərāt. **19** ÐOM the_Qēynī[s] and_ÐOM the_Kenizzite[s] and_ÐOM the_Kadmonite[s]. **20** And_ÐOM the_ _Ḥittiy[s] and_ÐOM the_Pərizzī[s] and_ÐOM the_Rəfā'īm. **21** And_

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afraid, Avram, because I'll protect you and I'll generously and richly reward you."

2 "My master Yahweh," replied Avram, "what will you give me, since we have no children and it's Eliezer (my chief slave from Damesek (Damascus)) who'll inherit all my possessions?" **3** Then he continued, "Yes, you haven't given me a child so wow, my heir is a slave from my household!"

4 Then listen, Yahweh's word came to Avram saying, "That man won't be your heir, but on the contrary, it'll be your biological son." **5** Then Yahweh took Avram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and see if you can count the stars." Then he said to him, "Your descendants will be like that."[70]

6 Avram believed in Yahweh, and Yahweh considered that faith of Avram's as an act of obedience.[71]

7 Then Yahweh told Avram, "I'm Yahweh who brought you out of Ur (where the Kasdim (Chaldeans) lived) so I could give you this land to possess it."

8 "My master Yahweh," Avram asked, "how will I know that I will possess it?"

9 "Bring me a three-year-old heifer," Yahweh replied, "and a three-year-old she-goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtle-dove and a young pigeon." **10** So Avram brought all those to Yahweh, and then he cut the animals (but not the birds) in half down the middle and laid the halves opposite to each other. **11** Then some birds of prey flew down to the carcasses, but Avram shooed them away.

12 Later as the sun was going down, Avram fell into a deep sleep, and it suddenly became completely dark and he became terrified,[72] **13** and Yahweh said to Avram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that doesn't belong to them, and they'll serve the rulers of that land and those rulers will persecute them for 400 years.[73] **14** But just as certain, I'll punish the nation that they serve and after that they'll come out with many possessions.[74] **15** And as for you, you'll go to your ancestors in peace—you'll be buried at a good old age. **16** Then in the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, because the Amorim' sins won't be complete until then."

17 Then the sun went down and darkness came, and wow, there was a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch that passed between those animal halves. **18** On that day Yahweh made an agreement with Avram, saying, "I've given this land to your descendants, from Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) river to the famous Perat (Euphrates) River.[75] **19** That includes the land of the Keynim, the Kenizim,

70 RV 15:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:18; Heb 11:12.

71 RV 15:6 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:3; Gal 3:6; Jam 2:23.

72 RV 15:12 · Cross-ref. Yob 4:13-14.

73 RV 15:13 · Cross-ref. Exo 1:1-14; Acts 7:6.

74 RV 15:14 · Cross-ref. Exo 12:40-41; Acts 7:7.

75 RV 15:18 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

76 LV 15:10 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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the Kadmoni, **20** the Hitim, the Perizim, the Refaim, **21** the Amorim, the Kena'anim (Canaanites), the Girgashim, and the Yevusim."

Hagar and her son Yishmael

16:1 Now Avram's wife Saray (Sarai) hadn't been able to give him any children, but she had an Mitsri (Egyptian) slave named Hagar, **2** so Saray said to Avram, "Listen, Yahweh has prevented me from having children so please sleep with my slave. Perhaps I can have a family through her." Avram agreed to what Saray had suggested. **3** So Saray, the wife of Avram, took Hagar, her Mitsri slave, after Avram had lived ten years in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), and gave her to Avram her husband as a wife for him. **4** So he slept with Hagar and she got pregnant, but once she realised that she began to despise her mistress.

5 So Saray complained to Avram, "This is all your fault. I let you sleep with my slave, but now that she's pregnant she looks down on me. May Yahweh judge between me and you."

6 "Listen," Avram replied, "She's *your* slave to do what she's told. Do whatever you think best." So Saray started mistreating Hagar, and so she ran away.

7 Then Yahweh's messenger found her in the wilderness at a spring—the spring beside the road to Shur, **8** and asked her, "Hagar, Saray's slave, where have you come from and where are you going?"

"I am running away from Saray, my mistress," she replied.

9 Then Yahweh's messenger instructed her, "Return to your mistress and do whatever she tells you," **10** then added, "I'll give you so many descendants that they won't even be able to be counted because there'll be so many." **11** Then the messenger told her,

"Listen here: you're pregnant and will give birth to a son,
and you'll name him 'Yishmael' (Ishmael) (which means 'God hears')
because Yahweh has heard your cries of misery.
12 He'll be a wild donkey of a man
and he'll be hostile to everyone
and everyone will be against him.
He'll live right in front of his brothers."

13 Then Hagar realised that it was Yahweh who had spoken to her and said, "You're 'The god who sees me'," because she thought, "Did I really just see the back of the god who sees me?" **14** So that's why that well between Kadesh and Bered is now called 'The well of the living one who sees me'.

15 Then Hagar gave birth to a son for Avram, and Avram named him Yishmael (Ishmael).[77] **16** Avram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Yishmael for him.

Literal Version

ĐOM the'Amorī and_ĐOM the_Kəna'ₐnī and_ĐOM the_Girgāshiy and_ĐOM the_Yəvūṣī.

16:1 And_Sarai the_wife_of 'Avrām not she_had_borne_children to_him/it and_belonged_to_her a_maidservant from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) and_name_of_her was_Hāgār. **2** And_ Sarai _she/it_said to 'Avrām HERE please he_has_restrained_ _me **YHWH** from_bearing_children go please into maidservant_ _of_my perhaps I_will_be_built_up from_her/it[78] and_ 'Avrām _ _he/it_listened to_sound/voice of_Sarai. **3** And_ Sarai the_wife_ _of 'Avrām _she/it_took ĐOM Hāgār the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) maidservant_of_her from_the_ _end/extremity ten years of_ of_'Avrām _the_dwelling in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_she/it_gave ĐOM_her/it to_'Avrām her/its_husband/man to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **4** And_he_ _went into Hāgār and_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_conceived and_ mistress_of_her _she_became_insignificant in_eyes_of_her. **5** And_ Sarai _she/it_said to 'Avrām injustice_of_my is_on_you I I_put maidservant_of_my in_bosom_of_your and_she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_conceived and_I_have_become_ _insignificant in_eyes_of_her **YHWH** may_he_judge between_ _me and_between_you.[79] **6** And_ 'Avrām _he/it_said to Sarai THERE maidservant_of_your is_in_hand_of_your do to/for_ _her/it the_good in_eyes_of_your and_she_afflicted_her Sarai and_she_fled from_before_of_her. **7** And_he_found_her the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** at the_spring_of the_waters in_ _wilderness at the_spring on_the_way_of Shūr. **8** And_he_said Oh_Hāgār the_maidservant_of Sarai where from_this have_you_ _come and_where are_you_going and_she/it_said from_ _face/in_front_of Sarai mistress_of_my I am_fleeing. **9** And_ _he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** return to mistress_of_your and_humble_yourself under hands_of_her. **10** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** greatly_(increase) I_will_increase ĐOM offspring_of_your and_ _not it_will_be_counted from_multitude. **11** And_he/it_said to/for_her/it the_messenger_of **YHWH** HERE_you are_ _pregnant and_you_will_bear a_son and_you_will_call his/its_ _name Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) if/because **YHWH** he_has_listened to affliction_of_your. **12** And_he he_will_be a_wild_donkey_of a_ _man his/its_hand will_on_(the)_everyone and_the_hand_of everyone in/on/over_him/it and_on the_face_of all_of brothers_of_his he_will_dwell. **13** And_she/it_called/named the_name_of **YHWH** who_spoke to_her/it you are_a_god_of seeing if/because she_said also here have_I_seen the_back(s) of_the_one_who_sees_me. **14** Therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called (to)_well Bə'ēr Lahai Roi THERE it_is_between Qādēsh and_between Bered. **15** And_ Hāgār _she/it_gave_birth to_'Avrām a_son and_ 'Avrām _he/it_called the_name_of his/its_son whom Hāgār she_had_borne Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael). **16** And_Avram was_a_son_of eighty year[s] and_six years when_ Hāgār _bore ĐOM Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) to_'Avrām.

77 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:22.

78 LV 16:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

79 LV 16:5 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

Literal Version

17:1 And_he/it_was 'Avrām a_son_of ninety year[s] and_nine years and_ **YHWH** _he_appeared to 'Avrām and_he/it_said to_ _him/it I am_god almighty walk_about to/for_my_face/front and_be blameless. **2** So_that_I_may_make covenant_of_my between_me and_between_you and_so_that_I_may_increase you with_muchness muchness. **3** And_ 'Avrām _he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he/it_spoke with_him/it god to_say. **4** I HERE covenant_of_my is_with_you and_you_will_become (into)_a_father_of a_multitude_of nations. **5** And_not it_will_be_ _called again ĐOM name_of_your 'Avrām and_it_was name_of_ _your 'Avrāhām if/because a_father_of a_multitude_of nations I_have_made_you. **6** And_I_will_make_fruitful you with_ _muchness muchness and_I_will_make_you into_nations and_ _kings from_you they_will_come_out. **7** And_I_will_establish ĐOM covenant_of_my between_me and_between_you and_ _between your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you for_generations_of_ _their to_a_covenant_of perpetuity to_be to/for_yourself(m) (into)_god and_for_offspring_of_your after_you. **8** And_I_will_ _give to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_your after_you ĐOM the_land_of your(pl)_sojournings_of_your ĐOM all_of the_ _land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_a_possession_of perpetuity and_ _I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god. **9** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām and_you(ms) ĐOM covenant_of_my you_will_keep you and_offspring_of_your after_you for_generations_of_their. **10** This covenant_of_is_my which you(pl)_will_keep between_ _me and_between_you(pl) and_between your(ms)_seed/fruit after_you he_will_be_circumcised to/for_you(pl) every_of male. **11** And_you(pl)_will_be_circumcised ĐOM the_flesh_of your_ _foreskin_of_your(pl) and_it_was (into)_a_sign_of the_covenant between_me and_between_you(pl). **12** And_a_son_of eight_of days he_will_be_circumcised to/for_you(pl) every_of male for_ _generations_of_your(pl) one_born_of the_household and_a_ _purchase_of silver from_all son_of foreignness who not is_ _one_of_your_offspring he. **13** Definitely_(be_circumcised) (the)_one_born_of your_household_of_your and_the_purchase_ _of your_silver_of_your he_will_be_circumcised and_it_will_be covenant_of_my in_flesh_of_your(pl) to_a_covenant_of perpetuity. **14** And_an_uncircumcised male who not ĐOM the_ _flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his he_will_be_circumcised and_ the_ _living_creatures the_that _it_will_be_cut_off from_ _kinspeople(s)_of_its ĐOM covenant_of_my he_has_broken. **15** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām Sarai wife_of_your not you_will_call ĐOM his/its_name Sarai if/because is_Sārāh his/its_name. **16** And_I_will_bless ĐOM_her/it and_also I_will_ _give from_her/it to/for_yourself(m) a_son and_I_will_bless_ _her and_she_will_become (into)_nations kings_of peoples from_her/it they_will_be. **17** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_fell on his/its_faces/face and_he_laughed and_he/it_said in_heart_of_ _his to_a_son_of one_hundred year[s] will_he_be_born and_if Sārāh a_daughter_of ninety year[s] will_she_bear_a_child. **18** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said to the_'Ĕlohīm if Yishmā'ē[l]/(Ishmael) he_will_live before_you. **19** And_ god _ _he/it_said but Sārāh wife_of_your is_about_to_bear to/for_

Readers' Version

Circumcision as a confirmation of the agreement

17:1 Many years later when Avram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to him and said, "I'm the all-powerful God. Obey me and don't disobey **2** and I'll establish my agreement with you and will cause you to have very many descendants." **3** Then Avram knelt down with his face to the ground and God told him, **4** "Listen, my agreement with you is that you'll become the father of many nations, **5** so you'll no longer be called 'Avram', but now your name will be 'Avraham' (which means 'father of many nations') because I'm making you the father of many nations.[80] **6** I'll make you and your descendants very fruitful so that they form nations and some of them will become kings.

7 I'll establish my agreement with you and your future descendants for all the following generations. It will be an agreement that never ends, that I'll be the your god and God of your future descendants.[81] **8** I'll give this land that you're staying in—the entire region of Kena'an (Canaan)—to you and your descendants as a permanent possession,[82] and I'll be their god."

9 Then God told Avraham, "For your part, you and your descendants after you throughout all their generations must follow the requirements of our agreement. **10** This is the agreement that you and all your future descendants are to follow: every male among you must be circumcised.[83] **11** This removal of the foreskin will be a physical mark confirming the agreement between me and you. **12** All male babies must be circumcised when they're eight days old. This includes all those born in your own house, as well as any that have been bought from foreigners even if they're not your biological descendants. **13** Yes, they definitely must be circumcised either way if they're born in your house or purchased as slaves. This way, my agreement will be manifested in your physical bodies as a never-ending agreement. **14** Any males who isn't circumcised must be excluded from his people because he will have broken my agreement."

15 God also told Avraham, "As for your wife Saray (Sarai), don't call her Saray anymore, because from now on her name will be 'Sarah' **16** and I will bless her, and I'll also give you a son from her. Yes, I'll bless her and she'll become the mother of nations—kings of peoples will come from her."

17 Avraham fell to his knees and he laughed and said to himself, "How can a hundred year old man father a child? And what about Sarah who's ninety-nine years old having a baby!" **18** Then Avraham said to God, "If only you'd bless Yishmael (Ishmael) as my heir."

19 "No," God replied, "It'll be your wife Sarah who gives you a son, and you'll name him 'Yitshak' (Isaac) (meaning 'one who laughs'). I'll establish my agreement with him as a never-ending

80 RV 17:5 · Cross-ref. Rom 4:17.

81 RV 17:7 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:55.

82 RV 17:8 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:5.

83 RV 17:10 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:8; Rom 4:11.

Readers' Version

commitment to him and his descendants. **20** But as for Yishmael,
I've heard your request. Listen, I'll bless him and make him fruit-
ful and give him very many descendants. He'll father twelve
rulers and I'll make him into a great nation, **21** however, my
agreement will be established with Yitshak, who Sarah will give
birth to by this time next year." **22** Then having finished speak-
ing with Avraham, God went up away from him.

23 Then Avraham took every male from his household and cir-
cumcised them that very day, just as God had instructed him.
That included his son Yishmael, all those born in his house, and
everyone bought with his money. **24** Avraham was ninety-nine
years old when he was circumcised **25** and his son Yishmael was
thirteen years old when Avraham circumcised him. **26** So it was,
on that same day, both Avraham and his son Yishmael were cir-
cumcised **27** and all the other males in his household, whether
born there or bought from foreigners, were circumcised with
him.

Avraham and Sarah are promised a son

18:1 Then one day Yahweh appeared again to Avraham at the oak trees on Mamre's land, while Avraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. **2** Avraham looked up and was surprised to see three men standing a short distance away. He ran from the tent opening to meet them and bowed respectfully,[85] **3** and said, "My masters, if I've found favour in your eyes, please don't just carry on past your slave. **4** Let me get some water so that you can wash your feet and rest here under this tree. **5** I'll go and get some food so that you can refresh yourselves before you leave, since you've come to your slave."

"Alright, do as you have said," they answered.

6 So Avraham hurried into the tent and told Sarah, "Quickly, grind three measures of fine flour and knead it and make some bread." **7** He ran to the herd and selected a tender and choice calf and took it to a slave who hurried to prepare it. **8** Then he took yogurt and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and he set the meal down in front of the visitors, standing there under the tree by them while they ate.

9 Then they asked him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

"See, over there in the tent," he replied.

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_yourself(m) a_son and_you_will_call ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_I_will_establish ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my with_ _him/it to_a_covenant_of perpetuity for_offspring_of_his after_ _him. **20** And_to_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael)[84] I_have_heard_you HERE I_will_bless ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I_will_make_fruitful ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I_will_multiply ~~DOM~~_him/it with_muchness muchness two_plus ten princes he_will_father and_I_will_give_him/it to_ _(a)_nation great. **21** And_~~DOM~~ covenant_of_my I_will_establish with Yitsḥāq whom she_will_bear to/for_yourself(m) Sārāh to_ _time the_this in_year (the)_following. **22** And_they_were_ _ended/finished to_speak with_him/it and_ god _he/it_ _ascended from_under 'Avrāhām. **23** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _took ~~DOM~~ Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son and_~~DOM~~ all_of those_born_of his_household_of_his and_~~DOM~~ all_of the_ _purchase_of his_silver_of_his every_of male among_the_men_ _of the_household_of 'Avrāhām and_he_circumcised ~~DOM~~ the_ _flesh_of their_foreskin_of_their on_the_substance_of the_day the_this just_as he_had_spoken with_him/it god. **24** And_ _'Avrāhām was_a_son_of ninety and_nine year[s] when_he_ _was_circumcised the_flesh_of his_foreskin_of_his. **25** And_ _Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son was_a_son_of thir- teen year[s] when_he_was_circumcised ~~DOM~~ the_flesh_of his_ _foreskin_of_his. **26** On_the_substance_of the_day the_this 'Avrāhām and_Yishmā'ēl/(Ishmael) his/its_son he_was_ _circumcised. **27** And_all the_men_of his_household_of_his one_ _born_of the_household and_a_purchase_of silver from_with a_ _son_of foreignness they_were_circumcised with_him/it.

18:1 And_he_appeared to_him/it **YHWH** at_the_great_trees_of Mamre and_he was_sitting the_opening_of the_tent about_the_ _heat_of the_day. **2** And_he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE three men were_standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_saw and_he_ran to_meet_ _them from_the_opening_of the_tent and_he_bowed_down ground_to_the. **3** And_he_said my_master if please I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your do_not please pass_by from_ _under servant_of_your. **4** Let_it_be_brought please a_little_of water and_wash feet_of_your(pl) and_support_yourselves(pl) under the_tree. **5** And_let_me_bring a_piece_of bread and_ _sustain heart_of_your(pl) after you(pl)_will_pass_on if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so you(pl)_have_passed_ _by at servant_of_your(pl) and_they_said thus you_will_do just_ _as you_have_said. **6** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_hurried to_the_tent to Sārāh and_he/it_said bring_quickly three seahs flour fine_flour knead_it and_make bread_cakes. **7** And_near/to the_herd 'Avrāhām he_ran and_he/it_took a_young_one_of the_herd tender and_good and_he/it_gave to the_servant and_he_ _hurried for_doing ~~DOM~~_him/it. **8** And_he/it_took curd[s] and_ _milk and_the_young_one_of the_herd which he_had_prepared and_he/it_gave before_them and_he was_standing with_them under the_tree and_they_ate. **9** And_they_said to_him[89] where is_Sārāh your(ms)_woman/wife and_he/it_said THERE in_tent.

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84 LV 17:20 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

85 RV 18:2a · Cross-ref. Heb 13:2.

89 LV 18:9 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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10 And_he/it_said certainly_(return) I_will_return to_you about_time living and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_son will_belong_to_ _Sārāh your(ms)_woman/wife and_Sārāh was_listening the_ _opening_of the_tent and_he was_behind_him. **11** And_ _'Avrāhām and_Sārāh were_old having_come in_the_days it_ _had_ceased to_be to_Sārāh a_way like_women. **12** And_ Sārāh _ _she_laughed in_her_inner_of_being to_say after I_am_worn_ _out has_it_belonged to/for_me pleasure and_master_of_my he_is_old. **13** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām to/for_what this Sārāh did_she_laugh to_say also really will_I_bear_a_child and_I I_am_old. **14** Is_it_too_difficult for_**YHWH** anything to_ _time I_will_return to_you about_time living and_will_belong_ _to_Sārāh a_son. **15** And_ Sārāh _she_denied to_say not I_ _laughed if/because she_was_afraid and_he/it_said no if/because you_laughed.

16 And_they_arose from_there the_men and_they_looked_down on the_face_of Ṣədom and_'Avrāhām was_walking with_them to_send_them_off. **17** And_**YHWH** he_said be_ will_I _concealing from_'Avrāhām that_which I am_about_to_do. **18** And_ _'Avrāhām surely_(become) he_will_become to_(a)_nation great and_mighty and_they_will_be_blessed in_him/it all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land. **19** If/because I_have_known_ _him so_that that he_may_command ᴅᴏᴍ children_of_his and_ _ᴅᴏᴍ household_of_his after_him and_they_will_keep the_way_ _of **YHWH** for_doing righteousness and_justice so_that **YHWH** will_bring on 'Avrāhām ᴅᴏᴍ that_which he_has_spoken on/upon/above_him/it. **20** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said the_ _outcry_of Ṣədom and_Amorah if/because it_is_great and_sin_ _of_their if/because it_is_heavy exceedingly. **21** I_will_go_down please and_I_will_see according_to_outcry_of_its which_it_has_ _come to_me have_they_done completely and_if not I_will_ _know. **22** And_they_turned_away from_there the_men and_ _they_went towards_Sedom and_'Avrāhām still_he was_ _standing to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**. **23** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_drew_near and_he_said also will_you_sweep_ _away the_righteous with the_wicked. **24** Perhaps there_are fifty righteous_people in_the_middle the_city also will_you_ _sweep_it_away and_not will_you_forgive (to)_place for_the_ _sake_of fifty the_righteous_people who are_in_midst_of_its. **25** Far_be_it to_you from_doing according_the_manner the_this to_put_to_death the_righteous with the_wicked and_it_was as_ _person as_person far_be_it to_you the_judge_of all_of the_ _earth/land not will_he_do justice. **26** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said if I_will_find in_Ṣədom fifty righteous_people in_the_middle the_city and_I_will_forgive to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _place because_of_them. **27** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_answered and_ _he_said HERE please I_have_undertaken to_speak to my_ _master and_I am_dust and_ash[es]. **28** Perhaps they_will_lack fifty the_righteous_people five will_you_destroy for_five ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_city and_he/it_said not I_will_destroy_it if I_will_find there forty and_five. **29** And_he_repeated again to_speak to_

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10 "I'll definitely return to you here in the spring next year," the visitor continued. "You see, your wife Sarah will have a son then."[86]

Now Sarah was at the opening of the tent listening, but the visitor was facing the other direction. **11** Avraham and Sarah were pretty old at this stage and Sarah had passed the age of being able to have children, **12** so when she heard that, she laughed to herself and said, "Now that my body's worn out, will I have the pleasure of a child? Even my master's too old."[87]

13 Then Yahweh spoke to Avraham, "Why is it that Sarah laughed, saying, 'Will I really have a child when I'm old?' **14** Is anything too hard for Yahweh?[88] I'll return here to you next year in the spring and Sarah will have a son."

15 But Sarah was afraid and denied it by saying, "I didn't laugh."

"No, because you did laugh," he said.

Avraham bargains with Yahweh about Sedom

16 Then the three men got up to leave and looked down toward Sedom, and Avraham went with them to see them off. **17** Then Yahweh said to himself, "Should I hide what I'm about to do from Avraham? **18** His descendants are certainly going to become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him and them, **19** because I'm aware that he'll command his children and his household after him, and they'll follow Yahweh's path by their right and just behaviour, so that Yahweh will bring about for Avraham what he's said to him."

20 Then Yahweh said, "Because there's so many people crying out about Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah), and because their sin is very grievous, **21** I'll go down there now and see if what I've heard about them is true, and if not, I'll also find that out."

22 Then the other two men left and started descending toward Sedom, and Avraham was still standing there in front of Yahweh, **23** so he went closer to Yahweh and asked, "Will you really destroy obedient people along with those who are evil? **24** What if there were fifty people in the city who've obeyed you? Would you really destroy the city and all its people and not save it for the sake of those fifty? **25** Surely you wouldn't do anything like that—killing the good people along with the evil ones, so that they all just get treated the same? Certainly you wouldn't do that? Wouldn't the one who judges the entire world be more fair?"

26 "If I find fifty godly people in Sedom," Yahweh answered, "then I'll spare the whole city for their sake."

27 "Listen, I've been bold enough to question my master, even though I'm just dust and ashes," Avraham said again. **28** "Suppose they're five short of the fifty? Would you destroy the whole city because of five?"

86 RV 18:10 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:9.

87 RV 18:12 · Cross-ref. 1Pe 3:6.

88 RV 18:14 · Cross-ref. Luk 1:37.

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"I won't destroy it if I find forty-five there," he replied.

29 Avraham continued to make his request, "Suppose there's forty there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the forty," he agreed.

30 My master, don't get angry but let me speak," Avraham said, "suppose thirty are found there?"

"I won't do it if I find thirty there," he said.

31 "Listen, I've taken it on myself to speak to my master," Avraham asked again, "suppose twenty are found there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the twenty," he agreed.

32 "My master, don't get angry and let me speak one last time," Avraham added, "suppose ten are found there?"

"I won't do it for the sake of the ten," Yahweh conceded **33** and then he left and Avraham returned home.

Sexual depravity in Sedom

19:1 So the two messengers arrived at Sedom in the evening, and Lot was sitting at the city gate. When Lot saw them, he got up to meet them and knelt down in front of them with his face to the ground. **2** Then he said, "Listen, my masters: Come with me to your slave's home and wash your feet and stay the night. Then you can get up early and continue on your way."

But they said, "No, rather we'll just spend the night in the street." **3** However, Lot insisted, so they followed him off the main road and went into his house. Then he prepared a feast for them and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 However, before they went to bed, the men of Sedom surrounded the house—there were young and old from all parts of the city— **5** and they called out to Lot, "Where are the men who came to your place tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can 'use' them."[90]

6 So Lot went out to them at the entrance of the house and shut the door behind him **7** and said, "My brothers, don't do this evil. **8** Listen, I've got two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you and you can treat them however you like. But don't do anything to these men, because they've entered my house and so I'm responsible for them."

9 But they insisted, "Stand back!" Then they said to each other, "This guy came to stay with us, and now he's judging us. We'll treat you worse than them!" Then they started pushing hard against Lot and came closer to break down the door. **10** But the two visitors reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house and shut the door again. **11** Then they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness[91]—all of them from the lowly to the prominent men—so that they gave up trying to find the door.

Lot and family leave Sedom

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Who else belongs to you here, a son-in-law or your

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_him/it and_he_said perhaps they_will_be_found there forty and_he/it_said not I_will_do_it in_account_of the_forty. **30** And_ _he/it_said not please let_it_burn to_the_of_master and_let_ _me_speak perhaps they_will_be_found there thirty and_he/it_ _said not I_will_do_it if I_will_find there thirty. **31** And_he/it_ _said HERE please I_have_undertaken to_speak to my_master perhaps they_will_be_found there twenty and_he/it_said not I_ _will_destroy_it in_account_of the_twenty. **32** And_he/it_said not please let_it_burn to_the_of_master and_let_me_speak only the_time//this_time perhaps they_will_be_found there ten and_he/it_said not I_will_destroy_it in_account_of the_ten. **33** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_went just_as he_had_finished to_speak to 'Avrāhām and_'Avrāhām he_returned to_place_of_his.

19:1 And_ the_two_of the_messengers _they_came towards_ _Sedom in_evening and_Lōṭ was_sitting in_the_gate_of Ṣədom and_ Lōṭ _he/it_saw and_he/it_rose_up to_meet_them and_he_ _bowed_down face ground_to_the. **2** And_he/it_said HERE please my_masters_of_my turn_aside please to the_house_of your_servant_of_your(pl) and_stay_the_night and_wash feet_ _of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_rise_early and_you(pl)_will_go[92] to_way_of_your(pl) and_they_said no if/because in_place we_ _will_stay_the_night. **3** And_he_urged (in)_them exceedingly and_they_turned_aside to_him/it and_they_came into house_ _of_his and_he/it_made to/for_them a_feast and_unleavened_ _bread(s) he_baked and_they_ate. **4** Before they_lay_down and_ _the_men_of the_city the_men_of Ṣədom they_surrounded (on) the_house from_young_man and_unto old_man all_of the_ _people from_the_end. **5** And_they_called to Lōṭ and_they_said to_him/it where are_the_men who they_came to_you the_night bring_them to_us so_that_we_may_know ~~ḎOM~~_them. **6** And_ _he/it_went_out to_them Lōṭ to_the_entrance and_the_door he_closed behind_him. **7** And_he_said do_not please my_ _brothers_of_my do_evil. **8** HERE please to_me two_of daughters who not they_have_known a_man let_me_bring_out please them to_you(pl) and_do to_them according_the_good in_ _eyes_of_your(pl) only to_men (the)_these do_not do anything if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so they_have_come in_ _the_shadow_of my_roof_my. **9** And_they_said approach beyond and_they_said the_one he_came to_sojourn and_he_ _has_judged indeed_(judge) now we_will_do_harm to/for_ _yourself(m) from_them and_they_urged (in)_man (in)_Lōṭ exceedingly and_they_approached to_break_down the_door. **10** And_ the_men _they_stretched_out ~~ḎOM~~ hand_of_their and_ _they_brought ~~ḎOM~~ Lōṭ to_them to_the_house and_~~ḎOM~~ the_ _door they_closed. **11** And_~~ḎOM~~ the_men who were_the_ _entrance_of the_house they_struck with_(the)_blindness(es) from_small and_unto great and_they_became_weary to_find the_entrance.

12 And_ the_men _they_said to Lōṭ yet who to/for_yourself(m) here a_son-in-law and_sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your and_all/each/any/every who to/for_yourself(m) in_city bring_

90 RV 19:5-8 · Cross-ref. Jdg 19:22-24.

91 RV 19:11 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 6:18.

92 LV 19:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_out from the_place. **13** If/because we are_about_to_destroy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_place the_this if/because outcry_of_their it_is_great with the_presence_of **YHWH** and_he_has_sent_us **YHWH** to_ _destroy_it. **14** And_ Lōṭ _he/it_went_out and_he/it_spoke to sons-in-law_of_his who_were_about_to_take_of daughters_of_ _(of)_his and_he/it_said arise go_out from the_place the_this if/because **YHWH** is_about_to_destroy ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city and_he/it_ _was like_one_who_jests in/on_both_eyes_of his_sons-in-law_ _of_his. **15** And_when the_dawn it_came_up and_ the_ _messengers _they_urged (in)_Lōṭ to_say arise take ~~ᵭᵯ~~ wife_ _of_your and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_two_of daughters_of_your who_are_ _found lest you_should_be_swept_away in_the_punishment_of the_city. **16** And_he_delayed and_ the_men _they_took_hold in_ _his/its_hand and_on_the_hand_of his/its_wife/woman and_ _on_the_hand_of the_two_of daughters_of_his in_the_mercy_of **YHWH** on/upon/above_him/it and_they_brought_him_out and_they_placed_him from_the_outside of_city. **17** And_he/it_ _was just_as_they_brought_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~_them to_the_outside and_ _he/it_said escape on life_of_your do_not look behind_you and_ _do_not stop in_all the_valley to_the_hill_country escape lest you_should_be_swept_away. **18** And_ Lōṭ _he/it_said to_them no please my_master. **19** HERE please servant_of_your he_has_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_have_made_great loyalty_of_your which you_have_done with_me by_preserving_ _alive ~~ᵭᵯ~~ life_of_my and_I not I_am_able to_escape to_the_ _hill_country lest it_should_cling_to_me the_calamity and_I_ _will_die. **20** HERE please the_city (the)_this is_near to_flee to_ _(to) and_she is_a_small_place let_me_escape please to_(to) not a_small_place is_it so_ life_of_my _that_it_may_live. **21** And_ _he/it_said to_him/it HERE I_lift_up face_of_your also to_the_ _message/thing/matter the_this to_not I_to_overthrow ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_city which you_have_spoken. **22** Hurry escape to_(to) if/because not I_will_be_able for_doing anything until go_you to_(to) therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called the_ _name_of the_city Tsoʹar/(Zoar).

23 The_sun it_came_out over the_earth/land and_Lōṭ he_went to_Tsoʹar. **24** And_**YHWH** he_caused_to_rain on Ṣədom and_on ʹAmorāh/(Gomorrah) sulfur and_fire from_with **YHWH** from the_heavens. **25** And_he_overthrew ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_cities (the)_these and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_valley and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of the_cities and_the_growth_of the_soil. **26** And_ his/its_ _wife/woman _she_looked from_behind_him and_it_became a_ _pillar_of salt. **27** And_ ʾAvrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning to the_place where he_had_stood there with the_presence_of **YHWH**. **28** And_he_looked_down on the_face_of Ṣədom and_ _Amorah and_on all_of the_face_of the_land_of the_valley and_ _he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_smoke_of the_earth/land it_went_up like_the_smoke_of (the)_kiln. **29** And_he/it_was when_ god _destroyed ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_cities_of the_valley and_ god _ _he_remembered ~~ᵭᵯ~~ ʾAvrāhām and_he_sent_out ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Lōṭ from_the_middle_of the_overthrow when_overthrew ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_ _cities which he_had_dwelt in_them Lōṭ.

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sons or your daughters or anyone else who belongs to you in the city? Take them out from this place, **13** because we're about to destroy it. The people have repeatedly cried out to Yahweh, so he's sent us to destroy the city."

14 Then Lot went out and spoke to his future sons-in-law who were engaged to his daughters, and he told them, "Hurry, get out of this place, because Yahweh is going to destroy the city!" But they thought he was just joking.

15 At dawn the next day, the two messengers urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that all of you won't be swept away in the punishment of the city." **16** When Lot hesitated, because of Yahweh's mercy for him, the men grabbed his hand and his wife's hand and the hands of their daughters, and led them out beyond the edge of the city.[93] **17** At that point one of them told Lot, "Flee for your lives! Don't turn around and look behind you and don't stop anywhere down in the plain. Escape up to the hills so you don't get swept away!"

18 But Lot argued, "Not right now, my masters. **19** Listen, you've been kind to me and show us mercy by saving my life, but I won't be able to make it to the hills because the disaster will overtake me and I'll die. **20** Listen, there's a small town nearby that I could flee to. Let me escape there. It's only small. Then my life would be saved."

21 "Okay then," the man replied, "I'll also grant your request about this so I won't overthrow the town that you're talking about. **22** Hurry up, escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until you go there."

That's why they renamed the town to 'Tsoar' (which means 'small').

The destruction of Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah)

23 The sun had already risen by the time Lot and family reached Tsoar. **24** Then Yahweh rained burning sulfur down onto Sedom and Amorah (Gomorrah),[94] **25** and he destroyed those cities and all their inhabitants as well, as all of the plain including all the vegetation. **26** But Lot's wife who was following him looked back and she turned into a pillar of salt.[95]

27 Meanwhile, Avraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before Yahweh, **28** and he looked down towards Sedom and Amorah and the land of the plain. From there he saw, wow, that smoke was rising from the land like a furnace chimney. **29** So it was that when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Avraham and had Lot removed out of the middle of the destruction when he destroyed the cities that Lot had been living in.

93 RV 19:16 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 2:7.

94 RV 19:24-25 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:15; 11:23-24; Luk 10:12; 17:29; 2Pe 2:6; Yud 7.

95 RV 19:26 · Cross-ref. Luk 17:32.

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The sad origin of Moavim and Amonim

30 Then Lot and his two daughters left Tsoar and settled up in the hills, because he was afraid to stay in Tsoar. So he lived in a cave up there with his two daughters. 31 Then the older girl said to the younger, "Dad's old and there isn't a single man up here to marry us like happens to other women in the world. 32 So let's get Dad drunk and then we can lie with him, so that at least we can have some descendants through our father." 33 So then, they got their father to drink wine that evening, and the oldest daughter went and lay with her father, but he wasn't aware of her coming or going.

34 Then the next day, the older girl said to the younger, Listen, last night I lay with my father. Let's get him drunk again tonight then you go lie with him so that we'll give life to descendants through our father." 35 So that next evening also, they got their father to drink wine and the younger girl went and lay with him, but again he wasn't aware of her coming or going. 36 In that way, both of Lot's daughters got themselves pregnant through their father. 37 Then the eldest daughter gave birth to a son and she named him Moav (Moab) (which means 'from my father'). (He's the ancestor of the Moavim to this day.) 38 The younger daughter also gave birth to a son and she named him Ben-Ami (which means 'son of my people'). (He's the ancestor of Amonim to this day.)

Avraham and Avimelek and Sarah

20:1 Then Avraham travelled from there to the Negev region and he settled between Kadesh and Shur, staying in Gerar for a while. 2 Avraham had told people his wife Sarah was his sister,[97] so Avimelek the king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. 3 But God came to Avimelek in a dream in the night and told him, "Listen, you're as good as dead because of that woman you took because she is married to a husband."

4 Now Avimelek hadn't gone near to her, so he said, "My master, would you destroy a nation even though it's innocent? 5 Didn't Avraham himself tell me that she was his sister? And she herself also said that he was her brother. I did this with a clear conscience and with clean hands."

6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you did this with a clear conscience and indeed I kept you from sinning against me. I didn't allow you to touch her for that reason. 7 So now, return that man's wife because he's a prophet, and he'll pray for you and you'll live. But if you don't return her, be certain that you and all your people will surely die."

8 So King Avimelek got up early in the morning and called for all of his slaves to come, and he explained the entire situation to them and they were very scared. 9 Then he sent for Avraham and asked him, "What have you done to us? What did I do to you

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30 And_ Lōṭ _he/it_ascended from_Tsoʻar and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_country and_the_two_of daughters_of_his with_him/it if/because he_was_afraid to_ _dwell in_Tsoʻar and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _cave he and_the_two_of daughters_of_his. 31 And_ the_ _firstborn _she/it_said to the_young father_of_our he_is_old and_a man there_is_not on_the_earth to_go on_us according_ _to_the_way_of all_of the_earth/land. 32 Come let_us_make_ _drink ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_our wine so_that_we_may_lie with_him/it and_so_that_we_may_preserve_alive from_father_of_our offspring. 33 And_they_made_drink ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_their wine in_night that and_ the_firstborn _she_came and_she_lay with father_of_her and_not he_knew when_she_lay_down and_ _when_arose_she.[96] 34 And_he/it_was from_the_next_day and_ the_firstborn _she/it_said to the_young HERE I_lay last_night with father_of_my let_us_make_him_drink wine also the_night and_go lie with_him/it so_that_we_may_preserve_alive from_ _father_of_our offspring. 35 And_they_made_drink also in_ _night (the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_their wine and_ the_young _ _she/it_arose and_she_lay with_him/it and_not he_knew when_she_lay_down and_when_arose_she. 36 And_ the_two_of the_daughters_of Lōṭ _they_conceived from_father_of_their. 37 And_ the_firstborn _she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_ _called/named his/its_name Mōʼāvˇ he is_the_ancestor_of Mōʼāvˇ until the_day. 38 And_the_young also she she_bore a_son and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Ben- Ammi he is_the_ _ancestor_of the_people_of ʻAmmōn until the_day.

20:1 And_he_set_out from_there ʼAvrāhām towards_land of_ _the_Negevˇ and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived between Qādēsh and_between Shūr and_he_sojourned in_Gərār. 2 And_ ʼAvrāhām _he/it_said concerning Sārāh his/its_wife/woman sister_of_is_my she and_ ʼAvīmelek the_king_of Gərār _he_sent and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Sārāh. 3 And_ god _he_came to ʼAvīmelek in_(the)_dream the_night and_he/it_said to_him/it HERE_you are_about_to_die on the_woman whom you_have_taken and_ _she is_married_of a_husband. 4 And_ʼAvīmelek not he_had_ _drawn_near to_her/it and_he_said my_master a_nation also righteous will_you_kill. 5 Not he did_he_say to_me sister_of_is_ _my she and_she also she she_said my_brother/kindred he in_ _the_integrity_of my_heart_of_my and_in_the_innocence_of my_palms_of_my I_have_done this. 6 And_he/it_said to_him/it the_ʼElohīm in_a_dream also I I_know if/because_that in_the_ _integrity_of your_heart_of_your you_did this and_ also I _I_ _have_restrained you from_sinning to_me therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_have_permitted_you to_touch (to)_ _her. 7 And_now return the_wife_of the_man if/because is_a_ _prophet he and_he_will_pray for_you and_live and_if not_you are_returning_her know if/because_that surely_(die) you and_ _all who to/for_you(fs) you_will_die. 8 And_ ʼAvīmelek _he_ _rose_early in_morning and_he/it_called to/from_ _all/each/any/every servants_of_his and_he/it_spoke ᴅᴏᴍ all_ _of the_words/messages the_these in_ears_of_their and_ the_ _men _they_were_afraid exceedingly. 9 And_ ʼAvīmelek _he/it_

96 LV 19:33 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

97 RV 20:2 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:13; 26:7.

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called (to)'Avrāhām and_he/it_said to_him/it what have_
_you_done to/for_ourselves and_what have_I_sinned to/for_
_you(fs) that/for/because/then/when you_have_brought on_
_me and_on kingdom_of_my a_sin great deeds which not they_
_will_be_done you_have_done with_me. **10** And_ 'Avīmelek _
_he/it_said to 'Avrāhām what did_you_see
that/for/because/then/when you_have_done ĐOM the_thing
(the)_this. **11** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said if/because I_said
certainly there_is_not fear_of god in_place the_this and_they_
_will_kill_me on the_matter_of my_wife_of_my. **12** And_also
truly sister_of_is_my the_daughter_of my_father_of_my she
only not the_daughter_of my_mother_of_my and_it_became to_
me to/for(a)_woman. **13** And_he/it_was just_as god they_
_caused_to_wander ĐOM_me from_the_household_of my_
_father_of_my and_I_said to/for_her/it this loyalty_of_is_your
which you_will_do with_me to every_of (the)_place where we_
_will_go to_(to) say to_me my_brother/kindred he. **14** And_
'Avīmelek _he/it_took sheep and_cattle and_male_servants
and_female_servants and_he/it_gave to_'Avrāhām and_he_
_restored to_him/it ĐOM Sārāh his/its_wife/woman. **15** And_
'Avīmelek _he/it_said THERE land_of_my to_your_face in_good
in_eyes_of_your dwell. **16** And_to_Sārāh he_said HERE I_give a_
_thousand silver to_brother_of_your THERE it to/for_you(fs) is_
_a_covering_of eyes to_all/each/any/every who are_with_you
and_ĐOM everyone (and)_you_are_vindicated. **17** And_
'Avrāhām _he_prayed to the_'Elohīm and_ god _he_healed ĐOM
'Avīmelek and_ĐOM his/its_wife/woman and_his_female_of_
_slaves and_they_bore_children. **18** If/because completely_
_(shut_up) **YHWH** he_had_shut_up behind every_of womb of_
_the_household_of of_'Avīmelek on the_matter_of Sārāh the_
_wife_of 'Avrāhām.

21:1 And_**YHWH** he_visited ĐOM Sārāh just_as he_had_said and_
YHWH _he/it_made to_Sārāh just_as he_had_spoken. **2** And_
_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_ Sārāh _she/it_gave_
birth to'Avrāhām a_son of_his_old_of_age(s) to_time which
god he_had_spoken ĐOM_him/it. **3** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_called
ĐOM the_name_of his/its_son who_had_been_born to_him/it
whom she_had_borne for_him/it Sārāh Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **4** And_
'Avrāhām _he_circumcised ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son a_son_of
eight_of days just_as god he_had_commanded ĐOM_him/it.
5 And_'Avrāhām was_a_son_of one_hundred_of year[s] when_
_was_born to_him/it ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son. **6** And_ Sārāh _
_she/it_said laughter he_has_made to_me god every_of (the)_
_one_who_hears he_will_laugh to_me. **7** And_she/it_said who
has_he_said to_'Avrāhām Sārāh she_has_nursed children
if/because I_have_borne a_son of_his_old_of_age(s).

8 And_ the_child _he_grew_up and_he_was_weaned and_
'Avrāhām _he/it_made a_feast great in/on_day ĐOM Yitsḥāq
was_weaned. **9** And_ Sārāh _she/it_saw ĐOM the_son_of Hāgār
the_from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) whom she_had_
borne to'Avrāhām mocking. **10** And_she/it_said to_'Avrāhām
drive_out the_slave_woman (the)_this and_ĐOM son_of_her
if/because not the_son_of the_slave_woman (the)_this he_will_

98 RV 21:2 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:11.

99 RV 21:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:12; Acts 7:8.

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that you would cause all this trouble for me and my people? What you did to me should never have happened." **10** Then he asked again, "What were you thinking when you did that?"

11 "Because I thought that there's probably no one around here who obeys God," replied Avraham "so they might kill me because of my wife. **12** Besides that, Sarah actually *is* my half-sister. We have the same father, but different mothers, and then it was her that I took as a wife. **13** Later when God got me to leave my father's home, I said to her, 'You could do this one kindness do for me: Everywhere we go, just tell them that he's your brother.' "

14 Then King Avimelek returned Sarah his wife to him and also gave him flocks and herds, and male and female slaves, **15** and he told him, "Look, my land is in front of you. Settle wherever looks good to you." **16** Then he said to Sarah, "Listen, I've given 1,000 pieces of silver to your brother. That's for you to demonstrate that you did nothing wrong, so that you're completely cleared."

17 Then Avraham prayed to God, and God healed Avimelek and his wife and his slave women so that they could have children, **18** because Yahweh had made every woman in Avimelek's household barren because of what had been happening to Avraham's wife, Sarah.

Yitshak's birth

21:1 In due course, Yahweh visited Sarah just as he'd said and he did for her exactly what he'd said, **2** so that Sarah conceived and gave birth to a son for Avraham in his old age at the very time of the year that God had told him.[98] **3** Avraham named their son Yitshak (Isaac), **4** and he circumcised him when he was eight days old, just as God had commanded him.[99] **5** Avraham was one hundred years old when his son Yitshak was born, **6** and Sarah said, "God has brought laughter to me. Everyone who hears will laugh with me." **7** And she continued, "Who would have said to Avraham that Sarah would breastfeed children, yet I have given him a son in his old age."

Hagar is expelled with Yishmael

8 The child grew and was weaned, and Avraham held a large feast on the day Yitshak (Isaac) was weaned.

9 But Sarah noticed that Yishmael (Ishmael) (the son of Hagar the Mitsri (Egyptian) who she had given birth to for Avraham) was mocking, **10** so Sarah said to Avraham, "Get rid of that slave

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woman and her son, because that slave woman's son won't be inheriting anything along with my son Yitshak."[100] **11** Now this stressed out Avraham who also cared for that son, **12** but God told him, "Don't get distressed because of the boy and your slave woman. Listen to what Sarah's telling you, because it's in Yitshak that your descendants will be called yours.[101] **13** But I'll also make the descendants of the slave woman's son into a nation, because he's also your son."

14 Avraham got up early the next morning, and got some bread and a skin of water and helped Hagar put them on her shoulder. Then he gave her the child and sent her away, and she left and wandered in the wilderness around Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba). **15** But when the water from the skin was gone, she threw the child under one of the bushes, **16** and she went and she went a short distance away (about as far as a bow can shoot an arrow) and sat down there, because she said, "I don't want to watch my child die." And as she sat at a distance, she sobbed loudly.

17 Now God heard the boy's voice, so one of God's messengers called Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What's the matter, Hagar? Don't be afraid, because God has heard the boy's voice over there. **18** Get up and get the boy and hold on to him by the hand, because I'll make his descendants into a great nation." **19** Then God enabled her to see a well, so she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

20 As the boy grew up, God kept watch over him, and he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow and arrow. **21** He settled in the Paran wilderness, and in due course his mother found an Mitsri (Egyptian) girl for him to marry.

Avraham and Avimelek's agreement

22 One day King Avimelek and Pikol, the commander of his army,[102] spoke to Avraham, saying, "We can see that God is with you in everything you do. **23** So then, swear to me here by God that you won't treat me or my children or my descendants badly, and that'll you'll be kind to this country just as I showed kindness to you."

24 "I swear it," Avraham replied.

25 But Avraham complained to Avimelek about a well of water that had been taken over by Avimelek's slaves. **26** "I don't know who did that," Avimelek responded, "and you hadn't told me about it, so I've only just heard about it today." **27** Then Avraham gave some sheep and cattle to Avimelek to confirm their agreement together, **28** and then he separated seven female lambs from the rest of the flock. **29** "Why did you pen those seven lambs," Avimelek asked.

30 "Because I want you to take them," Avraham insisted. "I want them to be the verification that it was *me* who dug this

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_inherit with son_of_my with Yitsḥāq. **11** And_ the_matter _it_ _was_displeasing exceedingly in/on_both_eyes_of 'Avrāhām on the_causes_of his/its_son. **12** And_ god _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām not let_it_be_displeasing in_eyes_of_your on the_lad and_on your(ms)_female_slave all_of that she_says to_you Sārāh listen to_voice_of_her if/because in_Yitsḥāq it_will_be_named to/for_ _yourself(m) offspring. **13** And_also ĐOM the_son_of the_slave_ _woman to_(a)_nation I_will_make_him if/because your(ms)_ _seed/fruit he. **14** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning and_he/it_took food and_a_skin_of water and_he/it_gave to Hāgār placing on shoulder_of_her and_ĐOM the_boy and_he_ _sent_her_away and_she_went and_she_wandered in_the_ _wilderness_of Bə'ēr. **15** And_ the_waters _they_were_finished from the_skin and_she_threw ĐOM the_boy under one of_the_ _bushes. **16** And_she_went and_she_sat to/for_her/it from_ _before at_a_distance like_the_shooters_of a_bow if/because she_said not let_me_look on_the_death_of the_boy and_she_sat from_before and_she_lifted_up ĐOM voice_of_her and_she_wept. **17** And_ god _he/it_listened ĐOM the_sound_of the_lad and_ the_messenger_of god _he/it_called to Hāgār from the_heavens and_he/it_said to/for_her/it what is_to_you Oh_Hāgār do_not be_afraid if/because god he_has_listened to the_sound_of the_ _lad at_where he is_there. **18** Arise lift_up ĐOM the_lad and_ _take_hold ĐOM hand_of_your in/on/over_him/it if/because to_ _(a)_nation great I_will_make_him. **19** And_ god _he_opened ĐOM eyes_of_her and_she/it_saw a_well_of water and_she_went and_she_filled ĐOM the_skin water and_she_gave_a_drink_to ĐOM the_lad. **20** And_he/it_was god with the_lad and_he_grew_ _up and_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_wilderness and_ _he/it_was a_shooter_of a_bowman. **21** And_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_wilderness_of Pā'rān and_ _she_took to_him/it his/its_mother a_wife from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt).

22 And_he/it_was at_time the_that and_ 'Avīmelek and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_of_his _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām to_say god is_with_you in_all that you are_doing. **23** And_now swear to/for_me by_god here if you_will_deal_falsely to_me and_to_posterity_of_my and_to_progeny_of_my according_the_ _loyalty which I_have_done with_you you_will_do with_me and_with the_earth/land which you_have_sojourned in_it. **24** And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_said I I_will_swear. **25** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rebuked ĐOM 'Avīmelek on the_causes_of the_well_of the_ _waters which the_servants_of 'Avīmelek they_had_seized. **26** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said not I_know who has_he_done ĐOM the_thing the_this and_also you not you_told to/for_me and_also I not I_heard except the_day. **27** And_ 'Avrāhām _ _he/it_took sheep and_cattle and_he/it_gave to_'Avīmelek and_ both_of_them _they_made a_covenant. **28** And_ 'Avrāhām _he_set ĐOM seven ewe-lambs_of the_flock them_alone. **29** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said to 'Avrāhām what are_they seven ewe-lambs the_these which you_have_set them_alone. **30** And_ _he/it_said if/because ĐOM seven ewe-lambs you_will_take from_hand_of_my in_account_of you_may_become to/for_me

100 RV 21:10 · Cross-ref. Gal 4:29-30.

101 RV 21:12 · Cross-ref. Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18.

102 RV 21:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:26.

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(into)_a_witness if/because_that I_dug ÐOM the_well (the)_this.
31 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called (to)_place (the)_
_that Bə'ēr Shəvā' if/because there the_two_of_of_them they_
_swore_an_oath. **32** And_they_made a_covenant at_Bə'ēr-
shevaʿ and_ 'Avīmelek and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_
_of_his _he/it_rose_up and_they_returned to the_land_of the_
_Pəlishtiy. **33** And_he/it_planted a_tamarisk_tree in_Bə'ēr-
shevaʿ and_he/it_called there in/on_name_of **YHWH** the_god_
of perpetuity. **34** And 'Avrāhām _he_sojourned in_land the_
_Pəlishtiy days many.
22:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_(the)_god
he_put_to_the_test ÐOM 'Avrāhām and_he/it_said to_him/it
Oh_'Avrāhām and_he/it_said here_I_am. **2** And_he/it_said take
please ÐOM son_of_your[109] ÐOM your_only_of_son whom you_
_love ÐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_go to/for_yourself(m) to the_
_land_of (the)_Mōriy^{yāh} and_offer_him_up there to_a_burnt_
_offering on one of_the_mountains which I_will_tell to_you.
3 And_ 'Avrāhām _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_saddled
ÐOM donkey_of_his and_he/it_took ÐOM two_of his_servants_of_
_his with_him/it and_ÐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_he_cut
wood(s)_of burnt_offering and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went
to the_place which he_had_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm. **4** In_
_the_day the_third and_ 'Avrāhām _he_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_
_his and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_place from_a_distance. **5** And_
'Avrāhām _he/it_said to servants_of_his remain to/for_you(pl)
here with the_donkey and_I and_the_lad we_will_go to thus
and_we_will_bow_down and_we_will_return to_you(pl). **6** And_
'Avrāhām _he/it_took ÐOM the_wood(s)_of the_burnt_offering
and_he/it_assigned on Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_he/it_took in_
_his/its_hand ÐOM the_fire and_ÐOM the_knife and_ both_of_
_them _they_went together. **7** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_said to
'Avrāhām his/its_father and_he/it_said my_father_of_my and_
_he/it_said here_I_am my_son_of_my and_he/it_said HERE the_
_fire and_the_wood(s) and_where is_the_sheep for_a_burnt_
offering. **8** And 'Avrāhām _he/it_said god he_will_see for_
_him/it the_sheep for_a_burnt_offering my_son_of_my and_
both_of_them _they_went together. **9** And_they_came to the_
_place which he_had_said to_him/it the_'Elohīm and_he/it_
_built there 'Avrāhām ÐOM the_altar and_he_arranged ÐOM the_
_wood(s) and_he_bound ÐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_son and_
_he/it_assigned ÐOM_him/it on the_altar from_above (to)_
wood(s). **10** And 'Avrāhām _he_stretched_out ÐOM his/its_
_hand and_he/it_took ÐOM the_knife to_slaughter ÐOM his/its_
_son. **11** And_he/it_called to_him/it the_messenger_of **YHWH**
from the_heavens and_he/it_said Oh_'Avrāhām 'Avrāhām and_
_he/it_said here_I_am. **12** And_he/it_said do_not stretch_out
hand_of_your against the_lad and_do_not do to_him/it
anything[110] if/because now I_know if/because_that are_one_
_fearing_of (of)_god you and_not you_have_withheld ÐOM son_
_of_your ÐOM your_only_of_son from_me. **13** And_ 'Avrāhām _

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well." **31** So that's why the place was named 'Be'er-Sheva' (Beer-sheba) (which means 'Well of the seven' or 'Well of the oath'), because that's where the two of them made their agreement.

32 So the agreement was made at Be'er-Sheva, then Avimelek and Pikol, the commander of his army, got up and returned home to the Pelishti region. **33** Then Avraham planted a tamarisk tree there at Be'er-Sheva, and he prayed to Yahweh, the god of eternity. **34** Then Avraham continued his stay in the Pelishti region for quite some time.

God tests Avraham over Yitshak

22:1 Several years later, God decided to test Avraham,[103] calling him, "Avraham."

"Here I am," he replied.

2 "Take your son Yitshak (Isaac) who you love, your only son," God commanded him, "and go to the Moriyah region[104] and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

3 So Avraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. Then he took two of his young men with him and his son Yitshak, and he cut some firewood for the burnt offering. Then they left to go to the place that God had told him. **4** On the third day Avraham looked up ahead and he could see the place from a distance, **5** so he said to his young men, "Stay here by yourselves with the donkey while the boy and I go over there to worship God, then we'll come back to you here."

6 So Avraham took the firewood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Yitshak, and he carried the fire pot and the knife. Then the two of them went on together, **7** and Yitshak asked his father Avraham his father, "My father?"

"Yes, son?", he replied.

"We've got the fire and the wood,", he continued, "but where's the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 "God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering himself, my son," Avraham answered, and then the two of them continued on together.

9 Then they came to the place that God had told him, and Avraham built an altar there and arranged the firewood on it. Then he tied up his son Yitshak and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.[105] **10** Then Avraham took the knife and raised his arm to kill his son, **11** but one of Yahweh's messengers called to him from the sky and said, "Avraham! Avraham!"

"Here I am." he answered.

12 "Don't lift up your hand against the boy," the messenger continued. "And don't do anything to him, because now I know that you respect and obey God, since you haven't withheld your son, your only son, from me."

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103 RV 22:1-13 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:17-19.

104 RV 22:2 · Cross-ref. 2Ch 3:1.

105 RV 22:9 · Cross-ref. Jam 2:21.

109 LV 22:2 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

110 LV 22:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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13 Then Avraham raised his head and looked around, and wow, there was a ram was behind him, caught by its horns in the thicket. So Avraham went and grabbed the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Avraham named that place 'Yahweh will provide', and to this day it's still said, "Yahweh will provide on his mountain."

15 Then the Yahweh's messenger called Avraham from the sky a second time 16 saying, "I, Yahweh, make this declaration by my authority and truth[106] that because you did that and didn't withhold your only son, 17 I'll bless you tremendously and I'll cause your descendants to be as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the beach,[107] and your descendants will be victorious over their enemies. 18 Because you obeyed what I said, all the nations of the earth will be blessed through your descendants."[108] 19 Then Avraham returned to his young men and they all continued on home together to Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), and Avraham continued living there.

Nahor's descendants

20 Some time later, Avraham heard the news, Look, your brother Nahor's wife Milkah has also given birth to sons: 21 Uts (Uz) his eldest son, and Buz his brother and Kemuel, the father of Aram, 22 Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Yidlaf, and Betuel." 23 Those are the eight sons that Milkah gave birth to for Avraham's brother Nahor, and Betuel went on to father Rivkah. 24 In addition, Nahor's slave-wife Re'umah also gave birth to four sons: Tevah, Gaham, Tahash, and Ma'akah.

Sarah's death and burial

23:1 Sarah went on to be 127 years old 2 when she died in the city of Kiryat-Arba (now called Hevron) in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. Avraham went in by her bed to weep and mourn for her.

3 After a time, Avraham got up from beside his dead wife and he spoke to the Hitim, requesting, 4 "I'm a foreigner and just staying among you. Give me property for a burial place on your land so that I can bury my dead wife."[111]

5 Those descendants of Het replied to Avraham, telling him, 6 "My master, listen to us. You're a godly leader among us. Go ahead and bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. We've all agreed not to prevent you from burying your dead in any of our cemeteries."

7 Then Avraham stood and bowed to the Hitim who were the land-owners, 8 and asked them, "Since you're all allowing me to bury my dead, listen to me and intercede for me with Tsohar's son Efron, 9 so that he'll sell me Makpelah's cave which belongs

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_he_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ram behind it_was_caught in_thicket by_ _horns_of_its and_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_went and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ram and_he_offered_it_up to_a_burnt_offering in_place_of his/its_son. 14 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_called the_name_of the_ _place (the)_that **YHWH** he_will_see that it_is_said the_day on_ _the_mountain_of **YHWH** it_will_be_seen. 15 And_ the_ _messenger_of **YHWH** _he/it_called to 'Avrāhām a_second_ _time from the_heavens. 16 And_he/it_said by_myself I_swear the_utterance_of **YHWH** if/because_that because that you_ _have_done ~~DOM~~ the_thing the_this and_not you_have_withheld ~~DOM~~ son_of_your ~~DOM~~ your_only_of_son. 17 If/because_that surely_(bless) I_will_bless_you and_greatly_(increase) I_will_ _increase ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_stars_of the_ _heavens and_like_sand which is_on the_shore_of the_sea and_ your(ms)_seed/fruit _it_will_take_possession_of ~~DOM~~ the_gate_ _of its_enemies_of_his. 18 And_they_will_bless_themselves by_ _offspring_of_your all_of the_nations_of the_earth/land consequence that you_have_listened to_voice_of_my. 19 And_ 'Avrāhām _he_returned to servants_of_his and_they_arose and_they_went together to Bə'ēr Shəvā' and_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_ _sat_down//remained//lived in_Bə'ēr- shevaʿ.

20 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_it_was_told to_'Avrāhām to_say THERE Milkāh also she she_has_borne children to_Nāḥōr your(ms)_brother/kindred. 21 ~~DOM~~ ʿŪts his/its_firstborn and_~~DOM~~ Būz his/its_brother and_~~DOM~~ Qəmūʾēl the_father_of 'Arām. 22 And_~~DOM~~ Kesed and_~~DOM~~ Hazo and_~~DOM~~ Pildash and_~~DOM~~ Jidlaph and_~~DOM~~ Bətūʾēl. 23 And_Bətūʾēl he_ _fathered ~~DOM~~ Rivqāh eight_sons these Milkāh she_bore to_ _Nāḥōr the_brother_of 'Avrāhām. 24 And_concubine_of_his and_name_of_her was_Reumah and_ also she _she/it_gave_ _birth ~~DOM~~ Tebah and_~~DOM~~ Gaham and_~~DOM~~ Tahash and_~~DOM~~ Maʿakāh.

23:1 And_they_were the_life_of Sārāh one_hundred year[s] and_ _twenty year[s] and_seven years the_years_of the_life_of Sārāh. 2 And_ Sārāh _she_died at_Qiryat- four that is_Ḥevrōn in_land of_Kənaʿan/(Canaan) and_ 'Avrāhām _he_went to_mourn for_ _Sārāh and_to_weep_for_her. 3 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_rose_up from_under the_face_of his_dead and_he/it_spoke to the_ _people_of Ḥēt to_say. 4 Am_a_sojourner and_a_resident_alien I with_you(pl) give to_me a_possession_of a_burial_site with_ _you(pl) so_that_I_may_bury dead_of_my from_before_face_of_ _me. 5 And_ the_people_of Ḥēt _they_answered ~~DOM~~ 'Avrāhām to_say to_him/it. 6 Listen_to_us my_master are_a_prince_of god you among_us in_the_choicest_of our_burial_sites_of_our bury ~~DOM~~ dead_of_your anyone from_him/it ~~DOM~~ site_of_his_ _burial not he_will_withhold from_you from_burying dead_of_ _your. 7 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_rose_up and_he_bowed_down to_the_people_of the_earth/land to_the_people_of Ḥēt. 8 And_ _he/it_spoke with_them to_say if (there) is_with desire_of_ _your(pl) to_bury ~~DOM~~ dead_of_my from_before_face_of_me listen_to_me and_entreat to_me (in)_ʿEfrōn the_son_of Zohar.

106 **RV 22:16-17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 6:13-14.

107 **RV 22:17 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:12.

108 **RV 22:18 · Cross-ref.** Acts 3:25.

111 **RV 23:4 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:9,13; Acts 7:16.

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9 So_that_he_may_give to_me ÐOM the_cave_of (the)_
_Machpelah which to_him/it which is_at_the_end_of his_field_
_of_his for_silver full let_him_give_it to_me among_you(pl) to_
_a_possession_of a_burial_site. **10** And_ʹÉfrōn was_sitting in_
_the_middle the_people_of Ḥēt and_ ʹÉfrōn the_Ḥētite _he_
_answered ÐOM ʾAvrāhām in_the_ears_of the_people_of Ḥēt to_
_all/each/any/every those_who_were_entering_of (of)_the_
_gate_of his_city_of_his to_say. **11** No my_master listen_to_me
the_field I_give to/for_you(fs) and_the_cave which in/on/over_
_him/it to/for_yourself(m) I_give_it to_the_eyes_of the_sons_of
my_people_of_my I_give_it to_you bury dead_of_your. **12** And_
ʾAvrāhām _he_bowed_down to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before the_people_of the_earth/land. **13** And_he/it_spoke
to ʹÉfrōn in_the_ears_of the_people_of the_earth/land to_say
nevertheless if you if listen_to_me I_give the_money_of the_
_field take_it from_me so_that_I_may_bury ÐOM dead_of_my
there_(to). **14** And_ ʹÉfrōn _he_answered ÐOM ʾAvrāhām to_say
to_him/it. **15** My_master listen_to_me land_of four hundred(s)
shekel[s]_of silver between_me and_between_you what is_it
and_ÐOM dead_of_your bury. **16** And_ ʾAvrāhām _he/it_listened
to ʹÉfrōn and_ ʾAvrāhām _he_weighed_out for_ʹÉfrōn ÐOM the_
_money which he_had_spoken in_the_ears_of the_people_of
Ḥēt four hundred(s) shekel[s]_of silver which_passes_along to_
_trader. **17** And_he/it_rose_up the_field_of ʹÉfrōn which was_in_
Machpelah which to(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mamre
the_field and_the_cave which in/on/over_him/it and_all the_
_tree which in_the_field which in_all border_of_its round_
_about. **18** To_ʾAvrāhām to_a_purchase to_the_eyes_of the_
_people_of Ḥēt for_all_of those_who_were_entering_of (of)_the_
_gate_of his_city_of_his. **19** And_after thus ʾAvrāhām he_buried
ÐOM Sārāh his/its_wife/woman into the_cave_of the_field_of
(the)_Machpelah on the_face_of Mamre that is_Ḥevrōn in_land
of_Kənaʹan/(Canaan). **20** And_ the_field and_the_cave which
in/on/over_him/it _he/it_rose_up to_ʾAvrāhām to_a_
_possession_of a_burial_site from_with the_people_of Ḥēt.

24:1 And_ʾAvrāhām he_was_old he_had_come in_the_days and_
_**YHWH** he_had_blessed ÐOM ʾAvrāhām in_everything. **2** And_
ʾAvrāhām _he/it_said to_servant_of_his (the)_old_of his_
_household_of_his who_was_ruling in_all that to_him/it put
please hand_of_your under thigh_of_my. **3** So_that_I_may_
_make_you_swear by_**YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens and_the_
_god_of the_earth/land which/who not you_will_take a_wife
for_son_of_my from_the_daughters_of the_
_Kənaʹaⁿnī/(Canaanite)[s] whom I am_dwelling in_midst_of_its.
4 If/because to_land_of_my and_near/to kindred_of_my you_
_will_go and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my for_
_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **5** And_he/it_said to_him/it the_servant
perhaps not the_woman she_will_be_willing to_go after_me to
the_earth/land (the)_this really_(take_back) will_I_take_back
ÐOM son_of_your to the_earth/land where you_came_out from_
_there. **6** And_he/it_said to_him/it ʾAvrāhām take_heed to/for_
_yourself(m) lest you_should_take_back ÐOM son_of_my to_(to).
7 **YHWH** the_god_of the_heavens who he_took_me from_the_
_household_of my_father_of_my and_from_the_land_of my_
_kindred_of_my and_which he_spoke to_me and_which he_
_swore_an_oath to_me to_say to_offspring_of_your I_will_give
ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this he he_will_send messenger_of_
_his to_your_face and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my

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to him and which is at the end of his field. I'll pay full price if he'll give it to me to use as a burial place."

10 Now Efron (a Hiti) was sitting there among Het's other descendants, so he responded to Avraham while the other land-owners were listening, along with everyone else at the city gate, **11** "No, my master. Listen to me: I'll *give* you the field and the cave that's in it. I give it to you in front of all these others, then you can bury your dead."

12 Then Avraham bowed before the people of the land, **13** and he told Efron while all the others were listening, "But if you would, please listen to me. I'll pay the value of the field. Accept it from me, then I'll bury my dead there."

14 Efron responded to Avraham, **15** "My master, listen to me. That land's worth 400 shekels of silver, but that's nothing between me and you. Just go ahead and bury your dead." **16** So Avraham accepted Efron's words and weighed out for Efron the price that he had mentioned in the hearing of Het's descendants: 400 shekels of silver (the currency among the merchants).

17 So Efron's field that was in Makpelah which faced Mamre (including the field and the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field that was within all of its surrounding borders) was deeded **18** to Avraham as the new owner as witnessed by Het's descendants and everyone else who had come to the city gate. **19** Then after that, Avraham laid the body of his wife Sarah to rest in the cave in Makpelah's field facing Mamre (also called Hevron, in the Kena'an (Canaan) region). **20** So the field was deeded as property to Avraham by Het's descendants, including the cave in it for a burial place.

Yitshak's marriage

24:1 Avraham was now getting very old, and Yahweh had blessed him in every way. **2** Then Avraham said to his oldest slave in his household who was in charge of everything that belonged to him, "Please put your hand under my thigh, **3** and I want you to vow by Yahweh, the god of the heavens and the god of the earth, that you won't select a wife for my son Yitshak (Isaac) from any of the Kena'ani (Canaanite) women in this area where we're living. **4** Rather, you should go back to my country and to my relatives, and find a wife for him there."

5 "Suppose the woman isn't willing to come back with me to this place?" the slave asked. "Should I take your son back to the country that you came from?"

6 "Make sure that you don't take my son back there," Avraham answered. **7** "Yahweh, the god of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives, and who spoke to me and who promised me, saying, 'I'll give this land to your descendants,' he'll send his messenger ahead of you, and you'll be guaranteed to bring back a wife for my son from there. **8** If it turned out that the woman isn't willing to come back with you, then you're released from this vow to me. But still in that

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case, don't take my son back there!" 9 Then the slave put his hand under the thigh of his master Avraham and promised his that he'd follow those instructions..

10 Then the slave took ten of his master's camels and loaded them with all kinds of good things from his master, and with his own slaves, he travelled to the city of Nahor in the Aram-Naharayim region. 11 Then on that first evening, he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well. It was the time that women come out to fetch water, 12 and he prayed, "Yahweh, God of my master Avraham, please cause it to happen right in front of me today that you show kindness toward my master Avraham. 13 See, I'm standing by this well, and the young women from the city will be coming out here to fetch water. 14 Let it be that if I say to a young woman, 'Please let me have a drink from your water jar,' and she says, 'Sure, and I'll also get more for your camels,' let her be the one you have appointed for your slave Yitshak (Isaac). And by finding her, I'll know that you've shown kindness toward my master."

15 Now before he'd even finished speaking, then wow, Rivkah arrived with her empty water jar on her shoulder. (She was Betuel's daughter—Betuel being the son of Avraham's brother Nahor and his wife Milkah.) 16 The young woman was very beautiful and a virgin who hadn't slept with a man. She went down to the well and filled her jar and came back up. 17 The slave ran to meet her and said, "Can I have a small drink of water from your jar."

18 "Drink, my master," she said and quickly lowered her jar to her hands and gave him a drink, 19 and after she'd finished giving him a drink, she said, "I'll also get water for your camels until they have finished drinking." 20 Then she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough and ran back to the well to draw more water, and she drew enough water for all his camels 21 while Avraham's slave watched her silently to determine whether Yahweh had made his journey successful or not.

22 Then when the camels had finished drinking, the slave took out an expensive gold nose ring and two solid gold bracelets for her arms. 23 "Tell me, whose daughter are you?" he asked her. "Is there room at your father's house for us to stay?"

24 "I'm Betuel's daughter. He's the son of Nahor and Milkah," she answered. 25 "We've got plenty of both straw and fodder for the camels, and there's also a room where you could stay."

26 Then the slave bowed down and worshipped Yahweh 27 and said, "Praised be Yahweh, my master Avraham's god, who hasn't relented from his kindness and faithfulness toward my master. As for me, Yahweh has led me on the road to the home of my master's relatives."

28 Then the young woman ran home and told her mother's household what had happened. 29 Now Rivkah had a brother named Lavan (Laban), and he ran out to the man at the well. 30 He had seen the nose ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he'd heard his sister Rivkah's words saying, "This is what the man said to me," then he went to the man, and

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from_there. 8 And_if not the_woman she_will_be_willing to_go after_you and_you_will_be_free from_oath_of_my this only ~~DOM~~ son_of_my not you_must_take_back to_(to). 9 And_ the_servant _he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ his/its_hand under the_thigh_of 'Avrāhām master(s)_of_his and_he_swore_an_oath to_him/it on the_matter (the)_this. 10 And_ the_servant _he/it_took ten camels from_the_camels_of his_master(s)_of_his and_he/it_ _went and_all (the)_good_thing_of his_master(s)_of_his in_ _his/its_hand and_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_went to 'Arām Nah$_a$rayim to the_city_of Nāḥōr. 11 And_he_made_kneel the_ _camels from_the_outside of_city to the_well_of the_waters to_ _the_time_of evening to_the_time_of the_women_who_draw_ _water go_out. 12 And_he_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_ _master 'Avrāhām make_happen please to/for_my_face/front the_day and_do covenant_loyalty with my_master 'Avrāhām. 13 HERE I am_standing at the_spring_of the_waters and_the_ _daughters_of the_people_of the_city are_coming_out to_draw water. 14 And_it_was the_young_woman whom I_will_say to_ _her/it bend_down please jar_of_your so_that_I_may_drink and_she_will_say drink and_also camels_of_your I_will_give_a_ _drink_to ~~DOM~~_her/it you_have_appointed for_servant_of_your for_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_by_it I_will_know if/because_that you_ _have_done covenant_loyalty with my_master. 15 And_he/it_ _was he not_yet he_had_finished to_speak and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rivqāh who she_had_been_born to_Bətū'ēl the_son_of Milkāh the_wife_of Nāḥōr the_brother_of 'Avrāhām was_coming_out and_jar_of_her was_on shoulder_of_her. 16 And_the_young_woman was_good_of appearance exceedingly a_virgin and_a_man not he_had_known_her and_ _she_went_down to_the_spring and_she_filled jar_of_her and_ _she_came_up. 17 And_ the_servant _he_ran to_meet_her and_ _he/it_said give_me_to_drink please a_little_of water from_jar_ _of_your. 18 And_she/it_said drink my_master and_she_hurried and_she_put_down jar_of_her on hand_of_her and_she_gave_ _him_a_drink. 19 And_she_finished to_give_him_a_drink and_ _she/it_said also for_camels_of_your I_will_draw_water until (if) they_have_finished to_drink. 20 And_she_hurried and_she_ _poured_out jar_of_her into the_watering_channel and_she_ran again to the_well to_draw_water and_she_drew_water to/from_ _all/each/any/every camels_of_his. 21 And_the_man was_ _gazing to/for_her/it being_silent to_know had_ **YHWH** _he_ _made_successful its_road/course or not. 22 And_he/it_was just_as the_camels they_had_finished to_drink and_ the_man _ _he/it_took a_ring_of gold was_a_beka weight_of_its and_two_ _of bracelets on hands_of_her was_ten gold weight_of_their. 23 And_he/it_said daughter_of whom are_you tell please to_me is_there the_house_of your_father_of_her room to/for_us to_ _stay_the_night. 24 And_she/it_said to_him/it am_the_ _daughter_of Bətū'ēl I the_son_of Milkāh whom she_bore to_ _Nāḥōr. 25 And_she/it_said to_him/it both straw as_well_as fodder much is_with_us also room to_stay_the_night. 26 And_ the_man _he_bowed_low and_he_bowed_down to/for_**YHWH**. 27 And_he/it_said **YHWH** the_god_of my_master 'Avrāhām who not he_has_left loyalty_of_his_covenant and_faithfulness_ _of_his from_with my_master be_blessed I on_journey he_has_ _led_me **YHWH** the_house_of the_relatives_of my_master. 28 And_ the_young_woman _she_ran and_she_told to_the_

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_household_of her_mother_of_her according_the_things the_
_these. **29** And_belonged_to_Rivᶜqāh a_brother and_his/its_
_name was_Lāvᶜān and_ Lāvᶜān _he_ran to the_man to_the_
_outside to the_spring. **30** And_he/it_was just_as_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_ring and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bracelets on the_hands_of his_sister_of_his
and_just_as_he_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of Rivᶜqāh
sister_of_his to_say thus he_spoke to_me the_man and_he_went
to the_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_standing with the_
_camels at the_spring. **31** And_he/it_said come Oh_you_who_
_are_blessed_of **YHWH** to/for_what are_you_standing on_
_outside and_I I_have_made_clear the_house and_a_place for_
camels. **32** And the_man _he_went to_the_house and_he_
_unharnessed the_camels and_he/it_gave straw and_fodder to_
_camels and_water to_wash feet_of_his and_the_feet_of the_
_men who with_him/it. **33** And[113] before_him to_eat and_he/it_
_said not I_will_eat until (if) I_have_spoken words/messages_
_of_my and_he/it_said speak. **34** And_he_said am_the_servant_
of ʾAvrāhām I. **35** And**YHWH** he_has_blessed ᴅᴏᴍ my_master
exceedingly and_he_has_become_great and_he_has_given to_
_him/it sheep and_cattle and_silver and_gold and_male_
_servants and_female_servants and_camels and_donkeys.
36 And_ Sārāh the_wife_of my_master _she/it_gave_birth a_son
to_master_of_my after age_of_her_old and_he_has_given for_
_him/it[114] ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that to_him/it. **37** And_he_made_me_
_swear_an_oath my_master to_say not you_must_take a_wife
for_son_of_my from_the_daughters_of the_
_Kəna′ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] whom I am_dwelling in_land_of_its.
38 If not to the_house_of my_father_of_my you_will_go and_
_near/to family_of_my and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_
_my. **39** And_I_said to my_master perhaps not the_woman she_
_will_go after_me. **40** And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** whom I_
_have_walked_about before_him he_will_send messenger_of_
_his with_you and_he_will_make_successful journey_of_your
and_you_will_take a_wife for_son_of_my from_family_of_my
and_from_household my_father_of_my. **41** Then you_will_be_
_free from_oath_of_my if/because you_will_go to family_of_my
and_if not they_will_give_her to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_be
free from_oath_of_my. **42** And_I_came the_day to the_spring
and_I_said Oh_**YHWH** the_god_of my_master ʾAvrāhām if
(there)_you please are_making_successful journey_of_my
which I am_going on_it. **43** HERE I am_standing at the_spring_
_of the_waters and_it_was the_young_woman who_will_come_
_out to_draw_water and_I_will_say to_her/it give_me_to_drink
please a_little_of water from_jar_of_your. **44** And_she_will_say
to_me both you drink and_also for_camels_of_your I_will_draw_
_water she the_woman whom **YHWH** he_has_appointed for_
_the_son_of my_master. **45** I not_yet I_had_finished to_speak to
heart_of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rivᶜqāh was_coming_out
and_jar_of_her was_on shoulder_of_her and_she_went_down
to_the_spring and_she_drew_water and_I_said to_her/it give_
_me_a_drink please. **46** And_she_hurried and_she_put_down
jar_of_her from_on_her and_she/it_said drink and_also camels_

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indeed, he was there standing by the camels at the spring **31** and he invited him, "Come, you who are blessed by Yahweh. Why are you standing out here? I've already prepared the house and a place for the camels."

32 So Avraham's slave went to the house. Then he unloaded the camels and gave them straw and fodder, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.[112] **33** Then food was set out for them to eat, but Avraham's slave said, "I won't eat until I have said what I have to say."

"Speak then," Lavan responded.

34 "I'm one of Avraham's slaves," he said, **35** and Yahweh has blessed my master a lot, so that he has become wealthy. Yahweh has given him cattle, sheep and goats, silver and gold, male and female slaves, and camels and donkeys. **36** And my master's wife Sarah gave birth to a son for my master despite her old age, and my master has given him everything that he owns. **37** My master made promises, saying, 'You mustn't get a wife for my son from Kena'ani (Canaanite) women whose land I am living in, **38** but rather you must go to my father's house and to my clan, and find a wife for my son there.' **39** Then I asked my master, 'Suppose the woman refuses to come with me?' **40** And he replied, 'The god Yahweh that I obey, he'll send his messenger with you and make your journey succeed, so that you'll find a wife for my son from my clan, and from my father's house. **41** Then you'll be free of your promise: When you go to my clan, and if they won't allow her to return with you, then you'll be clear from this promise.'

42 "Then today I came to the well, and I said, 'Yahweh, God of my master Avraham, if it's what you want, make my journey succeed that I have come on. **43** Listen, I'm standing by this well, so let it be that the young woman who comes out to fetch water and I say to her, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar," **44** and she replies to me, "Sure, drink, and I will also get water for your camels," let her be the wife that Yahweh has chosen for the my master's son.' **45** Before I'd finished speaking in my heart, then wow, Rivkah was coming out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the well and drew water, and I asked her, 'Can I have a drink.' **46** So she hurried and lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll also water your camels.' So I drank and she also watered the camels. **47** Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Betuel, a son of Nahor and his wife Milkah.' Then I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. **48** Then I bowed down and worshipped and praised my master Avraham's god Yahweh, who led me on the right way to find the daughter of my master's brother for his son. **49** And now if you all want to show

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112 RV 24:32 · Note It's not certain from the pronouns in the text here, just who did what in this second sentence—whether it was the slave (the guest) or Lavan (the host), so other translations might vary.

113 LV 24:33 · Note OSHB variant note: **מִשְׁיו/ו**: (x-qere) **מָשַׁו֥/ו**: lemma_c/7760 a morph_HC/VHw3ms id_01SiU **מָשַׁו֥/ו**

114 LV 24:36 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me. But if not, tell me, so that I can decide what to do next."

50 Then Lavan (Laban) and Betuel answered, "This matter has come from Yahweh, so we're not able to tell you bad or good. **51** But listen, Rivkah's right here. Take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as Yahweh has indicated." **52** Now when Avraham's slave heard their reply, he bowed down to the ground before Yahweh. **53** Then he brought out silver and gold jewellery, and clothing, and gave them to Rivkah. And he gave valuable things to her brother and her mother.

54 Then Avraham's slave and the men with him ate and drank and stayed there overnight. Then in the morning they got up, and he said, "Let me leave now and return back to my master."

55 But Rivkah's brother and her mother said, "Let the girl stay with us a few days, at least ten. After that she can go."

56 "Don't detain me," he told them, "since Yahweh has made my journey successful. Send me off so that I can return to my master."

57 "Let's call for the young woman and find out what she wants to do." they responded. **58** So they called for Rivkah and asked her, "Are you prepared to leave now with this man?"

"Yes, I'll go." she answered.

59 So they got ready to send off their sister Rivkah with Avraham's slave and his men, along with her childhood nurse. **60** They prayed a blessed for Rivkah, saying

"Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands,
and may your descendants defeat all of their enemies."

61 Then Rivkah got up with her maids, and they mounted the camels and went with the man. So the slave took Rivkah and left.

62 Meanwhile Yitshak (Isaac) was living in the Negev region, and had just returned from visiting Be'er-Lahay-Ro'i. **63** Late on afternoon, he went out to the countryside to meditate, and when he looked up, he saw some camels approaching. **64** Rivkah also looked up and saw Yitshak, and dismounted from her camel, **65** asking the slave, "Who's that man out in the countryside who's coming to meet us?"

"He's my master," the slave replied, so she took the veil and covered herself.

66 Then the slave reported everything that he'd done to Yitshak. **67** Then Yitshak brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and he took Rivkah as his wife. And Yitshak loved her and he was comforted after his mother's death.

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_of_your I_will_give_a_drink_to and_I_drank and_also the_
_camels she_gave_a_drink. **47** And_I_asked ÐOM_her/it and_I_
_said daughter_of whom are_you and_she/it_said the_
_daughter_of Bətūʾēl the_son_of Nāḥōr whom she_bore for_
_him/it Milkāh and_I_put the_ring on nose_of_her and_the_
_bracelets on hands_of_her. **48** And_I_bowed_low and_I_bowed_
down to/for**YHWH** and_I_blessed ÐOM **YHWH** the_god_of my_
_master ʾAvrāhām who he_had_led_me in_the_way_of truth to_
_take/accept/receive ÐOM the_daughter_of the_brother_of my_
_master for_son_of_his. **49** And_now if (there)_you(pl) are_
_doing loyalty and_faithfulness with my_master tell to_me
and_if not tell to_me so_that_I_may_turn to right or to left.
50 And_ Lāvān and_Bətūʾēl _he_answered and_they_said from_
_**YHWH** the_matter it_has_come_out not we_are_able to_speak
to_you evil or good. **51** HERE Rivqāh to_your_face take_her
and_go so_that_she_may_be a_wife for_the_son_of your(pl)_
_master(s)_of_your just_as **YHWH** he_has_spoken. **52** And_
_he/it_was just_as the_servant_of ʾAvrāhām he_heard ÐOM
words/messages_of_their and_he_bowed_down towards_land
to/for_**YHWH**. **53** And_ the_servant _he_brought_out articles_of
silver and_articles_of gold and_garments and_he/it_gave to_
_Rivqāh and_excellent_gifts he_gave to_brother_of_her and_to_
_mother_of_her. **54** And_they_ate and_they_drank he and_the_
_men who with_him/it and_they_stayed_the_night and_they_
_arose in_morning and_he/it_said send_me_away to_master_
_of_my. **55** And_ brother_of_her and_mother_of_her _he/it_said
the_young_woman let_her_remain with_us days or ten after
she_will_go. **56** And_he/it_said to_them do_not delay ÐOM_me
and_**YHWH** he_has_made_successful journey_of_my send_me_
_away so_that_I_may_go to_master_of_my. **57** And_they_said
let_us_summon (to)_the_woman and_let_us_ask ÐOM her/its_
_mouth. **58** And_they_summoned (to)_Rivqāh and_they_said
to_her/it will_you_go with the_man the_this and_she/it_said I_
_will_go. **59** And_they_sent_away ÐOM Rivqāh sister_of_their
and_ÐOM nurse_of_her and_ÐOM the_servant_of ʾAvrāhām and_
_ÐOM men_of_his. **60** And_they_blessed ÐOM Rivqāh and_they_
_said to/for_her/it our_sister_of_Oh you become (into)_
_thousands_of ten_thousand and_ offspring_of_your _may_it_
_take_possession_of ÐOM the_gate_of those_who_hate_it.
61 And_ Rivqāh and_maids_of_her _she/it_arose and_they_rode
on the_camels and_they_went after the_man and_ the_servant
_he/it_took ÐOM Rivqāh and_he_went. **62** And_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac)
he_came from_going Bəʾēr Lahai Roi and_he was_dwelling in_
_land of_the_Negev. **63** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_went_out to_
_meditate in_the_field to_the_turning evening and_he_lifted_
_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE camels
were_coming. **64** And_ Rivqāh _she_lifted_up ÐOM eyes_of_her
and_she/it_saw ÐOM Yitsḥāq and_she_fell from_under the_
_camel. **65** And_she/it_said to the_servant who the_man this
who_is_walking in_the_field to_meet_us and_ the_servant _
_he/it_said he my_master and_she/it_took the_veil and_she_
_covered_herself. **66** And_ the_servant _he_recounted to_
_Yitsḥāq ÐOM all_of the_things which he_had_done. **67** And_
_he/it_brought_her/it Yitsḥāq to_the_tent of_Sārāh his/its_
_mother and_he/it_took ÐOM Rivqāh and_it_became to_him/it
to/for_(a)_woman and_he_loved_her and_ Yitsḥāq _he_was_
_comforted after his/its_mother.

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25:1 And_ 'Avrāhām _he_repeated and_he/it_took a_wife and_ _name_of_her was_Qəṭūrāh. **2** And_she/it_gave_birth to_him/it ĐOM Zimrān and_ĐOM Yoqshān/(Jokshan) and_ĐOM Mədān and_ _ĐOM Midyān and_ĐOM Yishbāq/(Ishbak) and_ĐOM Shuah. **3** And_Yoqshān he_fathered ĐOM Shəvā' and_ĐOM Dədān and_ _the_sons of_Dədān they_were 'Ashshūrites and_Letushites and_Leummites. **4** And_the_sons of_Midyān were_ʹĒyfāh and_ _ʹĒfer and_Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) and_'Avīdāʹ and_'Eldāʹāh all_of these were_the_sons_of Qəṭūrāh.

5 And_ 'Avrāhām _he/it_gave ĐOM all_of that to_him/it to_ _Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **6** And_to_the_sons_of the_concubines who belonged_to_'Avrāhām 'Avrāhām he_gave gifts and_he_sent_ _them_away from_under Yitsḥāq his/its_son in_still_he was_ _alive eastward_to to the_land_of the_east. **7** And_these are_ _the_days_of the_years_of the_life_of 'Avrāhām which he_lived one_hundred_of year[s] and_seventy year[s] and_five years. **8** And_he_expired and_he/it_died 'Avrāhām in_old_age good old and_satisfied and_he_was_gathered to kinspeople(s)_of_his. **9** And_ Yitsḥāq and_Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) sons_of_his _they_ _buried ĐOM_him/it into the_cave_of (the)_Machpelah to the_ _field_of ʹEfrōn the_son_of Zohar the_Ḥittiy which is_on the_ _face_of Mamre. **10** The_field which 'Avrāhām he_had_acquired from_with the_sons_of Ḥēt there_(to) 'Avrāhām and_Sārāh his/its_wife/woman he_was_buried. **11** And_he/it_was after the_death_of 'Avrāhām and_ god _he/it_blessed ĐOM Yitsḥāq his/its_son and_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived near Bə'ēr Lahai Roi.

12 And_these are_the_accounts_of Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) the_ _son_of 'Avrāhām whom Hāgār the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim/(Egypt)) the_maidservant_of Sārāh she_bore to_'Avrāhām. **13** And_these are_the_names_of the_ _sons_of Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) by_names_of_their to_ _descendants_of_their the_firstborn_of Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) Nəvāyōt and_Qēdār and_'Adbə'ēl and_Mivsām. **14** And_Mishmāʹ and_Dūmāh and_Massā'. **15** Hₐdad and_Tēymā' Yəṭūr/(Jetur) Nāfish and_Qədəmāh. **16** These they were_the_sons_of Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) and_these names_of_are_their by_villages_ _of_their and_by_encampments_of_their two_plus ten princes to_tribes_of_their. **17** And_these are_the_years_of the_life_of Yishmāʹ'ēl/(Ishmael) one_hundred_of year[s] and_thirty year[s] and_seven years and_he_expired and_he/it_died and_he_was_ _gathered to kinspeople(s)_of_his. **18** And_they_dwelt from_ _Ḥₐvīlāh to Shūr which is_on the_face_of Mitsrayim your(ms)_ _going to_'Ashshūr on the_face_of all_of relatives_of_his he_ _fell.

19 And_these are_the_accounts_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) the_son_of 'Avrāhām 'Avrāhām he_fathered ĐOM Yitsḥāq. **20** And_he/it_ _was Yitsḥāq a_son_of forty year[s] when_took_he ĐOM Rivqāh the_daughter_of Bətūʹ'ēl the_'Arammiy from_Paddan- aram the_

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Avraham's other descendants[115]

25:1 Then Avraham married another woman named Keturah, **2** and she gave birth to Zimran, Yakeshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak, and Shuah. **3** Yakeshan fathered Sheva and Dedan, and the descendants of Dedan were the Ashurim, the Letushim, and the Le'umim. **4** Midyan's sons were Eyfah, Efer, Hanok, Avida, and Elda'ah. All of those were Keturah's descendants.

Avraham's death and burial

5–7 Avraham went on to live to be 175 years old. He gave valuable gifts to all the sons of his slave-wives, then he forced them to move to the east to ensure that they would be removed from his son Yitshak (Isaac). Then he left everything else he owned to Yitshak.

8 Then Avraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, elderly and satisfied, and he joined his ancestors in death. **9** His sons Yitshak and Yishmael (Ishmael) buried him in Makpelah's cave (in the field of Efron, Tsohar the Hiti's son, which faced Mamre)— **10** the field that Avraham had bought from Het's sons.[116] So Avraham's body was laid there alongside that of his wife Sarah. **11** After his death, God blessed his son Yitshak who lived near Be'er-Lahay-Ro'i.

Yishmael's Descendants[117]

12 Now these are the generations of Yishmael (Ishmael) the son of Avraham, whom Hagar the Mitsri (Egyptian), Sarah's female slave, had given birth to for Avraham. **13** These are the names of Yishmael's sons, by their names according to their births: Yishmael's first-born was Nevayot, then Kedar, Adbe'el, Mivsam, **14** Mishma, Dumah, Masa, **15** Hadad, Teyma, Yetur, Nafish, and Kedemah. **16** Those were Yishmael's sons, and those are their names by their settlements and by their camps—twelve rulers according to their tribes. **17** Yishmael went on to live to be 137 years old, before breathing his last and dying and joining those who'd gone before. **18** His descendants settled from Havilah to Shur (which is near Mitsrayim (Egypt) as you go toward Ashur (Assyria)). He fell in the face of all his brothers.[118]

The birth of Esav and Ya'akov

19 These are the generations of Avraham's son Yitshak (Isaac): Avraham fathered Yitshak **20** and Yitshak was forty years old when he mar-

115 RV 25:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:32-33

116 RV 25:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 23:3-16.

117 RV 25:12 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:28-31

118 RV 25:18 · Note We've left this unusual sentence in here, because we don't really know now what this ancient idiom meant. Possibilities include being hostile to the brothers, living opposite them, or even dying in their presence.

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ried Rivkah. (She was the daughter of Betuel the Aramean from Padan-Aram, the sister of Lavan (Laban) the Aramean.) **21** In due course, Yitshak prayed to Yahweh on his wife's behalf because she was barren. Yahweh answered his prayer and his wife Rivkah got pregnant, **22** but the twins kept jostling each other within her womb, so she asked, "Why's this happening to me?" She also asked Yahweh about it **23** and he responded,

"There's two nations inside your womb—
two different peoples will come from within you.
One group will become stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."[119]

24 When the time came to give birth, she gave birth to twin boys. **25** The firstborn came out quite red and covered with hair like a fur coat, so they named him 'Esav' (Esau) (which means 'hairy'). **26** Then his brother was born and his hand grabbed Esav's heel, so he was named 'Ya'akov' (Jacob) (which means 'heel-grabber'). Yitshak (Isaac) was sixty years old when they were born.

Esav sells his future inheritance

27 As the boys grew up, Esav (Esau) got good at hunting, a man of the outdoors, but Ya'akov (Jacob) was a quiet man who stayed around the tents. **28** Yitshak (Isaac) liked the taste of game meat so he loved Esav, but Rivkah loved Ya'akov.

29 One day, Ya'akov was cooking some stew when Esav arrived home from being out, and he was very hungry **30** and asked Ya'akov, "I'm starving—can I have some of that yummy-looking red stuff." (After that, Esav's nickname became 'Edom', meaning 'red'.)

31 "Well, now," Ya'akov answered, "sell me your future inheritance."

32 "Listen, I'm dying of starvation," said Esav, "so what use would a future inheritance be to me?"

33 "Well then, make a vow to me," insisted Ya'akov.

So Esav promised him, effectively selling his future inheritance to Ya'akov,[121] **34** and Ya'akov gave him some of the lentil stew and some bread. So Esav ate and drank and left again, thus despising his own inheritance as firstborn son.

Yitshak moves to Gerar

26:1 Then there was a famine in the region (a different one from the earlier famine that was in the days of Avraham) so Yitshak (Isaac) moved to Gerar, the region of Avimelek, the Pelishtim king. **2** Then Yahweh appeared to Yitshak and told him, "Don't go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt)—stay in the area that I'll tell you. **3** Stay as a guest in this region, and I'll be with you and bless you, because I'll give all this land to you and to your descendants, and

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_sister_of Lāvān the_'Arammiy to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **21** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_prayed to/for_**YHWH** to_the_front_of his/its_wife/woman if/because was_barren she and_he_was_ _entreated to_him/it **YHWH** and_ Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant. **22** And_ the_children _ _they_struggled_together in_her_inward_of_part[s] and_she/it_ _said if thus to/for_what this am_I and_she_went to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH**. **23** And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to/for_her/it two_of nations[120] are_in_womb_of_your and_two_of peoples from_ _your(pl)_inward_of_parts they_will_separate and_a_people more_than_a_people it_will_be_strong and_the_great_one it_ _will_serve the_young_one. **24** And_ days_of_her _they_were_ _completed to_give_birth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE twins were_in_ _womb_of_her. **25** And_ the_first _he/it_went_out red of_him_ _of_all was_like_a_cloak_of hair and_they_called his/its_name ʿĒsāv. **26** And_after thus his/its_brother he_came_out and_ _hand_of_his was_holding on_the_heel_of ʿĒsāv and_he/it_ _called his/its_name Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) and_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) was_ _a_son_of sixty year[s] when_fathered ᴅᴏᴍ_them.

27 And_ the_lads _they_grew_up and_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_was a_man who_knew hunting a_man_of the_open_country and_Yaʿaqov was_a_man quiet who_dwelt tents. **28** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ ʿĒsāv if/because hunted_game was_in_mouth_of_his and_ _Rivqāh was_loving ᴅᴏᴍ Yaʿaqov. **29** And_ Yaʿaqov _he_had_ _cooked cooked_food and_ ʿĒsāv _he_came from the_field and_ _he was_exhausted. **30** And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_said to Yaʿaqov let_ _me_swallow please some_of the_red_stew the_red_stew the_ _this if/because am_exhausted I therefore yes/correct/thus/so someone_called his/its_name 'Edōm. **31** And_ Yaʿaqov _he/it_ _said sell as_day ᴅᴏᴍ birthright_of_your to_me. **32** And_ ʿĒsāv _ _he/it_said HERE I am_going to_die and_for_what this to_me is_ _a_birthright. **33** And_ Yaʿaqov _he/it_said swear to/for_me as_ _day and_he_swore to_him/it and_he_sold ᴅᴏᴍ birthright_of_ _his to_Yaʿaqov. **34** And_Yaʿaqov he_gave to_ʿĒsāv bread and_ _cooked_food_of lentils and_he_ate and_he_drank and_he/it_ _rose_up and_he_went and_ ʿĒsāv _he_despised ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _birthright.

26:1 And_he/it_was a_famine on_the_earth (from)_besides_of the_famine (the)_former which it_was in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām and_ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he/it_went to 'Avīmelek[124] the_king_of the_Pəlishtiy to_Gərār. **2** And_he_appeared to_ _him/it **YHWH** and_he/it_said do_not go_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) dwell on_the_earth which I_will_say to_ _you. **3** Sojourn on_the_earth (the)_this and_I_will_be with_you and_I_will_bless_you if/because to/for_yourself(m) and_to_ _offspring_of_your I_will_give ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_lands (the)_these

119 **RV 25:23 · Cross-ref.** Rom 9:12.

120 **LV 25:23 · Note** OSHB variant note: יִיג֑וֹם: (x-qere) יִוֹּ֑סַם: lemma_1471 a n_1.2.0 morph_HNcmpa id_01eWf יִוֹּ֑סַם

121 **RV 25:33 · Cross-ref.** Heb 12:16.

124 **LV 26:1 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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and_I_will_establish ᴅᴏᴍ the_oath which I_swore to_'Avrāhām father_of_your. **4** And_I_will_multiply ᴅᴏᴍ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_stars_of the_heavens and_I_will_give to_offspring_of_ _your ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_lands (the)_these and_they_will_bless_ _themselves by_offspring_of_your all_of the_nations_of the_ _earth/land. **5** Consequence that 'Avrāhām he_listened to_ _voice_of_my and_he_kept duty_of_my commands_of_my regulations_of_my and_laws_of_my. **6** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_Gərār. **7** And_ the_men_of the_ _place _they_asked of_wife_of_his and_he/it_said sister_of_is_ _my she if/because he_was_afraid to_say wife_of_my lest they_ _should_kill_me the_men_of the_place on Rivqāh if/because was_good_of appearance she. **8** And_he/it_was if/because they_ _had_become_long to_him/it there the_days and_ 'Avīmelek the_king_of the_Pəlishtiy _he_looked_down through the_ _window and_he/it_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) was_playing with Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman. **9** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_called (to)_Yitsḥāq and_he/it_said surely HERE wife_of_is_your she and_how did_you_say sister_of_is_my she and_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq if/because I_thought lest I_should_die on_her. **10** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said what this have_you_done to/for_ourselves like_a_little one of_the_people he_lay with your(ms)_woman/wife and_you_brought on_us guilt. **11** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_ _people to_say the_one_who_touches (in)_man the_this and_ _(in)_wife_of_his surely_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death. **12** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_sowed on_the_earth the_that and_he_found in_ _year the_that one_hundred measures and_he_blessed_him **YHWH**. **13** And_ the_man _he_became_great and_he/it_went going and_becoming_great until if/because he_became_great exceedingly. **14** And_he/it_was to_him/it livestock_of flock and_livestock_of herd and_service much and_ the_Pəlishtiy _ _they_envied ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **15** And_all the_wells which the_ _servants_of his/its_father they_had_dug in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām his/its_father they_stopped_them_up the_Pəlishtiy and_they_filled_them earth. **16** And_ 'Avīmelek _he/it_said to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) go from_with_us if/because you_have_become_ _too_powerful from_him/it much. **17** And_he/it_went from_ _there Yitsḥāq and_he_encamped in_the_wadi_of Gərār and_ _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived there. **18** And_ Yitsḥāq _he_ _returned and_he_dug ᴅᴏᴍ the_wells_of the_waters which people_had_dug in_the_days_of 'Avrāhām his/its_father and_ _they_had_stopped_them_up the_Pəlishtiy after the_death_of 'Avrāhām and_he/it_called (to)_them names like_names which he_had_called (to)_them his/its_father. **19** And_ the_servants_of Yitsḥāq _they_dug in_wadi and_they_found there a_well_of water living. **20** And_ the_herdsmen_of Gərār _they_disputed with the_herdsmen_of Yitsḥāq to_say to/for_us the_waters and_he/it_called the_name_of the_well Esek if/because they_ _quarrelled with_him/it. **21** And_they_dug a_well another and_ _they_disputed also on/upon_it(f) and_he/it_called his/its_ _name Sitnah. **22** And_he_moved_on from_there and_he_dug a_ _well another and_not they_disputed on/upon_it(f) and_he/it_ _called his/its_name Rəḥovōt and_he/it_said if/because now **YHWH** he_has_made_space to/for_us and_we_will_be_fruitful

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I'll confirm the oath that I made to your father Avraham.[122] **4** I'll multiply your descendants to be as numerous as the stars in the sky, and I'll give all this region to them. And all the nations on the earth will be blessed through your descendants, **5** because Avraham obeyed me by keeping my requirements, my commands, my decrees, and my laws."

6 So Yitshak settled there in Gerar. **7** Then the men of the place asked about his wife, and he said, "She's my sister,"[123] because he was afraid to say, "She's my wife." He was thinking, "What if the men in this place kill me because Rivkah is so beautiful to look at." **8** Then when he'd been in that area for quite a while, the Pelishti King Avimelek looked down from a window and saw that to his surprise, Yitshak was laughing together with his wife Rivkah. **9** So Avimelek called for Yitshak and said, "Hey, she's really your wife! So how could you say, 'She's my sister'?"

"Because I said to myself, 'I might die because of her.'," Yitshak replied.

10 "What's this that you've done to us?" continued Avimelek. "One of my people might easily have slept with your wife and you would have brought condemnation onto us!" **11** Then King Avimelek ordered all the people, "Anyone who touches this man or his wife will certainly be killed."

12 Then Yitshak planted a crop in that land and Yahweh blessed him and gave him one hundred times as much as he'd planted. **13** Hence he became wealthier and that repeated until eventually he was very powerful. **14** He also owned sheep and goats, and cattle, and many slaves. Because the Pelishtim now envied him, **15** they blocked up all the wells that his father's slaves had dug when his father Avraham had been alive, and they filled them with dirt.

16 Then King Avimelek told Yitshak, "You all need to leave this area because you've become more powerful than us." **17** So Yitshak left that place and set up camp in the Gerar Valley and settled there. **18** Then he returned and dug out the water wells that they had dug in the days of Avraham his father and that the Pelishtim had blocked up after Avraham's death, and he called them similar names to the ones that his father had called them.

19 Then Yitshak's slaves dug in the valley and found an underground spring with flowing water there. **20** But the herdsmen from Gerar quarrelled with Yitshak's herdsmen, saying, "The water belongs to us." So he named the well 'Esek' (which means 'dispute'), because they disputed with him.

21 Yitshak's men dug another well, but they quarrelled over it too, so he named it 'Sitnah' (which means 'opposition'). **22** Then he moved from there and dug another well, and they didn't quarrel over it, so he named it 'Rehovot' (which means 'space'), and he said, "Because now Yahweh has made space for us and we'll be productive in this area."

23 Then from there Yitshak moved down to Be'er-Sheva (Beer-

122 RV 26:3-4 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:16-18.

123 RV 26:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:13; 20:2.

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sheba), **24** and Yahweh appeared to him during that night and said, "I am the god of your father Avraham. Don't be afraid, because I'm with you and I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of my slave Avraham." **25** So Yitshak built an altar there and he prayed to Yahweh. He set up his tents there and his slaves dug a well there.

Abimilik wants a commitment from Yitshak

26 Then King Avimelek came to Yitshak (Isaac) from Gerar along with his friend Ahuzat and Pikol the commander of his army[125] **27** and Yitshak asked them, "Why have you come here since you hate me and you forced me away from you?"

28 "We have clearly seen that Yahweh has been with you," they answered, "so we said, 'There should be an agreement between us'—between us and you. So let us make an agreement with you, **29** that you won't do anything evil against us, just as we did not touch you, and just as we did only did good to you and sent you away in peace. Now you are blessed by Yahweh." **30** Then Yitshak prepared a feast for them, and they all ate and drank together. **31** The visitors got up early the next morning and make promises to each other. Then Yitshak sent them on their way, and they left from there in peace.

32 That very day, Yitshak's slaves came and updated him about the well that they had just been digging and told him, "We've found water." **33** So Yitshak named the well 'Shiv'ah' (which sounds like the Hebrew word meaning 'promise'), so that's why that city is named 'Be'er-Sheva' (Beersheba) (meaning 'well of the promise') to this day.

Esav marries outsiders

34 When Esav (Esau) was forty years old, he married two Hiti women: Be'eri's daughter Yehudit (Judith) and Eylon's daughter Basemat, **35** but this brought grief to his parents Yitshak (Isaac) and Rivkah.

Yitshak's tricked into blessing Ya'akov

27:1 When Yitshak (Isaac) grew old and could no longer see, he called his older son Esav (Esau) and said to him, "My son."

"I'm here," Esav replied.

2 "Please listen," Yitshak continued, "I'm old and don't know how long I've got before I die. **3** So please take your weapons—your quiver, and your bow—and go out into the countryside and hunt game for me **4** and cook me a tasty meal in the way that I love it, and bring it to me so I can eat it, so that I can bless you before I die."

5 Now Rivkah had been listening while Yitshak spoke to Esav. Then Esav went out to the countryside to hunt game and bring it back. **6** Meanwhile Rivkah said to her son Ya'akov (Jacob), "Lis-

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in/on_the_earth. **23** And_he/it_ascended from_there Bə'ēr Shəvā'. **24** And_he_appeared to_him/it **YHWH** in_night (the)_ _that and_he/it_said I am_the_god_of 'Avrāhām father_of_your do_not be_afraid if/because am_with_you I and_I_will_bless_ _you and_I_will_multiply ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit in_account_ _of 'Avrāhām servant_of_my. **25** And_he/it_built there an_altar and_he/it_called in/on_name_of **YHWH** and_he_pitched there tent_of_his and_they_dug there the_servants_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) a_well.

26 And_'Avīmelek he_came to_him/it from_Gərār and_Ahuzzah friend_of_his_close and_Pikol the_commander_of his_army_of_ _his. **27** And_he/it_said to_them Yitsḥāq why have_you(pl)_ _come to_me and_you(pl) you(pl)_hate ~~DOM~~_me and_you(pl)_ _sent_me_away from_with_you(pl). **28** And_they_said clearly_ _(see) we_have_seen if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_been with_ _you and_we_said let_it_be please an_oath between_us between_us and_between_you and_let_us_make a_covenant with_you. **29** If you_will_do[126] with_us harm just_as not we_ _have_touched_you and_as_which we_have_done with_you only good and_we_sent_you_away in_peace you now are_(the)_ _blessed_of **YHWH**. **30** And_he/it_made to/for_them a_feast and_they_ate and_they_drank. **31** And_they_rose_early in_ _morning and_they_swore_an_oath each to_brother_of_his and_he_sent_them_off Yitsḥāq and_they_went from_with_him in_peace. **32** And_he/it_was in_the_day (the)_that and_ the_ _servants_of Yitsḥāq _they_came and_they_told to_him/it on the_causes_of the_well which they_had_dug and_they_said to_ _him/it we_have_found water. **33** And_he/it_called ~~DOM~~_her/it Shibah therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_name_of the_city is_ _Bə'ēr Shəvā' until the_day (the)_this.

34 And_he/it_was ʿĒsāv a_son_of forty year[s] and_he/it_took a_ _wife ~~DOM~~ Judith the_daughter_of Bə'ērī the_Ḥittiy and_~~DOM~~ Bosmat the_daughter_of 'Ēylōn the_Ḥittiy. **35** And_they_were bitterness_of spirit to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Rivqāh.

27:1 And_he/it_was if/because Yitsḥāq he_was_old and_ eyes_ _of_his _they_had_grown_dim from_seeing and_he/it_called ~~DOM~~ ʿĒsāv his/its_son the_big/great(sg) and_he/it_said to_ _him/it my_son_of_my and_he/it_said to_him/it here_I_am. **2** And_he/it_said HERE please I_am_old not I_know the_day_of my_death_of_my. **3** And_now take_up please weapons_of_your quiver_of_your and_bow_of_your and_go_out the_field and_ _hunt to/for_me hunted_game[129]. **4** And_prepare to_me delicious_food(s) just_as I_love and_bring_it to/for_me so_that_ _I_may_eat_it in_account_of it_may_bless_you self_of_my before_before I_will_die. **5** And_Rivqāh was_listening when_ Yitsḥāq _spoke to ʿĒsāv his/its_son and_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_went the_ _field to_hunt hunted_game to_bring. **6** And_Rivqāh she_said to Yaʿaqov/(Jacob) son_of_her to_say HERE I_have_heard ~~DOM~~ father_of_your speaking to ʿĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred to_

125 **RV 26:26 · Cross-ref.** Gen 21:22.

126 **LV 26:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

129 **LV 27:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: הִרִיצ: (x-qere) 'רֵיצ': lemma_6720 n_0 morph_HNcbsa id_01ydd רֵיצ

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_say. **7** Bring to/for_me hunted_game and_prepare to_me delicious_food(s) so_that_I_may_eat_it and_so_that_I_may_ _bless_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before death_of_my. **8** And_now my_son_ _of_my listen to_voice_of_my to_that_which I am_commanding you. **9** Go please to the_flock and_fetch to_me from_there two_ _of kids_of goats good so_that_I_may_prepare ᴅᴏᴍ_them delicious_food(s) for_father_of_your just_as he_loves. **10** And_ _you_will_bring_it to_father_of_your and_he_will_eat_it so_ _that_of that he_may_bless_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before death_of_his. **11** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to Rivˇqāh his/its_mother HERE ´Ēsāv my_brother/kindred is_a_man hairy and_I am_a_man smooth. **12** Perhaps he_will_feel_me father_of_ _my and_I_will_be in_eyes_of_his like_a_mocker and_I_will_ _bring on_myself a_curse and_not a_blessing. **13** And_she/it_ _said to_him/it his/its_mother be_on_me curse_of_your my_ _son_of_my only listen to_voice_of_my and_go fetch_them to_ _me. **14** And_he/it_went and_he/it_took and_he/it_brought to_ _mother_of_his and_ his/its_mother _she_prepared delicious_ _food(s) just_as his/its_father he_loved. **15** And_ Rivˇqāh _ _she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_clothes_of ´Ēsāv son_of_her the_ _big/great(sg) the_desirable_things which were_with_her in_ _house and_she_clothed ᴅᴏᴍ Ya´ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) son_of_her (the)_ _young. **16** And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_skins_of the_kids_of the_goats she_ _clothed on hands_of_his and_on the_smooth_part_of his_ _neck(s)_of_his. **17** And_she/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ the_delicious_food(s) and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_bread which she_had_prepared in_the_hand_of Ya´ₐqovˇ son_of_her. **18** And_he_went to his/its_father and_ _he/it_said my_father_of_my and_he/it_said here_I_am who are_you my_son_of_my. **19** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to his/its_ _father I am_´Ēsāv firstborn_of_your I_have_done just_as you_ _said to_me arise please sit and_eat some_of_my_hunted_game in_account_of it_may_bless_me self_of_your. **20** And_ Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he/it_said to his/its_son what this have_you_ _hastened to_find_it my_son_of_my and_he/it_said if/because **YHWH** god_of_your he_made_happen before_me. **21** And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqovˇ draw_near please so_that_I_may_ _feel_you my_son_of_my are_you this son_of_my ´Ēsāv or not. **22** And_ Ya´ₐqovˇ _he_drew_near to Yitsḥāq his/its_father and_ _he_felt_him and_he/it_said the_voice is_the_voice_of Ya´ₐqovˇ and_the_hands are_the_hands_of ´Ēsāv. **23** And_not he_ _recognized_him if/because hands_of_his they_were like_the_ _hands_of ´Ēsāv his/its_brother hairy and_he_blessed_him. **24** And_he/it_said are_you this son_of_my ´Ēsāv and_he/it_said I. **25** And_he/it_said bring_it_near to/for_me so_that_I_may_eat some_of_the_hunted_game_of my_son_of_my so_that it_may_ _bless_you self_of_my and_he_brought_it_near to_him/it and_ _he_ate and_he/it_brought to_him/it wine and_he_drank. **26** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq his/its_father draw_near please and_kiss to/for_me my_son_of_my. **27** And_he_drew_ _near and_he_kissed to_him/it and_he_smelled ᴅᴏᴍ the_smell_ _of his_clothes_of_his and_he_blessed_him and_he/it_said see the_smell_of my_son_of_my is_like_the_smell_of a_field which he_has_blessed_it **YHWH**. **28** And_may_he_give to/for_ _yourself(m) the_'Elohīm some_of_the_dew_of the_heavens

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ten, I heard your father speaking to your brother Esav, saying, **7** 'Get some game meat for me and prepare me a tasty meal so that I can eat it, and then I can bless you in Yahweh's presence before I die.' **8** So now Ya'akov, listen to what I tell you: **9** Go out to the flock and get me two of the best young goats so that I can prepare a tasty meal from them that your father loves. **10** Then you can take it in to your father, and after he's eaten it, he'll bless you before he dies."

11 "Look," Ya'akov said to his mother, "My brother Esav is very hairy, whereas my skin is smooth. **12** What if my father touches me? Then he'll think of me as a deceiver and he'll curse me rather than bless me."

13 "Let your curse be on me, my son," his mother replied, "Just do what I said and go get the young goats for me." **14** So he went and slaughtered them and brought them to his mother. Then she prepared tasty food the way his father loved it. **15** She then got Esav's best clothes that were in the house and got her younger son Ya'akov to put them on, **16** and then she tied the skins of the young goats over his hands and around the smooth part of his neck.

17 Then she handed the tasty food and the bread to Ya'akov, **18** and he went in to his elderly father and said, "My father."

"I'm here," he said, "Which son are you?" **19** "I'm your oldest son Esav," Ya'akov replied to his father. "I've done what you told me. Please get up, and come and sit up and eat some of my game, so that you'll bless me." **20** "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" Yitshak (Isaac) asked.

"Because your god Yahweh helped me when I went out hunting," Ya'akov answered.

21 Then Yitshak said to Ya'akov, "Please come close so that I can touch you, my son, and to be sure whether you're really my son Esav or not." **22** So Ya'akov went close to his father and Yitshak felt his skin and said to himself, "It's Ya'akov's voice, but these are definitely Esav's hands." **23** So he didn't recognise that it was Ya'akov, because his hands were hairy like Esav's hands, so he was about to bless him **24** but asked once more, "Are you really my son Esav?"

"Yes, I am," Ya'akov answered.

25 So Yitshak told him, "Bring the food here and I'll eat some of my son's game, so that I can then bless you." So Ya'akov took it to him and he ate, and then he brought wine to him and he drank. **26** Then Yitshak asked Ya'akov, "My son, please come close and kiss me." **27** So he went close and kissed him. His dad noticed the smell of his clothes, so he blessed him saying,

"Ah yes, the smell of my son
  is like the pleasant fragrance of the countryside
  that Yahweh has blessed.[127]
28 May God give you dew from the sky
  and riches from the land,
to produce plenty of grain and wine.

127 RV 27:27-29 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:20.

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29 May peoples serve you,
and may nations bow down to you.
Be master over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.
May those who curse you be cursed,
and may those who bless you be blessed."[128]

Esav begs for a secondary blessing

30 Then just as Yitshak (Isaac) had finished blessing Ya'akov (Jacob), and as Ya'akov had only just gone out from his father's presence, his brother Esav (Esau) his brother returned from his hunting.
31 Then he too prepared some tasty food and brought it in to his father and said, "Let my father get up and eat from the game that his son hunted so that you can bless me."
32 But Yitshak asked him, "Which son are you?"
"I'm your oldest son Esav." he answered.
33 Then Yitshak started to trembled badly and he said, "Then who was it that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it all just before you came in, and I blessed that man and indeed, he'll be blessed."
34 When Esav heard that, then he let out a very loud and exceedingly bitter wail, and then begged his father, "Bless me too, my father."
35 But Yitshak replied, "Your brother came in and deceived me and he's taken your blessing!"
36 "Yes, his name Ya'akov (Jacob) (meaning 'deceiver') suits him exactly!" said Esav. "First he took my inheritance[133] and man, now he's also taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you at least saved a blessing for me?"
37 But Yitshak replied, "Listen, I've made him master over you, and I've given all his brothers to him as slaves. And I've sustained him with grain and wine. So then, what else can I do for you, my son?"
38 "My father, Did you only have *one* blessing that you could give?" Esav asked. "Bless me too, my father!" Then Esav sobbed loudly.[134]
39 Then his father Yitshak responded and said to him,
"Listen, you and your descendants will live
away from the most fertile land on the earth[135]
in a place that doesn't get dew from the sky.[136]

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and_some_of_the_fatness(es)_of the_earth/land and_
_abundance_of grain and_new_wine. 29 May_they_serve_you
peoples and[130][131] to/for_yourself(m) peoples become master
to_brothers_of_your may_they_bow_down[132] to/for_
_yourself(m) the_sons_of your_mother_of_your those_of_who_
_curse_you be_cursed and_those_of_who_bless_you be_blessed.

30 And_he/it_was just_as Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) he_had_finished to_
_bless ꝺǫm Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_he/it_was just just_(go_out)
Ya'aqov he_had_gone_out from_with the_face_of Yitsḥāq
his/its_father and_'Ēsāv his/its_brother he_came from_
_hunting_of_his. 31 And_ also he _he/it_made delicious_food(s)
and_he/it_brought to_father_of_his and_he/it_said to_father_
_of_his father_of_my let_him_arise and_let_him_eat some_of_
_the_hunted_game_of his/its_son in_account_of it_may_bless_
_me self_of_your. 32 And_he/it_said to_him/it Yitsḥāq his/its_
_father who are_you and_he/it_said I son_of_am_your
firstborn_of_your 'Ēsāv. 33 And_ Yitsḥāq _he_trembled
trembling great up_to muchness and_he/it_said who then he
is_the_one_who_hunted hunted_game and_he/it_brought to_
_me and_I_ate from_all before_before you_came and_I_blessed_
_him also blessed he_will_be. 34 Just_ 'Ēsāv _as_heard ꝺǫm the_
_words/messages_of his/its_father and_he_cried a_cry great
and_bitter up_to muchness and_he/it_said to_father_of_his
bless_me also me my_father_of_my. 35 And_he/it_said
your(ms)_brother/kindred he_came with_deceit and_he/it_
_took blessing_of_your. 36 And_he/it_said if/because did_
_someone_call his/its_name Ya'aqov and_he_has_betrayed_me
this two_times ꝺǫm birthright_of_my he_took and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE now he_has_taken blessing_of_my and_he_
_said not have_you_reserved to/for_me a_blessing. 37 And_
Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) _he_answered and_he/it_said to_'Ēsāv HERE
master I_have_appointed_him to/for_you(fs) and_ꝺǫm all_of
brothers_of_his I_have_given to_him/it to_servants and_grain
and_new_wine I_have_sustained_him and_for_you then what
will_I_do my_son_of_my. 38 And_ 'Ēsāv _he/it_said to his/its_
_father does_a_blessing one it to/for_yourself(m) my_father_
_of_my bless_me also me my_father_of_my and_ 'Ēsāv _he_
_lifted_up voice_of_his and_he_wept. 39 And_ Yitsḥāq his/its_
_father _he_answered and_he/it_said to_him/it THERE away_
_from_the_fatness(es)_of the_earth/land it_will_be dwelling_
_of_your and_away_from_the_dew_of the_heavens (from)_
_above. 40 And_on sword_of_your you_will_live and_ꝺǫm
your(ms)_brother/kindred you_will_serve and_it_was just_as

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128 RV 27:29 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3.

130 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB variant note: וחתשי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְוַחֲתְשֵׁי/ו': lemma_c/7812 morph_HC/Vvj3mp id_01DTM וְוַחֲתְשֵׁי/ו

131 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

132 LV 27:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

133 RV 27:36 · Cross-ref. Gen 25:29-34.

134 RV 27:38 · Cross-ref. Heb 12:17.

135 RV 27:39 · Note The Hebrew text is ambiguous here. It could mean: (1) "away from the fatness of the earth and away from the dew of the heavens from above." or "in a place/region where the earth/land/ground is not rich/fertile and where there is very little dew/rain." or "in a place/region where the land/soil is not good for farming and where there is not much rain." or (2) "of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of the heavens from above." or "in a place where the land is good/fertile for farming and where there is plenty of dew/rain."

136 RV 27:39-40 · Cross-ref. Heb 11:20.

Literal Version

you_will_be_restless and_you_will_tear_off yoke_of_his from_
_under neck_of_your. **41** And_ ʿĒsāv _he_was_hostile_towards
ᵭᵯ Yaʿaqovˇ/(Jacob) on the_blessing which he_had_blessed_
_him his/its_father and_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_said in_heart_of_his the_
_days_of the_mourning_of my_father_of_my they_will_draw_
_near and_I_will_kill ᵭᵯ Yaʿaqovˇ my_brother/kindred. **42** And_
_it_was_told to_Rivˇqāh ᵭᵯ the_words/messages_of ʿĒsāv son_
_of_her the_big/great(sg) and_she_sent and_she/it_
_called/named (to)_Yaʿaqovˇ son_of_her (the)_young and_
_she/it_said to_him/it HERE ʿĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred
is_comforting_himself to/for_yourself(m) by_killing_you.
43 And_now my_son_of_my listen to_voice_of_my and_arise flee
to/for_yourself(m) to Lāvān my_brother/kindred to_Ḥārān.
44 And_you_will_remain with_him/it days one(s) until that the_
_anger_of your(ms)_brother/kindred it_will_turn_back. **45** Until
the_anger your(ms)_brother/kindred turns_back from_you
and_he_will_forget ᵭᵯ that_which you_did for_him/it and_I_
_will_send and_I_will_fetch_you from_there why will_I_be_
_bereaved also both_of_of_you(pl) a_day one.

46 And_ Rivˇqāh _she/it_said to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) I_loathe (in)_
_life_of_my from_face/in_front_of the_daughters_of Ḥēt if
Yaʿaqovˇ is_taking a_wife from_the_daughters_of Ḥēt like_these
from_the_daughters_of the_earth/land to/for_what to/for_me
life.
28:1 And_ Yitsḥāq _he/it_called (to) Yaʿaqovˇ/(Jacob) and_he/it_
_blessed ᵭᵯ_him/it and_he_commanded_him and_he/it_said
to_him/it not you_must_take a_wife from_the_daughters_of
Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **2** Arise go to_Paddan ʾArām the_house_of_to
of_Bətūʾēl the_father_of your_mother_of_your and_take to/for_
_yourself(m) from_there a_wife one_of_the_daughters_of Lāvān
the_brother_of your_mother_of_your. **3** And_god almighty
may_he_bless you and_may_he_make_you_fruitful and_may_
_he_multiply_you and_you_will_become (into)_a_company_of
peoples. **4** And_may_he_give to/for_yourself(m) ᵭᵯ the_
_blessing_of ʾAvrāhām to/for_yourself(m) and_to_offspring_of_
_your with_you you_to_take_possession_of ᵭᵯ the_land_of
your(pl)_sojournings_of_your which god he_gave to_ʾAvrāhām.
5 And_ Yitsḥāq _he_sent_off ᵭᵯ Yaʿaqovˇ and_he/it_went to_
_Paddan ʾArām to Lāvān the_son_of Bətūʾēl the_ʾArammiy the_
_brother_of Rivˇqāh the_mother_of Yaʿaqovˇ and_ʿĒsāv.
6 And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_saw if/because_that Yitsḥāq he_had_
_blessed ᵭᵯ Yaʿaqovˇ and_he_had_sent_off ᵭᵯ_him/it to_
_Paddan ʾArām to_take to_him/it from_there a_wife when_
_blessed_he ᵭᵯ_him/it and_he/it_commanded
on/upon/above_him/it to_say not you_must_take a_wife from_
_the_daughters_of Kənaʿan/(Canaan). **7** And_ Yaʿaqovˇ _he/it_
_listened to his/its_father and_near/to his/its_mother and_
_he/it_went to_Paddan ʾArām. **8** And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_saw
if/because_that were_displeasing the_daughters_of
Kənaʿan/(Canaan) in/on_both_eyes_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_
father. **9** And ʿĒsāv _he/it_went to Yishmāʾēl/(Ishmael) and_
_he/it_took ᵭᵯ Maḥalat the_daughter_of Yishmāʾēl/(Ishmael)
the_son_of ʾAvrāhām the_sister_of Nəvāyōt to wives_of_his to_
him/it to/for(a)_woman.

Readers' Version

40 You and your descendants will live by your sword,
and you'll serve your brother.
But when you become restless
you'll all break away from serving them.[137]
41 From that time onwards, Esav (Esau) hated Ya'akov (Jacob) because of the blessing that their father had blessed him with, and Esav said to himself, "My father's funeral can't be that far away—after that I'll kill my brother Ya'akov."
42 But Rivkah got to hear about Esav's plans, so she sent for her younger son Ya'akov and told him, "Listen, your brother Esav is coping with what happened by planning to kill you. **43** So my son, listen to what I'm saying: for your own sake, pack up and flee to my brother Lavan's (Laban's) place in Haran **44** and stay with him for a while until your brother cools down. **45** When he's no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, then I'll send for you from there so you can return here. I don't want to lose both of you on the same day."

Yitshak sends Ya'akov off to Lavan's

46 Then Rivkah told her husband Yitshak (Isaac), "I'm quite disgusted with those daughters of Het. If Ya'akov (Jacob) chooses a wife like Het's daughters from this culture around us here, I wouldn't be able to bear it."
28:1 So Yitshak called for Ya'akov and blessed him, and instructed him, "Don't take a wife from the Kena'ani (Canaanite) girls. **2** Pack up and go to Padan-Aram—to the home of your mother's father Betuel and get yourself a wife from there—from the daughters of your mother's brother Lavan (Laban). **3** And may the powerful God bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you so that you become a community of peoples. **4** May he give the same blessing of Avraham to you—to you and to your offspring with you—so that you will own the land where you've been staying and which God gave to Avraham."[138] **5** Then Yitshak sent Ya'akov away, and he went to Padan-Aram—to Lavan, the son of Betuel the Aramean and the brother of Ya'akov and Esav's (Esau's) mother Rivkah.

Esav adds a non-Canaanite wife

6 Now Esav (Esau) noticed that Yitshak (Isaac) had blessed Ya'akov (Jacob) and sent him to Padan-Aram to take a wife for himself from there. He'd also noticed that when Yitshak had blessed him, he'd instructed him not to take a wife from the Kena'ani (Canaanite) girls, **7** and that Ya'akov had listened to his parents and travelled to Padan-Aram. **8** As a result, Esav realised that his father wasn't happy about the Kena'ani girls **9** so he went to Yishmael (Ishmael) and he took Mahalat as an additional wife. She was the daughter of Avraham's son Yishmael, and was the sister of Nevayot.

137 RV 27:40 · Cross-ref. Gen 36:8; 2Ki 8:20.

138 RV 28:4 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:4-8.

Readers' Version

Ya'akov's vision at Beyt-El

10 Meanwhile, Ya'akov (Jacob) had left Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba) and was en route to Haran. **11** One night after he'd stopped when the sun had gone down, he laid down in that place and used one of the stones there to put under his head for a pillow. **12** While he was sleeping, he had a dream, and wow, a stairway was set up on the earth and its top reached to the heavens, and look, God's messengers were ascending and descending on it.[139] **13** And look, Yahweh was standing above it and he said, "I am Yahweh, the god of Avraham your grandfather and the god of Yitshak (Isaac). I will give the land that you are lying on to you and to your descendants[140] **14** and they will be as numerous as dust particles, and you'll all spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.[141] **15** So listen, I'm with you and I'll watch over you everywhere you go. I'll bring you back to this land because I won't leave you until I've done what I told you."

16 Then Ya'akov woke up and said to himself, "Yahweh is certainly here in this place, but I didn't realise it." **17** So he was afraid and said to himself, "This place is spine-chilling—it's nothing other than God's house, and it's heaven's gateway."

18 Then in the morning Ya'akov got up early, and he took the stone that he'd put under his head and stood it up longways as a pillar, and he poured oil over the top of it. **19** He named that place 'Beyt-El' (Bethel) (which means 'God's house'), even though that town had been named Luz before then. **20** Then Ya'akov made a promise to God, saying, "If God will be with me and watch over me on this road that I'm walking on, and give me bread to eat and clothes to wear, **21** and if I'm able to return safely to my father's home, then I'll make Yahweh my god, **22** and this stone that I've stood up as a pillar will be God's house, and I'll give you a tenth of everything that you give to me."

Ya'akov's arrival at Lavan's

29:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) got on the road again and went to the land of the eastern peoples. **2** Close to his destination, he looked ahead, and wow, there was a well in the countryside, and what's more, three flocks of sheep and goats were lying there near it, because the flocks were watered from that well but the stone over the mouth of the well was large and heavy. **3** Once all the flocks were gathered there, then they would roll the stone from over the mouth of the well and water the animals. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 So Ya'akov asked the farmers, "My brothers, where are you from?"

Literal Version

10 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he/it_went_out from_Bə'ēr- shevˇa' and_he/it_went to_Ḥārān. **11** And_he_reached (in)_place and_ _he_stayed_the_night there if/because the_sun it_had_gone and_he/it_took one_of_the_stones_of the_place and_he/it_ _assigned of_his_head_of_the_place and_he_lay_down in_place (the)_that. **12** And_he_dreamed and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _stairway was_placed towards_land and_his/its_head/top was_ _reaching to_the_heavens and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _messengers_of god were_going_up and_were_going_down in/on/over_him/it. **13** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE **YHWH** was_ _standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he_said I am_**YHWH** the_god_of 'Avrāhām father_of_your and_the_god_of Yitsḥāq the_earth/land which you are_lying on/upon_it(f) to/for_ _yourself(m) I_will_give_it and_to_offspring_of_your. **14** And_it_ _was your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_dust_of the_earth/land and_ _you_will_spread_out westward_to and_eastward_to and_ _northward_to and_southward_to and_they_will_be_blessed in_ _you(ms) all_of the_clans_of the_soil and_by_offspring_of_your. **15** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I am_with_you and_I_will_protect_you in_every where you_will_go and_I_will_bring_you_back to the_ _soil (the)_this if/because not I_will_abandon_you until that (if) I_have_done ᴅᴏᴍ that_which I_have_spoken to/for_you(fs). **16** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_awoke from_sleep_of_his and_ _he/it_said truly (there) **YHWH** is_in_place the_this and_I not I_realised. **17** And_he_was_afraid and_he_said how awesome is_ _the_place the_this is_not this if/because (if) the_house_of god and_this is_the_gate_of the_heavens. **18** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_rose_ _early in_morning and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone which he_ _had_put of_his_head_of_the_place and_he/it_assigned ᴅᴏᴍ_ _her/it a_pillar and_he_poured oil on top_of_its. **19** And_he/it_ _called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_place (the)_that Bēyt- 'ēl and_but was_Lūz the_name_of the_city to_time. **20** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_ _vowed a_vow to_say if he_will_be god with_me and_he_will_ _protect_me on_journey the_this which I am_going and_he/it_ _gave to_me food to_eat and_clothing to_wear. **21** And_I_will_ _return in_peace to the_house_of my_father_of_my and_it_was **YHWH** to_me (into)_god. **22** And_the_stone (the)_this which I_ _have_set_up a_pillar it_will_be the_house_of god and_ _all/each/any/every that you_will_give to_me fully_(tithe) I_ _will_tithe_it to/for_you(fs).

29:1 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_lifted_up feet_of_his and_he/it_went towards_land of_the_people_of the_east. **2** And_he/it_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_well in_the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there three flocks_of sheep were_lying_down on/upon_it(f) if/because from the_well the_that people_watered the_flocks and_the_stone was_large over the_mouth_of the_well. **3** And_ _they_were_gathered to_(to) all_of the_flocks and_they_rolled ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well and_they_ _watered ᴅᴏᴍ the_sheep and_they_put_back ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone over the_mouth_of the_well to_place_of_its. **4** And_he/it_said to/for_them Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) my_brothers_of_my from_where are_you(pl) and_they_said from_Ḥārān we. **5** And_he/it_said to/for_them do_you(pl)_know ᴅᴏᴍ Lāvān the_son_of Nāḥōr and_they_said we_know_him. **6** And_he/it_said to/for_them

139 RV 28:12 · Cross-ref. Yhn 1:51.

140 RV 28:13 · Cross-ref. Gen 13:14-15.

141 RV 28:14 · Cross-ref. Gen 12:3; 22:18.

Literal Version

does_health to_him/it and_they_said health and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE Rāḥēl daughter_of_his is_coming with the_
_sheep. **7** And_he/it_said HERE still the_day is_great not the_
_time_of the_livestock are_gathered water the_sheep and_go
pasture_them. **8** And_they_said not we_are_able until that all_
_of the_flocks they_will_be_gathered and_people_will_roll ᴅᴏᴍ
the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well and_we_will_
_water the_sheep. **9** Still_he was_speaking with_them and_
_Rāḥēl she_came with the_sheep which belonged_to_father_of_
_her if/because was_a_shepherdess she. **10** And_he/it_was just_
_as Ya′ₐqovˇ he_saw ᴅᴏᴍ Rāḥēl the_daughter_of Lāvān the_
_brother_of his/its_mother and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sheep_of Lāvān the_
_brother_of his/its_mother and_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_drew_near and_
_he_rolled ᴅᴏᴍ the_stone from_under the_mouth_of the_well
and_he_watered ᴅᴏᴍ the_sheep_of Lāvān the_brother_of
his/its_mother. **11** And_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_kissed (to)_Rāḥēl and_he_
_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ voice_of_his and_he_wept. **12** And_
Ya′ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_told to_Rāḥēl if/because_that was_(the)_
_relative_of her_father_of_her he and_because/when was_the_
_son_of Rivqāh he and_she_ran and_she_told to_father_of_her.
13 And_he/it_was just_ Lāvān _as_heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_report_of
Ya′ₐqovˇ the_son_of his_sister_of_his and_he_ran to_meet_him
and_he_embraced to_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it and_he_
_brought_him to house_of_his and_he_recounted to_Lāvān ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of the_things the_these. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it Lāvān
surely bone_of_are_my and_flesh_of_my you and_he/it_sat_
_down//remained//lived with_him/it a_month_of days.

15 And_ Lāvān _he/it_said to_Ya′ₐqovˇ if/because my_
_brother/kindred are_you and_you_will_serve_me for_nothing
tell to/for_me what wage[s]_of_is_your. **16** And_belonged_to_
_Lāvān two_of daughters the_name_of the_big/large/great(fs)
was_Lē’āh and_name_of the_young_one was_Rāḥēl. **17** And_the_
_eyes_of Lē’āh were_weak and_Rāḥēl she_was beautiful_of form
and_beautiful_of appearance. **18** And_ Ya′ₐqovˇ _he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ
Rāḥēl and_he/it_said I_will_serve_you seven years for_Rāḥēl
daughter_of_your (the)_young. **19** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said is_
_good[142] giving_my ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to/for_you(fs) more_than_my_
_giving ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_a_man another remain with_me. **20** And_
Ya′ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he_served for_Rāḥēl seven years and_they_
_were in_eyes_of_his like_days one(s) in_love_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ_
her/it. **21** And Ya′ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to Lāvān come_NOW ᴅᴏᴍ
wife_of_my if/because days_of_my they_have_been_completed
so_that_I_may_go into_her. **22** And_ Lāvān _he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ
all_of the_people_of the_place and_he/it_made a_feast. **23** And_
_he/it_was in_evening and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Lē’āh daughter_of_
_his and_he/it_brought ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_him/it and_he_went
into_her. **24** And_ Lāvān _he/it_gave to/for_her/it ᴅᴏᴍ Zilpah
maidservant_of_his to_Lē’āh daughter_of_his a_maidservant.
25 And_he/it_was in_morning and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE she was_
_Lē’āh and_he/it_said to Lāvān what this have_you_done
to/for_me not for_Rāḥēl have_I_served with_you and_for_what
have_you_deceived_me. **26** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said not it_is_
_done thus in_place_of_our to_give the_young to_(the)_face_

Readers' Version

"We're from Haran," they replied.

5 "Do you know Nahor's grandson Lavan (Laban)?" Ya'akov asked.

"Yes, we know him," they replied.

6 "Is he doing well?" Ya'akov asked.

"Yes, he's fine," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rahel (Rachel) with their flock."

7 "Look, it's still broad daylight," Ya'akov told them. "It's not time for the livestock to be brought it. Water the flock, and go pasture them."

8 "We can't," they said, "until *all* the flocks are gathered here and they roll the stone off the top of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

9 He was still talking with them when Rahel came with her father's flock, because she was the one who looked after them. **10** When Ya'akov saw Rahel (the daughter of his mother's brother, Lavan (Laban)) with Lavan's flock, he went over and rolled the stone off the top of the well and watered the sheep and goats. **11** Then he gave Rahel a kiss and happily cried out loud. **12** Then he told Rahel that he was a relative of her father and that he was a son of Rivkah.

Then she ran and told her father, **13** and when Lavan heard the news about his sister's son Ya'akov, he ran out to meet him. Then he embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then Ya'akov told Lavan everything that had happened up until then, **14** and Lavan told him, "You are indeed a close relative."

Ya'akov marries Le'ah then Rahel

After Ya'akov (Jacob) had stayed with Lavan (Laban) and worked for him for a whole month, **15** Lavan said to him, "Should you work for me for nothing just because you're my relative? Tell me, what should I pay you?"

16 Now Lavan had two daughters: the older one was named Le'ah, and the younger one was named Rahel (Rachel). **17** Le'ah had pretty eyes, but Rahel was extremely beautiful in every way.

18 Now Ya'akov was in love with Rahel, so he answered, "I'll work for you for seven years so I can marry your younger daughter Rahel."

19 "Okay, stay with me then," said Lavan. "It's better for me to give her to you than to give her to some other man."

20 So Ya'akov worked seven years for Rahel, but it only seemed like a few days to him because of his love for her, **21** then he said to Lavan, "Give me my wife to marry now because I've worked the agreed seven years." **22** So Lavan invited all the local people and held a wedding reception, **23** but that evening Lavan brought his other daughter Le'ah to Ya'akov, and he slept with her. **24** (Lavan also gave his female slave Zilpah to Le'ah to be her personal slave.) **25** But in the morning, Ya'akov saw that wow, it was Le'ah! "Hey, what's this that you've done to me?" Ya'akov demanded of Lavan. "Wasn't it Rahel that I worked for you for? So

142 LV 29:19 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

Readers' Version

why did you deceive me?"
26 "It's not our custom here," Lavan answered, "for the younger daughter to marry before the older one. **27** Stay with just this one for the marriage week, and then we'll also give you the younger one in return for another seven year's work."
28 So Ya'akov agreed and spent the week with Le'ah, then Lavan also gave him his daughter Rahel to be his wife. **29** (Lavan also gave his female slave Bilhah to Rahel to be her personal slave.)
30 So Ya'akov also slept with Rahel, but he also loved her more than Le'ah. Then he worked for Lavan for another seven years.

Ya'akov's children

31 Now Yahweh saw that Le'ah was spurned, so he allowed her to conceive, but Rahel (Rachel) was unable to get pregnant. **32** So Le'ah got pregnant and gave birth to a son, and she named him 'Re'uven' (which means 'Look, a son') because she said, "Because Yahweh has looked on my misery, surely my husband will love me now." **33** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth to a second son, and she said, "Because Yahweh heard that I am hated, then he also gave me this son." So she called his name 'Shim'on' (Simeon) (which means 'he hears'). **34** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth to a third son, and she said, "This time now my husband will hold me close to him, because I've given him three sons." That's why she named the baby 'Levi' (which means 'hold close'). **35** Then Le'ah got pregnant again and gave birth to a fourth son, and she said, "This time I will praise Yahweh." That's why she named him 'Yehudah' (Judah) (which means 'praise'). Then she stopped getting pregnant.
30:1 Now Rahel realised that she wasn't producing any children for Ya'akov (Jacob), so she envied her sister Le'ah, and she demanded from Ya'akov, "Give me children, and if you don't, I'll die!"
2 But Ya'akov's anger flared up against Rahel and he asked, "Am I in the place of God who's kept you from getting pregnant?"
3 Rahel answered, "Listen, here's my slave Bilhah. Sleep with her so that she'll have children on my behalf and I'll also be able to have a family through her." **4** Then she gave Bilhah to him as a slave wife and Ya'akov slept with her, **5** so then Bilhah got pregnant and produced a son for Ya'akov. **6** Rahel said, "God has vindicated me, and indeed he's listened to my request and given me a son!" That's why she named him 'Dan' (which means 'he judged (in my favour)'). **7** Later on, Rahel's slave Bilhah got pregnant again and gave birth to a second son for Ya'akov **8** so Rahel said, "I've had a difficult battle with my sister but I've succeeded in the end!" So she named the baby 'Naftali' (Naphtali) (which means 'my struggle').
9 Now when Le'ah noticed that she wasn't getting pregnant any more, she gave her female slave Zilpah to Ya'akov as a slave wife. **10** Then eventually Le'ah's slave Zilpah produced a son for Ya'akov, **11** and Le'ah said, "What good fortune!" So she named

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_of/in_front_of/before the_firstborn. **27** Complete the_week_of this_one and_we_will_give to/for_yourself(m) also ᴅᴏᴍ this_ _one for_the_service which you_will_serve with_me again seven years another. **28** And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he/it_made thus and_ _he_completed the_week of_this_one and_he_gave to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Rāḥēl daughter_of_his to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **29** And_ Lāvˇān _he/it_gave to_Rāḥēl daughter_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ Bilhāh maidservant_of_his to/for_her/it to_a_maidservant. **30** And_he_went also into Rāḥēl and_he_loved also ᴅᴏᴍ Rāḥēl more_than_Lē'āh and_he_served with_him/it again seven years another.

31 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_saw if/because_that Lē'āh was_hated and_he_opened ᴅᴏᴍ her_womb/uterus and_Rāḥēl was_barren. **32** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_ _gave_birth a_son and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Rə'ūvˇēn if/because she_said if/because_that **YHWH** he_has_ _looked on_affliction_of_my if/because now he_will_love_me husband_of_my. **33** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said if/because **YHWH** he_has_heard if/because_that I am_hated and_he_has_ _given to_me also ᴅᴏᴍ this_one and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Shim'ōn. **34** And_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said now the_time//this_time husband_of_my he_will_join_himself to_me if/because I_have_borne to_him/it three sons therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called his/its_name Lēvī. **35** And_ _she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_ _birth a_son and_she/it_said the_time//this_time I_will_praise ᴅᴏᴍ **YHWH** therefore yes/correct/thus/so she_called his/its_ _name Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_she_stopped from_bearing_ _children.
30:1 And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_saw if/because_that not she_had_ _borne_children to_Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) and_ Rāḥēl _she_was_ _jealous of_sister_of_her and_she/it_said to Ya'ₐqovˇ come_NOW to/for_me children and_if not I am_about_to_die. **2** And_ the_ _anger of_Ya'ₐqovˇ _it_glowed/burnt on_Rāḥēl and_he/it_said in_place_of god am_I who he_has_withheld from_you fruit_of the_womb. **3** And_she/it_said HERE maidservant_of_my Bilhāh go to_her/it so_that_she_may_bear_children on knees_of_my and_ also I _so_that_I_may_be_built_up from_her. **4** And_she_ _gave to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ Bilhāh maidservant_of_her to/for_(a)_ _woman and_he_went to_her/it Ya'ₐqovˇ. **5** And_ Bilhāh _she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_ _Ya'ₐqovˇ a_son. **6** And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said he_has_vindicated_ _me god and_also he_has_listened to_voice_of_my and_he_has_ _given to_me a_son therefore yes/correct/thus/so she_called his/its_name Dān. **7** And_she/it_conceived/became_pregnant again and_ Bilhāh the_maidservant_of Rāḥēl _she/it_gave_birth a_son second to_Ya'ₐqovˇ. **8** And_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said wrestling(s)_of god I_have_wrestled with sister_of_my also I_ _have_prevailed and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Naftālī. **9** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_saw if/because_that she_had_ _stopped from_bearing_children and_she/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ Zilpah maidservant_of_her and_she/it_gave ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_ _Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) to/for_(a)_woman. **10** And_ Zilpah the_ _maidservant_of Lē'āh _she/it_gave_birth to_Ya'ₐqovˇ a_son.

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11 And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said in/on/at/with[144] and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name Gād. **12** And_ Zilpah the_ _maidservant_of Lē'āh _she/it_gave_birth a_son second to_ _Ya'ₐqov. **13** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said in_happiness_of_my if/because they_will_call_me_blessed daughters and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name 'Āshēr. **14** And_ Rə'ūvēn _ _he/it_went in_the_days_of the_harvest_of wheat(s) and_he_ _found mandrakes in_the_field and_he/it_brought ÐOM_them to Lē'āh his/its_mother and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said to Lē'āh give please to_me some_of_the_mandrakes_of your_son_of_your. **15** And_she/it_said to/for_her/it small was_your_taking ÐOM husband_of_my and_taking also ÐOM the_mandrakes_of my_ _son_of_my and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_said for_so/thus/hence he_will_ _lie with_you the_night for the_mandrakes_of your_son_of_ _your. **16** And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_came from the_field in_evening and_ Lē'āh _she_went_out to_meet_him and_she/it_said to_me you_will_come if/because actually_(hire) I_have_hired_you for_ _the_mandrakes_of my_son_of_my and_he_lay with_her/it in_ _night that. **17** And_ god _he/it_listened to Lē'āh and_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth to_ _Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) a_son fifth. **18** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said god he_ _has_given reward_of_my that I_gave maidservant_of_my to_ _husband_of_my and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Yissāskār/(Issachar). **19** And_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant again Lē'āh and_she/it_gave_birth a_son sixth to_ _Ya'ₐqov.[145] **20** And_ Lē'āh _she/it_said he_has_endowed_me god ÐOM_me an_endowment good the_time//this_time he_will_ _honour_me husband_of_my if/because I_have_borne to_ _him/it six sons and_she/it_called/named ÐOM his/its_name Zəvūlūn. **21** And_after she_bore a_daughter and_she/it_ _called/named ÐOM his/its_name Dināh. **22** And_ god _he_ _remembered ÐOM Rāḥēl and_he/it_listened to_her/it god and_ _he_opened ÐOM her_womb/uterus. **23** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_said god he_has_removed ÐOM reproach_of_my. **24** And_she/it_called/named ÐOM his/its_name Yōṣēf/(Joseph) to_say **YHWH** may_he_add to_me a_son another.

25 And_he/it_was just_as Rāḥēl she_had_borne ÐOM Yōṣēf and_ Ya'ₐqov _he/it_said to Lāvān send_me_off so_that_I_may_go to place_of_my and_to_land_of_my. **26** Give ÐOM wives_of_my and_ _ÐOM children_of_my whom I_have_served you for_them so_ _that_I_may_go if/because you you_know ÐOM service_of_my which I_have_served_you. **27** And_he/it_said to_him/it Lāvān if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your I_have_learned_by_ _divination and_he_has_blessed_me **YHWH** on_account_of_of_ _you. **28** And_he_said designate wage[s]_of_your on_me and_I_ _will_give_it. **29** And_he/it_said to_him/it you you_know ÐOM how I_have_served_you and_ÐOM how livestock_of_your it_has_ _been with_me. **30** If/because a_little which it_belonged to/for_ _yourself(m) to/for_my_face/front and_it_has_increased to_

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him 'Gad' (which means 'fortunate'). **12** Then Le'ah's slave Zilpah produced a second son for Ya'akov, **13** and Le'ah said, "How blessed I am because women will call me blessed." So she named him 'Asher' (which means 'blessed').

14 One day during the wheat harvest, Re'uven went out and found some mandrake plants[143] in the countryside and brought them home to Le'ah his mother. Then Rahel asked Le'ah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 "Is it a small matter you have taken my husband?" Le'ah snapped back. "And would you also take my son's mandrakes?"

"Well, he can sleep with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." Rahel answered. **16** So that evening when Ya'akov came home from the countryside, Le'ah went out to meet him and told him, "You must come to me tonight because I've hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night.

17 God listened to Le'ah and she got pregnant and produced a fifth son for Ya'akov, **18** saying, "God has given me my reward because I gave my slave to my husband to sleep with." So she named him 'Yisakar' (Issachar) (which means 'reward'). **19** Then Le'ah got pregnant again and produced a sixth son for Ya'akov, **20** saying, "God has given me a nice present. This time my husband will honour me because I have produced six sons for him." So she called his name 'Zevulun' (which might mean 'honour'). **21** Later on, Le'ah had a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then God paid attention to Rahel and listened to her and enabled her to conceive, **23** so she got pregnant and produced a son, and said, "God has taken away my disgrace." **24** She named him 'Yosef' (Joseph) (which means 'may he give another'), saying, "May Yahweh add another son to me."

Ya'akov prospers at Lavan's expense

25 Sometime after Rahel (Rachel) had given birth to Yosef (Joseph), Ya'akov (Jacob) said to Lavan (Laban), "Send me off now, so that I can return to my place and to my land. **26** Let me take my wives that I worked for you for, and take my children so that I can leave, because you yourself know how long and hard I've worked for you."

27 But Lavan replied, "Please stay, if I've found favour in your eyes because I've learnt by divination that Yahweh has blessed me because of you." **28** Then he added, "Tell me how much you want and I'll pay you that."

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143 RV 30:14 · Note The mandrake plants were believed to increase fertility, but it's not clear from the text which part of the plant was used or how they were applied.

144 LV 30:11 · Note OSHB variant note: דג/ב: (x-qere) 'אָבִ': lemma_935 morph_HVqrmsa id_01Q3H 'דָגָ': lemma_1409 n_1 morph_HNcmsa id_01gKG דָגָ

145 LV 30:19 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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29 "You yourself know how well I've served you and how your
livestock have prospered with me." Ya'akov replied. 30 Before I
came, you didn't have much, but now you have plenty because
Yahweh has blessed you wherever I was involved. But now, when
will I also do something for my own household?"
31 "What should I give you?" Lavan asked.
"You don't have to *give* me anything," Ya'akov replied. "If you'll
do this one thing for me, I'll continue taking care of your flocks:
32 Let me look through all your flocks today and separate out
from them all the lambs that are speckled, spotted, or
dark-coloured, and all the young goats that are spotted or speck-
led. They will be my pay. 33 So in the future, you'll be able to see
that I've been honest because you'll be able to see it for yourself:
any goat that's not speckled and spotted, and any sheep that's
not dark-coloured, if it's in my flock then it must have been
stolen."
34 "Okay then, let's do it your way." Lavan agreed. 35 But that
very day, he removed the male goats that were streaked and
spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted,
any that had white on it, and all the dark-coloured ones among
the lambs. Then he gave them to his sons to look after, 36 and
they took them a three-day journey away from where Ya'akov
was, so Ya'akov was left just tending *the rest* of Lavan's flocks.
37 Then Ya'akov got some freshly cut branches of poplar and
almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them by ex-
posing the white that was inside the branches. 38 Then he put
the branches that he had peeled in the water troughs where the
flocks would see them when they came to drink, and they mated
when they came to drink. 39 Thus the flocks would mate by the
striped branches, and they would bear young who were
streaked, speckled, and spotted.
40 Then Ya'akov separated out those young animals into a sep-
arate flock, and he made the older flocks look at the streaked
and all the dark-coloured animals in Lavan's flocks. So he kept
his own flocks by themselves and didn't mix them with Lavan's
flocks.
41 So whenever the strong animals were ready to mate, then
Ya'akov put the branches in the troughs in front of the flocks so
that they would mate by the branches, 42 but when the animals
were weak, he didn't put them in. So the weak animals went to
Lavan and the strong ones to Ya'akov 43 so he became very
wealthy, and he owned large flocks as well as male and female
slaves, and camels and donkeys.

Ya'akov flees from Lavan

31:1 One day, Ya'akov (Jacob) overheard
the words of Lavan's (Laban's) sons who
were saying, "Ya'akov has taken everything that belonged to our
father, and from what originally belonged to our father he has
gained all this wealth." 2 Then Ya'akov also noticed that Lavan's
attitude towards him had changed, and he wasn't in favour of

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_increase_in_number and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed you to_foot_
_of_my and_now when also I will_I_work for_my_own_of_
_household. 31 And_he/it_said what will_I_give to/for_you(fs)
and_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he/it_said not you_will_give to_me
anything if you_will_do to/for_me the_thing the_this I_will_
_return I_will_tend flock_of_your I_will_protect_it. 32 Let_me_
_pass in_all flock_of_your the_day I_will_remove from_there
every_of sheep speckled and_spotted and_all sheep dark
among_rams and_the_spotted and_the_speckled among_goats
and_it_was wage[s]_of_my. 33 And_it_will_testify for_me
righteousness_of_my in/on_day in_future_time if/because you_
_will_come on wage[s]_of_my to_your_face all that not_it is_
_speckled and_spotted among_goats and_dark among_rams it
is_stolen with_me. 34 And_ Lāvˇān _he/it_said THERE if let_it_be
according_to_of_your_message. 35 And_he_removed in_the_day
(the)_that ᴅᴏᴍ the_male_goats (the)_striped and_(the)_spotted
and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_female_goats (the)_speckled and_(the)_
_spotted all that white in/on/over_him/it and_all dark_one
among_rams and_he/it_gave in_the_hand_of his_sons_of_his.
36 And_he/it_assigned a_journey_of three_of days between_
_himself and_between Ya'ₐqovˇ and_Ya'ₐqovˇ was_pasturing ᴅᴏᴍ
the_flock_of Lāvˇān which_remained. 37 And_he/it_took to_
_him/it Ya'ₐqovˇ branch[es]_of poplar fresh and_almond and_
_plane_tree[146] and_he_stripped on_them strips white the_
_peeling_of the_white_wood which was_on the_branches.
38 And_he_placed ᴅᴏᴍ the_branches which he_had_stripped in_
_troughs in_the_watering_channels_of the_waters which the_
_flock they_came to_drink to_the_front_of the_flock and_they_
_were_in_heat when_came_they to_drink. 39 And_ the_flock _
_they_were_in_heat to the_branches and_ the_flock _they_bore
striped_ones speckled_ones and_spotted_ones. 40 And_the_
_young_rams Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) he_separated and_he/it_gave
the_faces_of the_flock to the_striped and_all dark_one among_
_the_flock_of Lāvˇān and_he_made to_him/it flocks for_him/it_
_being_alone and_not he_put_them with the_flock_of Lāvˇān.
41 And_it_was in_all of_the_sheep (the)_vigorous_female the_
_being_in_heat and_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he_put_out ᴅᴏᴍ the_branches to_
_the_eyes_of the_sheep in_troughs it_to_be_in_heat at_
_branches. 42 And_when_ the_sheep _was_feeble not he_put_
_them_out and_ the_enfeebled_ones _it_was belonged_to_
_Lāvˇān and_the_vigorous_ones belonged_to_Ya'ₐqovˇ. 43 And_
the_man _he_increased very very and_he/it_was to_him/it
sheep many and_female_servants and_male_servants and_
_camels and_donkeys.

31:1 And_he/it_listened ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of the_sons_
_of Lāvˇān to_say Ya'ₐqovˇ he_has_taken ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that
belonged_to_father_of_our and_from_that_which belonged_to_
_father_of_our he_has_acquired ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_abundance
(the)_this. 2 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_face_of Lāvˇān
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE not_he with_him/it as_yesterday three_
_days_ago. 3 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to Ya'ₐqovˇ return to the_

146 LV 30:37 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_land_of your(pl)_fathers_of_your and_to_kindred_of_your and_
_I_will_be with_you. **4** And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _he_sent and_
_he/it_called (to)_Rāḥēl and_(to)_Lē'āh the_field to his/its_
_flock_of_sheep/goats. **5** And_he/it_said to_them I am_seeing
ÐOM the_face_of your_father_of_your(pl) if/because_that not_
_he to_me as_yesterday three_days_ago and_the_god_of my_
_father_of_my he_has_been with_me. **6** And_you(pl) you(pl)_
_know if/because_that in_all strength_of_my I_have_served
ÐOM father_of_your(pl). **7** And_father_of_your(pl) he_has_
_deceived (in)_me and_he_has_changed ÐOM wage[s]_of_my
ten_of times and_not he_has_permitted_him god to_do_harm
with_me. **8** If thus he_said speckled_ones it_will_be wage[s]_of_
your and all_of the_flock _they_gave_birth speckled_ones
and_if thus he_said striped_ones it_will_be wage[s]_of_your
and_ all_of the_flock _they_gave_birth striped_ones. **9** And_ god
_he_has_taken_away ÐOM the_livestock_of your_father_of_
_your(pl) and_he_has_given_it to_me. **10** And_he/it_was at_the_
_time_of the_flock was_in_heat and_I_lifted_up eyes_of_my
and_I_saw in_a_dream and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_male_goats
which_were_going_up on the_flock were_striped speckled and_
_mottled. **11** And_he/it_said to_me the_messenger_of the_
_'Elohīm in_a_dream Oh_Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) and_I_said here_I_am.
12 And_he/it_said lift_up please eyes_of_your and_see all_of
the_male_goats which_are_going_up on the_flock are_striped
speckled and_mottled if/because I_have_seen ÐOM all_of that
Lāⱱān is_doing to_you. **13** I am_the_god of_Bēyt-ʾēl where you_
_anointed there a_pillar where you_vowed to/for_me there a_
_vow now arise go_out from the_earth/land (the)_this and_
_return to the_land_of your_kindred_of_your. **14** And_ Rāḥēl
and_Lē'āh _she_answered and_they_said to_him/it still to/for_
_us does_a_share and_an_inheritance in_house_of our_father_
_of_our. **15** Am_not foreigners are_we_accounted to_him/it
if/because he_has_sold_us and_he_has_consumed also
completely_(consume) ÐOM money_of_our. **16** If/because all_of
the_wealth which god he_has_taken_away from_father_of_our
to/for_us it and_to_children_of_our and_now all that god he_
_has_said to_you do. **17** And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ _he/it_rose_up and_he_
_lifted_up ÐOM children_of_his and_ÐOM wives_of_his on (the)_
_camels. **18** And_he_drove ÐOM all_of livestock_of_his and_ÐOM
all_of possession[s]_of_his which he_had_accumulated the_
_livestock_of his_acquisition_of_his which he_had_accumulated
in_Paddan- aram to_go to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_father
towards_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan). **19** And_Lāⱱān he_had_gone
to_shear ÐOM his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats and_ Rāḥēl _she_
_stole ÐOM the_teraphim which belonged_to_father_of_her.
20 And_ Ya´ₐqoⱱ/(Jacob) _he_stole ÐOM the_heart_of Lāⱱān the_
_'Arammiy on not he_told to_him/it if/because_that he was_
_about_to_flee. **21** And_ he and_all that to_him/it _he_fled and_
_he/it_rose_up and_he/it_passed_through ÐOM the_river and_
_he/it_assigned ÐOM his/its_faces/face the_hill_country_of
(the)_Gil´ād.

22 And_it_was_told to_Lāⱱān in_the_day the_third if/because_
_that Ya´ₐqoⱱ he_had_fled. **23** And_he/it_took ÐOM relatives_of_
_his with_him/it and_he_pursued after_him a_journey_of
seven_of days and_he_overtook ÐOM_him/it in_the_hill_

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him like he'd been in the past. **3** Then Yahweh told Ya'akov, "Go back to the land of your ancestors and to your relatives, and I'll be with you."

4 So Ya'akov sent for Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah to come to him out in the countryside where he was with his flocks **5** and he told them, "I've noticed your father's attitude and that he's not positive toward me like he was a few days ago, but my father's god has been with me. **6** You both know that I've served your father with all my strength, **7** but your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times. However, God hasn't allowed him to harm me. **8** When he told me: 'The speckled animals will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled young. But when he told me: 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. **9** In that way, God took your father's animals away from him and gave them to me.

10 "One day during the season when the flocks were mating, I looked up and saw in a dream that, wow, the male goats that were mounting the flocks were streaked, speckled, and spotted. **11** Then God's messenger said to me in the dream, 'Ya'akov!' and I said, 'I'm listening.' **12** Then he told me, 'Please look up and observe that all the male goats that are mounting the flocks are streaked, speckled, and spotted, because I have seen everything that Lavan (Laban) is doing to you. **13** I'm the god of Beyt-El (Bethel), where you anointed a pillar—where you vowed a vow to me.[147] Now pack up and depart from this land, and return to the land where you were born.' "

14 Then Rahel (Rachel) and Le'ah replied, "Yes, we're not expecting any portion or inheritance from our father's property. **15** Doesn't he just treat us like foreigners now? Yes, he sold us and then he frittered away all the money that should have been ours, **16** so all the wealth that God took from our father belonged to us and to our children anyway. So yes, go ahead and do everything that God's told you to do."

17 So Ya'akov packed up and put his wives and children on the camels. **18** Then he drove all his livestock and all his property that he had acquired—the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Padan-Aram—to go back to Yitshak (Isaac) his father in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. **19** Now Lavan had gone off for several days to shear his sheep, so Rahel stole the idols that belonged to her father, **20** and Ya'akov deceived Lavan (the Arami (Syrian)) by not telling him that they all were leaving. **21** So Ya'akov took his household and everything that belonged to them and crossed the Perat (Euphrates) River and headed upward toward the hill-country of Gilead.

Lavan catches up to Ya'akov

22 Three days later, Lavan (Laban) was informed that Ya'akov (Jacob) had fled with his family, **23** so he took some of his relatives with him and

147 RV 31:13 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:18-22.

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chased after Ya'akov and his family for seven days until they overtook them in the hill-country of Gilead. **24** But that night God appeared to Lavan the Arami (Syrian) in a dream and told him, "Watch yourself that you don't say anything to Ya'akov, either good or bad." **25** When Lavan had caught up to Ya'akov, Ya'akov had pitched their tents in the hills, so Lavan with his relatives also pitched theirs on the Gilead hills.

26 Then Lavan said to Ya'akov, "What have you done? You've deceived me and carried away my daughters like prisoners of war. **27** Why did you flee secretly and deceive me and not tell me? I would have sent you all off with music and singing and a cheery party. **28** You didn't let me kiss my grandchildren goodbye and my daughters, instead you made a foolish decision. **29** I have the right and the ability to punish you, but last night your father's god told me, 'Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Ya'akov.' **30** So now, you probably left because you miss your father's place badly, but why did you steal my gods?"

31 "We left like that," Ya'akov answered Lavan, "because I was afraid, because I said that perhaps you would use force to take your married daughters from me. **32** As for your idols, anyone you find your gods with will be put to death. Look through everything we have and take back anything that belongs to you, with our relatives as witnesses." (Now Ya'akov didn't know that Rahel (Rachel) had stolen them.)

33 So Lavan inspected Ya'akov's and Le'ah's tents, and the tent of the two slave women, but he didn't find anything. Then he came out of Le'ah's tent and went into Rahel's tent. **34** Now Rahel had taken the idols and put them in the camel's saddle which she was now sitting on, so although Lavan searched throughout her entire tent, he didn't find them, **35** and she said to her father, "Don't let my master be upset that I'm not able to stand up in your presence, because I have the regular female concern at the moment." So he searched, but he didn't find the idols.

36 So Ya'akov got very angry and he argued with Lavan, demanding from him, "What's my crime? What's my sin, that you've hotly chased after me? **37** Since you've searched through all our things, what things from *your* house have you found? Put it here in front of my relatives and your relatives, and let them judge between the two of us!

38 "I've worked for you for twenty years. Your ewes and your female goats didn't miscarry, and I haven't eaten rams from your flocks. **39** I didn't bring dead sheep or goats to you that had been attacked by wild animals—I bore the loss of those myself. You required that I cover anything stolen during the day or during the night. **40** I was always out there—during the day the heat tormented me, and at night the frost so bad that I couldn't sleep. **41** That's how it was for me for twenty years in your house. I worked for you for fourteen years for your two daughters, then six more years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times to your advantage. **42** If my father's god—the god of Avraham and the one Yitshak (Isaac) respected—had not been with me, surely you would have sent me away empty-handed now.

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_country_of (the)_Gil'ād. **24** And_ god _he_came to Lāvān the_ _'Arammiy in_(the)_dream the_night and_he/it_said to_him/it take_heed to/for_yourself(m) lest you_should_speak with Ya'ₐqov from_good unto bad. **25** And_ Lāvān _he_overtook ÐOM Ya'ₐqov and_Ya'ₐqov he_had_pitched ÐOM tent_of_his in_ _country and_Lāvān he_pitched_tent with relatives_of_his in_ _the_hill_country_of (the)_Gil'ād. **26** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said to_ _Ya'ₐqov what have_you_done and_you_have_stolen ÐOM heart_ _of_my and_you_have_led_away ÐOM daughters_of_my like_ _one_taken_captive_of the_sword. **27** To/for_what did_you_ _hide_yourself to_flee and_did_you_steal ÐOM_me and_not did_ _you_tell to/for_me and_I_sent_you_away with_gladness and_ _with_songs with_tambourine and_with_harp. **28** And_not did_ _you_allow_me to_kiss (to)_sons_of_my and_(to)_daughters_of_ _my now you_have_behaved_foolishly to_do. **29** There_is to_ _the_power_of my_hand_of_my for_doing with_you(pl) harm and_the_god_of your_father_of_your(pl) last_night he_said to_ _me to_say take_heed to/for_yourself(m) from_speaking with Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) from_good unto bad. **30** And_now actually_(go) you_have_gone if/because greatly_(long) you_longed for_the_ _household_of your_father_of_your to/for_what did_you_steal ÐOM gods_of_my. **31** And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_answered and_he/it_said to_Lāvān if/because I_was_afraid if/because I_said lest you_ _should_tear_away ÐOM daughters_of_your from_with_me. **32** With anyone_whom you_will_find ÐOM gods_of_your not he_ _will_live before relatives_of_our investigate to/for_ _yourself(m) what with_me and_take_it to/for_you(fs) and_not Ya'ₐqov he_knew if/because_that Rāḥēl she_had_stolen_them. **33** And_ Lāvān _he_went in_the_tent_of Ya'ₐqov and_in_the_ _tent_of Lē'āh and_in_the_tent_of the_two_of the_maidservants and_not he_found_them and_he/it_went_out from_the_tent_of Lē'āh and_he_went in_the_tent_of Rāḥēl. **34** And_Rāḥēl she_ _had_taken ÐOM the_teraphim and_she_had_put_them in_the_ _saddlebag_of the_camel and_she_sat on_them and_ Lāvān _he_ _searched ÐOM all_of the_tent and_not he_found_them. **35** And_ _she/it_said to father_of_her not let_it_burn in/on_both_eyes_ _of my_master if/because not I_am_able to_rise from_before_ _of_you if/because the_way_of women to_me and_he_searched and_not he_found ÐOM the_teraphim. **36** And_it_glowed/burnt to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) and_he_quarrelled with_Lāvān and_ Ya'ₐqov _he_answered and_he/it_said to_Lāvān what transgression_of_is_my what sin_of_is_my that/for/because/then/when you_have_hotly_pursued after_ _me. **37** That/for/because/then/when you_have_searched ÐOM all_of things_of_my what did_you_find from_all the_things_of your_household_of_your put_it thus before relatives_of_my and_relatives_of_your so_that_they_may_decide between the_ _two_of_of_us. **38** This twenty year[s] I have_been_with_you ewes_of_your and_your(pl)_female_of_goats not they_have_ _miscarried and_the_rams_of your_flock_of_your not I_have_ _eaten. **39** A_torn_animal not I_brought to_you I I_bore_the_ _loss_of_it from_hand_of_my you_required_it one_stolen_of day and_one_stolen_of night. **40** I_was in_day it_consumed_me heat and_frost in_night and_ sleep_of_my _it_fled from_eyes_of_my. **41** This to/for_me twenty year[s] in_household_of_your I_ _served_you four- teen year[s] for_the_two_of daughters_of_ _your and_six years for_flock[s]_of_your and_you_changed ÐOM wage[s]_of_my ten_of times. **42** If_not the_god_of my_father_of_

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_my the_god_of 'Avrāhām and_the_fear_of Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) he_
_had_been to_me if/because now empty you_sent_me_away
ḌOM affliction_of_my and_ḌOM the_toil_of[148] my_hands_of_our
god he_has_seen and_he_decided last_night.

43 And_ Lāvān _he_answered and_he/it_said to Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
the_daughters daughters_of_are_my and_the_children
children_of_are_my and_the_flock flock_of_is_my and_
_all/each/any/every that you are_seeing to_me it and_for_
_daughters_of_my what will_I_do for_these the_day or for_
_children_of_their whom they_have_borne. **44** And_now come I
and_you let_us_make a_covenant and_it_was (into)_a_witness
between_me and_between_you. **45** And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_took a_
_stone and_he_raised_it_up a_pillar. **46** And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_
_said to_relatives_of_his gather stones and_they_took stones
and_they_made a_heap and_they_ate there at the_heap.
47 And_he/it_called to_him/it Lāvān Jegar Sahadutha and_
_Ya'aqov he_called to_him/it Galeed. **48** And_ Lāvān _he/it_said
the_heap the_this is_a_witness between_me and_between_you
the_day therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called his/its_
name[149] Galeed. **49** And(the)_Mitspāh that he_said **YHWH**
may_he_keep_watch between_me and_between_you if/because
we_will_be_hidden each from_neighbour_of_his. **50** If you_will_
_mistreat ḌOM daughters_of_my and_if you_will_take wives to
daughters_of_my there_is_not anyone with_us see god is_a_
_witness between_me and_between_you. **51** And_ Lāvān _he/it_
_said to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) HERE the_heap the_this and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_pillar[150] which I_have_set_up between_
_me and_between_you. **52** Is_a_witness the_heap the_this and_
_is_a_witness the_pillar if I not I_will_pass_beyond to_you ḌOM
the_heap the_this and_if you not you_will_pass_beyond to_me
ḌOM the_heap the_this and_ḌOM the_pillar (the)_this for_harm.
53 The_god_of 'Avrāhām and_the_god_of Nāḥōr may_they_
_judge between_us the_god_of their_father_of_their and_
Ya'aqov _he_swore by_the_fear_of his/its_father
Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **54** And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_sacrificed a_sacrifice
in_country and_he/it_called (to)_relatives_of_his to_eat food
and_they_ate food and_they_stayed_the_night in_country.
32:1 [151] And_ Lāvān _he_rose_early in_morning and_he_kissed
(to)_sons_of_his and_(to)_daughters_of_his and_he/it_blessed
them and_he/it_went and_ Lāvān _he_returned to_his_own_of_
_place.

2 [152] And_Ya'aqov he_went to_way_of_his and_they_met in_
_him/it the_messengers_of god. **3** [153] And_ Ya'aqov _he/it_said
just_as he_saw_them is_the_camp_of god this and_he/it_called
the_name_of the_place (the)_that Maḥanāyim.

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God has seen my suffering and my hard work, and last night, he rebuked you."

Ya'akov and Lavan make a treaty

43 Then Lavan (Laban) responded and told Ya'akov (Jacob), "These women are my daughters, and the children are my grandchildren, and the flocks are my flocks. Everything that you see here belongs to me. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children that they gave birth to? **44** So come now, let's make an agreement, I and you, and let it be a witness between me and you."

45 So Ya'akov took a stone and stood it up longways as a pillar, **46** then he instructed his relatives, "Gather stones." So they fetched stones and made a pile, then they ate there by the pile. **47** Lavan gave the pile the Aramit name 'Yegar Sahadutha' (which means 'pile that reminds') while Ya'akov gave it the Hebrew name 'Gal'ed' (which has the same meaning).

48 Then Lavan said, "This pile is a witness of the agreement between me and you today." (That's why he'd named it Gal'ed.) **49** It's also named 'Mitspah' (which means 'watchtower'), because he said, "May Yahweh watch between me and you when we are hidden one from the other. **50** If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, even though there's not someone there to see it, listen, God will be a witness between me and you." **51** Then Lavan said to Ya'akov, "Look at this pile of stones, and look at the pillar which I set up between me and you. **52** This pile is a witness and the pillar is a witness that I won't go past these to you, and that you won't go past these to me to do harm. **53** May Avraham's god and the gods of their ancestor Nahor judge between us." Then Ya'akov swore by the one respected by his father Yitshak (Isaac), **54** and Ya'akov offered a sacrifice on the hill. Then he called his relatives to eat bread and they ate bread and spent the night on the hill. **55** In the morning, Lavan got up early and gave his grandchildren and his daughters a kiss, and he blessed them. Then he left and returned to his place.

Ya'akov encounters God's messengers

32:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) continued on his way with his family and flocks, and some of God's messengers met him **2** and when he saw them, Ya'akov said, "This must be God's army camp." So he named that place 'Mahanayim' (which means 'two camps').

148 LV 31:42 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

149 LV 31:48 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

150 LV 31:51 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

151 LV 32:1 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.31.55

152 LV 32:2 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.1

153 LV 32:3 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.2

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Ya'akov sends gifts ahead for Esav

3 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esav (Esau) in the Se'ir region in the country of Edom, 4 instructing them, "This is what you'll say to my master, to Esav: 'This is what your servant Ya'akov says, "I have been staying with Uncle Lavan (Laban) and have remained there until now. 5 Now I have cattle and donkeys, flocks, and male and female slaves. And I've sent these messengers to speak with my master, so that I'll find favour in your eyes." ' "

6 In due course the messengers returned to Ya'akov, saying, "We went to your brother Esav and now he's coming to meet you along with his four hundred men!" 7 This made Ya'akov very scared and distressed, so he divided the people who were with him and the flocks and the herds and the camels into two groups, 8 reasoning, "If Esav comes and attacks one camp, then the camp that's left can escape."

9 Then he prayed, "Yahweh, God of my grandfather Avraham, and God of my father Yitshak (Isaac), who said to me, 'Return to your land and to your relatives, and I will cause things to prosper with you,' 10 I'm unworthy of all the kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have shown me your slave, because I crossed this Yarden (Jordan) River with only my staff, but now I've become two camps. 11 Please save me from my brother Esav, because I'm afraid that he'll come and attack me and the mothers with the children. 12 But you said, 'I will surely cause things to prosper with you, and I'll make your descendants as numerous as the sand grains on the beach which are too many to be counted.' "[154]

13 Then he stayed there for that night and he selected gifts for his brother Esav from what he had with him: 14 two hundred female and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female and ten male donkeys. 16 Then he handed them over to his slaves, each herd by itself, and he told

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4 [155] And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he_sent messengers before_him to ´Ēsāv his/its_brother towards_land of_Sē´īr the_region_of 'Edōm. 5 [156] And_he/it_commanded ~~DOM~~_them to_say thus you(pl)_will_say to_master_of_my to_´Ēsāv thus servant_of_ _your Ya'$_a$qov he_says with Lāv̄ān I_have_sojourned and_I_ _have_delayed until now. 6 [157] And_he/it_was to_me ox[en] and_donkey[s] flock[s] and_male_servants and_female_ _servant[s] and_I_have_sent to_announce to_master_of_my to_ _find favour in_eyes_of_your. 7 [158] And_ the_messengers _they_ _returned to Ya'$_a$qov to_say we_went to your(ms)_ _brother/kindred to ´Ēsāv and_also he_is_coming to_meet_you and_four hundred(s) man with_him/it. 8 [159] And_ Ya'$_a$qov _he_ _was_afraid exceedingly and_it_was_distress to_him/it and_he_ _divided ~~DOM~~ the_people which with_him/it and_~~DOM~~ the_flock and_~~DOM~~ the_herd and_the_camels into_two_of camps. 9 [160] And_he/it_said if ´Ēsāv he_will_come to the_camp the_one(f) and_he_will_attack_it and_it_was the_camp which_remains (into)_an_escaped_remnant. 10 [161] And_ Ya'$_a$qov _he/it_said Oh_god_of my_father_of_my 'Av̄rāhām and_the_god_of my_ _father_of_my Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) Oh_**YHWH** who_said to_me return to_land_of_your and_to_kindred_of_your and_I_will_do_ _good with_you. 11 [162] I_am_too_insignificant from_all the_ _covenant_loyalti(es) and_for_all_of the_faithfulness which you_have_done with servant_of_your if/because with_staff_of_ _my I_passed_over ~~DOM~~ the_Yardēn/(Jordan) the_this and_now I_have_become (into)_two_of camps. 12 [163] Deliver_me please from_the_hand_of my_brother/kindred from_the_hand_of ´Ēsāv if/because am_fearing I ~~DOM~~_him/it lest he_should_come and_he_will_attack_me mother with children. 13 [164] And_ _you(ms) you_have_said certainly_(do_good) I_will_do_good with_you and_I_will_make ~~DOM~~ your(ms)_seed/fruit like_the_ _sand_of the_sea which not it_will_be_counted from_multitude. 14 [165] And_he_stayed_the_night there in_night (the)_that and_ _he/it_took some_of (the)_that_which_came in_hand_of_his a_ _gift for_´Ēsāv his/its_brother. 15 [166] Female_goats two_ _hundred and_male_goats twenty ewes two_hundred and_rams twenty. 16 [167] Camels milking and_young_of_their thirty cows forty and_bulls ten female_donkeys twenty and_male_

154 **RV 32:12 · Cross-ref.** Gen 22:17.
155 **LV 32:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.3
156 **LV 32:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.4
157 **LV 32:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.5
158 **LV 32:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.6
159 **LV 32:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.7
160 **LV 32:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.8
161 **LV 32:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.9
162 **LV 32:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.10
163 **LV 32:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.11
164 **LV 32:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.12
165 **LV 32:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.13
166 **LV 32:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.14
167 **LV 32:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.15

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_donkeys[168] ten. **17** [169] And_he/it_gave in_the_hand_of his_ _servants_of_his herd herd for_him/it_being_alone and_he/it_ _said to servants_of_his pass_over to/for_my_face/front and_a_ _space you(pl)_will_put between a_herd and_between a_herd. **18** [170] And_he/it_commanded ᴅᴏᴍ the_first to_say if/because he_will_meet_you[171] ʹĒsāv my_brother/kindred and_he_will_ _ask_you[172] to_say belong_to_whom you and_where are_you_ _going and_belong_to_whom these_animals before_you. **19** [173] And_you_will_say to_servant_of_your to_Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) a_gift it has_been_sent to_master_of_my to_ʹĒsāv and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE also he is_behind_us. **20** [174] And_he/it_ _commanded both ᴅᴏᴍ the_second as_well_as ᴅᴏᴍ the_third as_well_as ᴅᴏᴍ all_of those_who_were_going behind the_herds to_say according_the_manner the_this you(pl)_will_speak to ʹĒsāv when_find_you(pl) ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **21** [175] And_you(pl)_will_ _say also THERE servant_of_your Yaʹₐqovʿ is_behind_us if/because he_said I_will_cover face_of_his by_gift which_is_ _going before_me and_after thus I_will_see face_of_his perhaps he_will_lift_up face_of_my. **22** [176] And_ the_gift _it_passed_on on his/its_faces/face and_he was_staying_the_night in_night (the)_that in_camp.

23 [180] And_he/it_rose_up in_night that and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of wives_of_his and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_two_of maidservants_of_ _his and_ᴅᴏᴍ one_plus ten sons_of_his and_he_passed_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_ford_of Yaboq/(Jabbok). **24** [181] And_he_took_them and_he_sent_them_over ᴅᴏᴍ the_wadi and_he_sent_over ᴅᴏᴍ that_which to_him/it.[182] **25** [183] And_ Yaʹₐqovʿ/(Jacob) _he_ _remained for_him/it_being_alone and_ a_man _he_wrestled with_him/it until the_dawn came_up. **26** [184] And_he/it_saw if/because_that not he_prevailed to_him/it and_he_touched (in)_the_socket_of his_thigh_of_his and_ the_socket_of the_ _thigh_of Yaʹₐqovʿ _it_was_dislocated when_wrestled_he with_ _him/it. **27** [185] And_he/it_said let_me_go if/because the_dawn it_has_come_up and_he/it_said not I_will_let_you_go

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them, "Go ahead of me one by one, and keep a space between each herd." **17** And he instructed the first one, saying, "When Esav my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going? And who do those animals belong to?' **18** then you should answer, 'They belong to your servant Ya'akov (Jacob). They are a gift sent to my master Esav. In fact, he's coming along behind us.' " **19** Then Ya'akov also instructed the second and third slaves, as well as everyone who followed behind the herds, telling them, "Say the same thing to Esav when you find him, **20** and also say, 'Look, your servant Ya'akov is behind us.' " Ya'akov was thinking, "I'll cheer him up with the gifts that are going ahead of me, and after that, when I see him in person, perhaps he'll accept me." **21** So the gifts went ahead of him, and he himself stayed in the camp for that night.

Ya'akov gets renamed after fighting at Penuel

22 Then during that night, Ya'akov (Jacob) got up and took his two wives and their two female slaves and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Yabok Stream. **23** After crossing the stream, he also sent across everything else that belonged to him. **24** Then Ya'akov was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until dawn.[177] **25** When the man realised he wasn't gaining on him, he touched Ya'akov on the socket of his hip so that it became dislocated as they wrestled with each other. **26** Then the man said, "Release me now, because it's already dawning."

168 LV 32:16 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

169 LV 32:17 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.16

170 LV 32:18 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.17

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173 LV 32:19 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.18

174 LV 32:20 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.19

175 LV 32:21 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.20

176 LV 32:22 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.21

177 RV 32:24-26 · Cross-ref. Hos 12:3-4.

180 LV 32:23 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.22

181 LV 32:24 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.23

182 LV 32:24 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

183 LV 32:25 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.24

184 LV 32:26 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.25

185 LV 32:27 · Note Note: KJB: Gen.32.26

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"I won't release you until you bless me," Ya'akov responded.
27 "What's your name?" the man asked.
"Ya'akov," he replied.
28 "You won't be called Ya'akov anymore," the man said, "but you'll be 'Yisrael' (Israel) (which means 'he struggled with God'), because you have struggled with God and with men, and you won."[178]
29 "Please tell me *your* name," Ya'akov requested.
"Why would you want to know my name?"[179] the man replied, then he blessed Ya'akov there.
30 So Ya'akov named the place 'Penuel' (also spelt 'Peniel', which means 'God's face'), because he said, "I saw God face to face, yet my life was preserved." 31 And the sun rose above him as he passed through Penuel, and he was limping because of his hip. 32 That's why Israelis don't eat the muscle of the tendon that is on the hip socket to this day, because the man touched the socket of Ya'akov's hip on the muscle of the tendon.

Esav and Ya'akov meet peacefully

33:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) raised his head and looked ahead, and wow, Esav (Esau) was coming towards him along with his four hundred men. Then Ya'akov quickly divided the children among Le'ah and Rahel (Rachel) and their two female slaves, 2 and he put the slave women and their children first, and then Le'ah and her children after them, and finally Rahel and Yosef (Joseph) after them.
3 Then he himself went ahead of them, and he bowed to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. 4 But Esav ran forward to meet him and embraced him and threw his arms around his neck and kissed him, and they both cried together.
5 Then Esav looked up and saw the women and the children, and asked, "Who are these others with you?"
"The children that God has graciously given to your servant," Ya'akov replied. 6 Then the two female slaves approached with their children, and they bowed down. 7 Next Le'ah also approached with her children, and they bowed down. Then after that, Yosef and Rahel approached, and they bowed down.
8 Then Esav asked, "What were all these groups that I met?"
"To win my master's favour," Ya'akov replied.
9 "I've got plenty, my brother," said Esav. "Keep what belongs to you."
10 "No, please," Ya'akov insisted. "If I've won your favour, then

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if/because (if) you_have_blessed_me. 28 [186] And_he/it_said to_
_him/it what name_of_is_your and_he/it_said Ya'ₐqov. 29 [187]
And_he/it_said not Ya'ₐqov it_will_be_called again name_of_
_your if/because (if) Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because you_have_
_struggled with god and_with people and_you_have_prevailed.
30 [188] And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_asked and_he/it_said tell please
your(ms)_name and_he/it_said to/for_what this do_you_ask to_
_name_of_my and_he/it_blessed ÐOM_him/it there. 31 [189] And_
Ya'ₐqov _he/it_called the_name_of the_place Pənī'ēl if/because
I_have_seen god face to face and_ life_of_my _it_has_been_
_delivered. 32 [190] And_it_rose to_him/it the_sun just_as he_
_passed_over ÐOM Pənū'ēl and_he was_limping on thigh_of_his.
33 [191] Therefore yes/correct/thus/so not the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_eat ÐOM the_tendon_of the_hip_nerve
which is_on the_socket_of the_thigh until the_day the_this
if/because he_touched (in)_the_socket_of the_thigh_of
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) (in)_the_tendon_of the_hip_nerve.

33:1 And_ Ya'ₐqov _he_lifted_up eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE ʿĒsāv was_coming and_were_with_him four
hundred(s) man and_he_divided ÐOM the_youths with Lē'āh
and_with Rāḥēl and_with the_two_of the_maidservants. 2 And_
_he/it_assigned ÐOM the_maidservants and_ÐOM children_of_
_their first and_ÐOM Lē'āh and_children_of_her behind and_ÐOM
Rāḥēl and_ÐOM Yōṣēf/(Joseph) behind. 3 And_he he_passed_on
before_them and_he_bowed_down towards_land seven times
until he_drew_near to his/its_brother. 4 And_ ʿĒsāv _he_ran to_
_meet_him and_he_embraced_him and_he_fell on neck_of_
_his[192] and_he_kissed_him[193] and_they_wept. 5 And_he_lifted_
_up ÐOM eyes_of_his and_he/it_saw ÐOM the_women and_ÐOM
the_youths and_he/it_said who are_these to_you and_he_said
the_youths whom god he_has_shown_favour_to ÐOM servant_
_of_your. 6 And_ the_maidservants they and_children_of_their _
_they_approached and_they_bowed_down. 7 And_ also Lē'āh
and_children_of_her _she_approached and_they_bowed_down
and_after Yōṣēf and_Rāḥēl he_approached and_they_bowed_
_down. 8 And_he/it_said who to/for_yourself(m) is_all_of the_
_camp the_this which I_have_met and_he/it_said to_find favour
in/on_both_eyes_of my_master. 9 And_ ʿĒsāv _he/it_said there_
_belongs to_me much my_brother/kindred let_it_belong
to/for_yourself(m) that_which to/for_you(fs). 10 And_
Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_said no please if please I_have_found
favour in_eyes_of_your and_you_will_accept gift_of_my from_
_hand_of_my if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_

178 **RV 32:28 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:10.
179 **RV 32:29 · Cross-ref.** Jdg 13:17-18.
186 **LV 32:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.27
187 **LV 32:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.28
188 **LV 32:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.29
189 **LV 32:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.30
190 **LV 32:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.31
191 **LV 32:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Gen.32.32
192 **LV 33:4 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.
193 **LV 33:4 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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_seen face_of_your like_seeing the_face_of god and_you_have_ _accepted_me_favourably. **11** Take please ᴅᴏᴍ blessing_of_my which it_was_brought to/for_you(fs) if/because he_has_shown_ _favour_to_me god and_because/when there_belongs to_me everything and_he_urged in/on/over_him/it and_he_took_it. **12** And_he/it_said let_us_set_out and_let_us_go and_I_will_go to_before_you. **13** And_he/it_said to_him/it my_master is_ _knowing if/because_that the_youths are_weak and_the_sheep and_the_cattle are_nursing with_me and_people_will_drive_ _them_hard a_day one and_ all_of the_flock _they_will_die. **14** Let_him_pass_on please my_master to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before servant_of_his and_I I_will_journey_on[194] to_ _my_of_gentleness to_the_foot_of the_property which to/for_ _my_face/front and_to_the_foot_of the_youths until that I_will_ _come to my_master to_Sē῾īr. **15** And_ ῾Ēsāv _he/it_said let_me_ _place please with_you some_of the_people which is_with_me and_he/it_said to/for_what this let_me_find favour in/on_ _both_eyes_of my_master. **16** And_he_returned in_the_day (the)_that ῾Ēsāv to_way_of_his to_Sē῾īr. **17** And_Ya῾ₐqov/(Jacob) he_set_out towards_Ṣukkōt and_he/it_built to_him/it a_house and_for_livestock_of_his he_made shelters therefore yes/correct/thus/so he_called the_name_of the_place Ṣukkōt.

18 And_ Ya῾ₐqov _he_came safe the_city_of Shəkem which in_ _land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) when_came_he from_Paddan- aram and_he_camped with the_face_of the_city. **19** And_he_bought ᴅᴏᴍ the_portion_of the_field where he_had_pitched there tent_ _of_his from_the_hand_of the_sons_of Ḥₐmōr the_father_of Shəkem for_a_hundred piece[s]_of_money. **20** And_he_set_up there an_altar and_he/it_called to_him/it ᾽Ēl Elohey_of Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel).

34:1 And_ Dināh the_daughter_of Lē᾽āh whom she_had_borne to_Ya῾ₐqov _she_went_out to_see on_the_daughters_of the_ _earth/land. **2** And_ Shəkem the_son_of Ḥₐmōr the_Ḥiūī the_ _chief_of the_earth/land _he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it and_he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it and_he_lay ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it and_he_humiliated_her. **3** And_ self_of_his _it_cleaved to_Dināh the_daughter_of Ya῾ₐqov and_he_loved ᴅᴏᴍ the_girl and_he/it_spoke to the_ _heart_of the_girl. **4** And_ Shəkem _he/it_said to Ḥₐmōr his/its_ _father to_say get to_me ᴅᴏᴍ the_girl (the)_this to/for_(a)_ _woman. **5** And_Ya῾ₐqov he_heard if/because_that he_had_ _defiled ᴅᴏᴍ Dināh daughter_of_his and_sons_of_his they_were with livestock_of_his in_the_field and_ Ya῾ₐqov/(Jacob) _he_ _kept_silent until came_they. **6** And_ Ḥₐmōr the_father_of Shəkem _he/it_went_out to Ya῾ₐqov to_speak with_him/it. **7** And_the_sons of_Ya῾ₐqov they_came from the_field just_as_ _they_heard and_ the_men _they_were_indignant and_it_ _glowed/burnt to/for_them exceedingly if/because a_ _disgraceful_folly he_had_done in_Yisrā᾽ēl/(Israel) by_lying with the_daughter_of Ya῾ₐqov and_thus/so/as_follows not it_ _is_done. **8** And_ Ḥₐmōr _he/it_spoke with_them to_say Shəkem son_of_my self_of_his it_loves (in)_daughter_of_your(pl) give please ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it to_him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **9** And_ _intermarry_with us daughters_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_give

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take my gifts. Because indeed, I've seen you face-to-face, which is like seeing God's face, and you've received me favourably. **11** Please take my gifts that were brought to you, because God has been gracious to me and I have way more than I need."

And he urged him, so Esav took it **12** and said, "Okay, let's get moving and go, and I'll go ahead of you."

13 But Ya'akov replied, "My master knows that the children are tender plus I have flocks and herds with young animals. If they drive them harder today, then all the flocks will die. **14** Please let my master go on before his servant, and I'll lead them on at my gentle pace—at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children—until I come to my master's place in Se'ir."

15 "At least let me leave some of my men with you all," said Esav.

"Why do that?" contradicted Ya'akov. "May my master allow me to decide." **16** So Esav and his men started heading home to Se'ir, **17** but Ya'akov travelled to Sukot where he built a house for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That's why he named the place 'Sukot' (which means 'shelters').

Ya'akov begins to settle at Shekem

18 Then Ya'akov (Jacob), having come from Padan-Aram, arrived peacefully at the city of Shekem in the Kena'an (Canaan) region, and he camped outside the city. **19** In due course, he bought the portion of the field where he'd pitched his tents from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shekem, for a hundred pieces of silver.[195] **20** He set up an altar there and he named it 'El Elohe Yisrael' (Israel) (which means 'God, the god of Yisrael').

Dinah's rape leads to a plan

34:1 One day, Ya'akov (Jacob) and Le'ah's daughter Dinah, went out to visit some of the local women, **2** but Shekem, the son of Hamor the Hivi, the ruler of the land, saw her and he grabbed her and raped her. **3** Shekem admired Dinah so much that he fell in love with her and spoke sweetly to her to try to cultivate a relationship. **4** Then he asked Hamor his father, "Get this girl for me as a wife."

5 When Ya'akov heard that Shekem had dishonoured his daughter Dinah, his sons were out in the countryside with his livestock, so Ya'akov waited quietly until they got home. **6** Meanwhile Shekem's father Hamor took Shekem to negotiate with Ya'akov. **7** In due course Ya'akov's sons came home from the countryside. When they heard what had happened, then they were very angry and upset, because Shekem had done something disgraceful to Yisrael (Israel) by taking advantage of Ya'akov's daughter. Something like that should never have happened. **8** But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "My son Shekem my son is madly in love with your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. **9** In fact, why don't you allow us to marry your daughters, and you people could have our daughters to marry,

194 LV 33:14 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.
195 RV 33:19 · Cross-ref. Josh 24:32; Yhn 4:5.

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10 then you could settle here permanently with us. This region would open up to you all so settle in it and trade with us and you could buy more land around here."

11 Then Shekem spoke to Dinah's father and brothers, "Look kindly on my request and I'll give whatever you ask for. 12 Set any very high amount for the bride-price and gifts from me, and I'll give whatever you ask—just give the young woman to me as a wife."

13 But because Shekem had abused their sister Dinah, Ya'akov's sons gave a false answer to Shekem and his father, 14 stating, "Sorry, we can't do that because it would be a disgrace in our culture to allow a man with a foreskin to marry her. 15 We'd only consent to your proposal if you'd become like us by circumcising every male among you, 16 Then we'd give our daughters to you to marry, and we'd take your daughters for us to marry. And we'd settle among you, and we all would become one united people. 17 But if you all won't agree to get circumcised, then we'll just take Dinah and go."

18 This idea pleased Hamor and his son, 19 so Shekem didn't delay implementing the plan because he was the most honoured son in his father's household, and he was so delighted with Ya'akov's daughter.

20 So Hamor and Shekem went to the city elders at the gate of their city, and they spoke to them, saying, 21 "These men are peaceful towards us, so let them settle in the land, and let them trade in it. And look, the land is plenty wide enough for them as well. We can take their daughters for ourselves as wives, and we can give our daughters to them to marry. 22 But they'll only consent to settle among us and unite with us on this condition: we would need to circumcise all of the males amongst us, just like they're circumcised. 23 Won't all of their livestock and their property and all their animals then belong to us? So let's agree with their condition and then they'll settle among us." 24 All the elders at the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shekem, and so every male who passed through the city gate was circumcised.

25 Three days later when all those men were in pain from the cutting, two of Ya'akov's sons, Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi who were Dinah's brothers, took their swords and boldly attacked the city and slaughtered every male, 26 including Hamor and his son Shekem. Then they retrieved Dinah from Shekem's house and left the city. 27 Then when Ya'akov's other sons discovered that a slaughter had taken place, they looted the city because their sister had been violated— 28 taking flocks and herds and donkeys—anything the was in the city or out in the countryside. 29 They captured their women and children and took all their wealth and everything that was in their houses.

30 Afterwards, Ya'akov scolded Shim'on and Levi, saying, "You

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to/for_us and_ĐOM daughters_of_our you(pl)_will_take for_ _yourselves. 10 And_with_us you(pl)_will_dwell and_the_earth it_will_be before_you(pl) dwell and_go_about_in_it and_have_ _possessions in_it. 11 And_ Shəkem _he/it_said to father_of_ _her[196] and_near/to brothers_of_her let_me_find favour in_ _eyes_of_your(pl) and_which you(pl)_will_say to_me I_will_ _give. 12 Increase on_me exceedingly a_bride-price and_a_gift and_I_will_give_it just_as you(pl)_will_say to_me and_give to_ _me ĐOM the_girl to/for_(a)_woman. 13 And_ the_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _they_answered ĐOM Shəkem and_ĐOM Ḥₐmōr his/its_father with_deceit and_they_spoke that he_had_defiled ĐOM Dināh sister_of_their. 14 And_they_said to_them not we_ _are_able for_doing the_thing the_this to_give ĐOM sister_of_ _our to_a_man whom to_him/it a_foreskin if/because is_a_ _reproach it to/for_us. 15 Only in_this we_will_agree to/for_ _you(pl) if you(pl)_will_be like_us by_being_circumcised to/for_ _you(pl) every_of male. 16 And_we_will_give ĐOM daughters_of_ _our to/for_you(pl) and_ĐOM daughters_of_your(pl) we_will_ _take to/for_us and_we_will_dwell with_you(pl) and_we_will_ _become (into)_a_people one. 17 And_if not you(pl)_will_listen to_us by_being_circumcised and_we_will_take ĐOM daughter_ _of_our and_we_will_go. 18 And_ words/messages_of_their _ _they_were_good in/on_both_eyes_of Ḥₐmōr and_in_the_eyes_ _of Shəkem the_son_of Ḥₐmōr. 19 And_not the_young_man he_ _delayed for_doing the_thing if/because he_delighted in_the_ _daughter_of Ya'ₐqovˇ and_he was_honoured from_all the_ _household_of his/its_father. 20 And_ Ḥₐmōr and_Shəkem his/its_son _he_went to the_gate_of their_city_of_their and_ _they_spoke to the_men_of their_city_of_their to_say. 21 The_ _men the_these are_at_peace they with_us and_let_them_dwell in/on_the_earth and_let_them_go_about_in ĐOM_her/it and_ _the_earth THERE is_broad_of both_sides before_them ĐOM daughters_of_their we_will_take to/for_us to_wives and_ĐOM daughters_of_our we_will_give to/for_them. 22 Only in_this they_will_agree to/for_us the_men to_dwell with_us to_be (into)_a_people one when_has_been_circumcised to/for_us every_of male just_as they are_circumcised. 23 Livestock_of_ _their and_property_of_their and_all animal[s]_of_their am_not to/for_us will_they only let_us_agree to/for_them and_they_ _will_dwell with_us. 24 And_they_listened to Ḥₐmōr and_ _near/to Shəkem his/its_son all_of those_who_went_out_of the_gate_of his_city_of_his and_ every_of male all_of those_ _who_went_out_of the_gate_of his_city_of_his _they_were_ _circumcised. 25 And_he/it_was on_day the_third on_their_ _being in_pain and_ two_of the_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) Shim'ōn and_Lēvī the_brothers_of Dināh _they_took each sword_of_his and_they_came on the_city security and_they_ _killed every_of male. 26 And_ĐOM Ḥₐmōr and_ĐOM Shəkem his/its_son they_slew to_the_mouth_of the_sword and_they_ _took ĐOM Dināh from_the_house_of Shəkem and_they_went_ _out. 27 The_sons_of Ya'ₐqovˇ they_came on the_ones_slain and_ _they_plundered the_city that people_had_defiled sister_of_ _their. 28 ĐOM flock[s]_of_their and_ĐOM herd[s]_of_their and_

196 LV 34:11 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_ם donkeys_of_their[197] and_ם that_which was_in_city and_ם that_which in_the_field they_took. **29** And_ם all_of wealth_of_their and_ם all_of one[s]_of_their_little and_ם wives_of_their they_took_captive and_they_plundered and_ם all_of that was_in_house. **30** And_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he/it_said to Shim´ōn and_near/to Lēvī you(pl)_have_troubled ם_me by_ _making_me_odious among_the_inhabitant[s]_of the_ _earth/land among_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] and_among_ _Pərizzī[s] and_I am_men_of number and_they_will_gather on_ _me and_they_will_attack_me and_ I and_household_of_my _I_ _will_be_destroyed. **31** And_they_said like_a_prostitute will_he_ _do with sister_of_our.

35:1 And_ god _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) arise go_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_dwell there and_make there an_altar to_god who_ _appeared to_you when_fled_you[202] from_face/in_front_of ʿĒsāv your(ms)_brother/kindred. **2** And_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he/it_said to household_of_his and_near/to all_of who with_him/it remove ם the_gods_of (the)_foreignness which are_among_of_ _you(pl) and_purify_yourselves and_change clothes_of_ _your(pl). **3** And_let_us_arise and_let_us_go_up Bēyt-ʾēl and_I_ _will_make there an_altar to_god who_answered ם_me in/on_day my_distress_of_my and_he/it_was with_me on_ _journey which I_have_gone. **4** And_they_gave to Ya´ₐqoѵ ם all_of the_gods_of (the)_foreignness which were_in_hand_of_ _their and_ם the_rings which were_in_ears_of_their and_ Ya´ₐqoѵ _he_hid ם_them under the_terebinth which was_ _near Shəkem. **5** And_they_set_out and_he/it_was the_terror_of god on the_cities which were_around_of_them and_not people_ _pursued after the_sons_of Ya´ₐqoѵ. **6** And_he_came Ya´ₐqoѵ to_ _Lūz which in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) that is_Bēyt-ʾēl he and_all the_people which with_him/it. **7** And_he/it_built there an_altar and_he/it_called (to)_place ʾĒl_of Bēyt-ʾēl if/because there they_had_revealed_themselves to_him/it the_ʾElohīm when_fled_he from_face/in_front_of his/its_brother. **8** And_ Dəbōrāh the_nurse_of Riѵqāh _she_died and_she_was_buried from_under to_Bēyt-ʾēl under the_oak and_he/it_called his/its_ _name Oak of_Weeping. **9** And_ god _he_appeared to Ya´ₐqoѵ/(Jacob) again when_came_he from_Paddan- aram and_ _he/it_blessed ם_him/it. **10** And_he/it_said to_him/it god name_of_your is_Ya´ₐqoѵ not name_of_your it_will_be_called[203] again Ya´ₐqoѵ if/because (if) Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) it_will_be your(ms)_name and_he/it_called ם his/its_name Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). **11** And_he/it_said to_him/it god I am_god_of almighty be_fruitful and_multiply a_nation and_a_company_of nations it_will_be from_you and_kings from_loins_of_your they_will_come_out. **12** And_ם the_earth/land which I_gave to_ʾAѵrāhām and_to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) to/for_yourself(m) I_will_

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two have made trouble for me by destroying my reputation with those who live in the land—the Kena'anim (Canaanites) and the Perizim. There's only a few of us, and if they gather together to attack me and my household, then we'll be destroyed—me and all my household."

31 But they responded, "Should he have gotten away with treating our sister like a prostitute?"

God blesses Ya'akov at Beyt-El

35:1 Then God told Ya'akov (Jacob), "Pack up and move to Beyt-El (Bethel) and settle there, and make an altar there to the god who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esav (Esau)."[198]

2 So Ya'akov instructed his household and everyone with him, "Remove any foreign idols that are among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. **3** Then we'll leave here and make the uphill trip to Beyt-El, and I'll make an altar there to God, who answered me when I was distressed. He's been with me wherever I've gone." **4** So they gave Ya'akov all their idols and their earrings, and he buried them under the terebinth tree that was near Shekem.

5 Then they started their journey but and the people of the cities around them were afraid of Ya'akov's god so they didn't attack them. **6** So Ya'akov and everyone with him eventually arrived at Luz in the Kena'an (Canaan) region (which is now named Beyt-El). **7** He built an altar there and named the place 'El Beyt-El' (which means 'the god of Beyt-El'), because God had revealed himself to him there when he was fleeing from his brother Esav. **8** Then Rivkah's nurse Deborah died and was buried under the oak tree below Beyt-El so he named the place 'Alon Bakut' (which means 'oak of weeping').

9 Now that Ya'akov had left Padan-Aram and come back to Beyt-El, God appeared to him there again and blessed him **10** and told him, "Your name is Ya'akov but you won't be called Ya'akov anymore. From now on, you'll be called Yisrael (Israel)."[199] So again God called him Yisrael. **11** Then God also told him, "I'm God the provider. Be fruitful and multiply. Out of you will come a nation and a community of nations, and kings will come from your descendants,[200] **12** and I'll give you the land that I gave to Avraham and to Yitshak (Isaac), and in the future, I'll give the

197 LV 34:28 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

198 RV 35:1 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:11-17.

199 RV 35:10 · Cross-ref. Gen 32:28.

200 RV 35:11-12 · Cross-ref. Gen 17:4-8.

202 LV 35:1 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

203 LV 35:10 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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land to your descendants after you." 13 After God finished talking to Ya'akov, he left him and went back up. 14 Then Ya'akov set up a stone pillar at the place where God had spoken with him, and he poured a drink offering over it, followed by oil,[201] 15 and he named that place 'Beyt-El' (which means 'God's house') because God had spoken to him there.

Rahel dies giving birth to Benyamin

16 Then they moved on from Beyt-El (Bethel), and there was still quite a distance to go to reach to the town of Efrat. Then Rahel (Rachel) went into labour, but was having great difficulty in delivering the baby. 17 At one point when she was in hard labour, the midwife said to her, "Don't be afraid. You've got another son." 18 But Rahel was dying, and as her spirit was leaving her, she named the baby 'Ben-Oni' (which means 'son of my sorrow'), but afterwards Ya'akov (Jacob) renamed him 'Benyamin' (which means 'son of my right hand').

19 Thus Rahel died and was buried on the path to Efrat (which is now called Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem)). 20 Ya'akov set up a stone pillar over her grave—that's the pillar of Rahel's grave to this day. 21 Then Yisrael (Israel) and his household moved on and pitched their tents beyond Migdal Eder.

Yisrael's sons[205]

22 While they were living in that area, Yisrael's (Israel's) son Re'uven slept with his father's slave-wife Bilhah, and Yisrael found out about it.[206]

Yisrael now had twelve sons. 23 Le'ah's sons were his eldest son Re'uven, and then to Shim'on (Simeon), Levi, Yehudah (Judah), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun. 24 Rahel's (Rachel's) sons were Yosef (Joseph) and Benyamin. 25 The sons of Rahel's slave woman Bilhah were Dan and Naftali (Naphtali). 26 The sons of Le'ah's slave women Zilpah were Gad and Asher. Those were Yisrael's sons who were nearly all born in Padan-Aram.

Yitshak's death

27 Then Yisrael (Israel) went VISIT OR LIVE? to his father Yitshak (Isaac) in Mamre (also named Kiryat-Arba or Hevron), where Avraham and Yitshak had lived for a time.[211] 28 Yitshak lived to be 180 years old. 29 Then Yitshak, having lived a long and full life, breathed his last and died and joined his ancestors, and his sons Esav (Esau) and Yisrael buried him.

Literal Version

_give_it and_to_offspring_of_your after_you I_will_give ~~ĐOM~~ the_earth/land. 13 And_he/it_ascended from_with_him god at_ _place where he_had_spoken with_him/it. 14 And_ Ya'aqov _he_ _set_up a_pillar at_place where he_had_spoken with_him/it a_ _pillar_of stone and_he_poured_out on/upon_it(f) a_drink_ _offering and_he_poured on/upon_it(f) oil. 15 And_ Ya'aqov _ _he/it_called ~~ĐOM~~ the_name_of the_place where he_had_spoken with_him/it there god Bēyt-ʾēl.

16 And_they_set_out from_Bēyt-ʾēl and_he/it_was yet (the)_ _distance_of the_earth/land to_go ʾEfrātāh and_ Rāḥēl _she/it_ _gave_birth and_she_had_difficulties when_she_gave_birth. 17 And_he/it_was when_she_had_difficulties when_she_gave_ _birth and_she/it_said to/for_her/it the_midwife do_not be_ _afraid if/because also this_one to/for_you(fs) is_a_son. 18 And_ _he/it_was when_ life_of_her _went_out if/because she_died and_she/it_called/named his/its_name Ben- Oni and_father_ _of_his he_called to_him/it Binyāmīn. 19 And_ Rāḥēl _she_died and_she_was_buried on_the_way_of ʾEfrātāh that is_Bēyt-leḥem. 20 And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he_set_up a_pillar over grave_ _of_her it is_the_pillar_of the_grave_of Rāḥēl until the_day. 21 And_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he_set_out and_he_pitched tent_of_ _his[204] from_beyond (to)_tower_of Eder.

22 And_he/it_was when_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _dwelt on_the_earth the_that and_ Rəʾūvēn _he/it_went and_he_lay[207] with Bilhāh[208] the_concubine_of his/its_father[209] and_ Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _he/it_listened[210] and_ the_sons_of Ya'aqov _ _they_were two_plus ten. 23 The_sons_of Lēʾāh the_firstborn_of Ya'aqov Rəʾūvēn and_Shim'ōn and_Lēvī and_ _Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) and_Yissāskār/(Issachar) and_Zəvūlūn. 24 The_sons_of Rāḥēl Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. 25 And_ _the_sons of_Bilhāh the_maidservant_of Rāḥēl Dān and_Naftali. 26 And_the_sons of_Zilpah the_maidservant_of Lēʾāh Gād and_ _ʾĀshēr these were_the_sons_of Ya'aqov who it_was_born to_ _him/it in_Paddan- aram.

27 And_ Ya'aqov _he_came to Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) his/its_father Mamre Qiryat (the) that is_Ḥevrōn where he_had_sojourned there ʾAvrāhām and_Yitsḥāq. 28 And_ the_days_of Yitsḥāq _ _they_were one_hundred_of year[s] and_eighty year[s]. 29 And_ Yitsḥāq _he_expired and_he/it_died and_he_was_gathered to people(s)_of_his an_old_man and_satisfied_of days and_ ʿĒsāv and_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) sons_of_his _they_buried ~~ĐOM~~_him/it.

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201 **RV 35:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Gen 28:18-19.

204 **LV 35:21 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

205 **RV 35:22 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 2:1-2

206 **RV 35:22 · Cross-ref.** Gen 49:4.

207 **LV 35:22 · Note** OSHB alternative note: וַ/בְּכְשִׁי֫: (x-accent)וַּ֫בְּכְשִׁי

208 **LV 35:22 · Note** OSHB alternative note: הָ/הֲלִבְ֫: (x-accent)הָהֲלִבְ֫

209 **LV 35:22 · Note** OSHB alternative note: וַ/יָּבֹא: (x-accent)וַיָּבֹא

210 **LV 35:22 · Note** OSHB alternative note: לְ/אָרְשִׁי֫: (x-accent)לְאָרְשִׁי֫

211 **RV 35:27 · Cross-ref.** Gen 13:18.

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36:1 And_these are_the_accounts_of ʼĒsāv that is_ʼEdōm. **2** ʼĒsāv he_took ĐOM wives_of_his from_the_daughters_of Kəna῾an/(Canaan) ĐOM ʼĀdāh the_daughter_of ʼĒylōn the_Ḥittiy and_ĐOM ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_daughter_of Tsivʼōn/(Zibeon) the_Ḥiūī. **3** And_ĐOM Bosmat the_daughter_of Yishmāʼēl/(Ishmael) the_sister_of Nəvʼāyōt. **4** And_ ʼĀdāh _ _she/it_gave_birth to_ʼĒsāv ĐOM ʼElīfaz and_Bosmat she_bore ĐOM Rə῾ūʼēl. **5** And_ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh she_bore ĐOM Yə῾ūsh/(Jeush)[215] and_ĐOM Ya῾lām/(Jalam) and_ĐOM Qoraḥ these were_the_sons_ _of ʼĒsāv who they_were_born to_him/it in_land of_ _Kəna῾an/(Canaan). **6** And_ ʼĒsāv _he/it_took ĐOM wives_of_his and_ĐOM sons_of_his and_ĐOM daughters_of_his and_ĐOM all_of the_people_of_his_household_of_his and_ĐOM livestock_of_his and_ĐOM all_of animal[s]_of_his and_ĐOM all_of acquisition_of_ _his which he_had_accumulated in_land of_Kəna῾an/(Canaan) and_he/it_went to a_land from_face/in_front_of Ya῾ₐqovʼ his/its_brother. **7** If/because their_property it_was too_much for_dwelling together and_not the_land_of their_sojournings_ _of_their it_was_able to_support ĐOM_them from_face/in_ _front_of livestock_of_their. **8** And_ ʼĒsāv _he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived in_the_hill_country_of Sēʼīr ʼĒsāv that is_ʼEdōm. **9** And_these are_the_accounts_of ʼĒsāv the_ _ancestor_of ʼEdōm in_the_hill_country_of Sēʼīr. **10** These are_ _the_names_of the_sons_of ʼĒsāv ʼElīfaz the_son_of ʼĀdāh the_ _wife_of ʼĒsāv Rə῾ūʼēl the_son_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **11** And_ the_sons_of ʼElīfaz _they_were Tēymān ʼŌmār Tsəfō/(Zepho) and_Ga῾tām and_Qənaz. **12** And_Timnāʼ she_was a_concubine of_ʼElīfaz the_son_of ʼĒsāv and_she/it_gave_birth to_ʼElīfaz ĐOM ʼAmālēq these were_the_sons_of ʼĀdāh the_wife_ _of ʼĒsāv. **13** And_these were_the_sons_of Rə῾ūʼēl Naḥat and_ _Zeraḥ Shammāh and_Mizzāh these[216] they_were the_sons_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **14** And_these the_sons_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_daughter_of Tsivʼōn/(Zibeon) the_wife_of ʼĒsāv they_were and_she/it_gave_ _birth to_ʼĒsāv ĐOM Yə῾ūsh/(Jeush)[217] and_ĐOM Ya῾lām/(Jalam) and_ĐOM Qoraḥ. **15** These were_the_chiefs_of the_sons_of ʼĒsāv the_sons_of ʼElīfaz the_firstborn_of ʼĒsāv chief Tēymān chief ʼŌmār chief Tsəfō chief Qənaz. **16** Chief Qoraḥ chief Ga῾tām chief ʼAmālēq these were_the_chiefs_of ʼElīfaz in_land of_ʼEdōm these were_the_sons_of ʼĀdāh. **17** And_these were_the_sons_of Rə῾ūʼēl the_son_of ʼĒsāv chief Naḥat chief Zeraḥ chief Shammāh chief Mizzāh these were_the_chiefs_of Rə῾ūʼēl in_land of_ʼEdōm these were_the_sons_of Bosmat the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **18** And_these were_the_sons_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_wife_of ʼĒsāv chief Yə῾ūsh chief Ya῾lām chief Qoraḥ these were_the_chiefs_of ʼĀhₑlīvāmāh the_daughter_of ʼAnāh the_wife_of ʼĒsāv. **19** These were_the_ _sons_of ʼĒsāv and_these chiefs_of_were_their that is_ʼEdōm.

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Esav's descendants[212]

36:1 These are the descendants of Esav (Esau) (who's also known as Edom): **2** Esav had married two local women from the Kena'an (Canaan) region: Adah (the Hiti Eylon's daughter) and Oholivamah (Anah's daughter and granddaughter of the Hivi Tsivoen)[213] **3** and Basemat (Yishmael's (Ishmael's) daughter and the sister of Nevayot).[214]

4 Esav's wife Adah gave birth to Elifaz, and Basemat gave birth to Re'uel. **5** Oholivamah gave birth to Ye'ush and Yaelam and Korah. Those were Esav's sons who were born in the Kena'an region.

6 Then Esav took his wives and his sons and daughters and all his household, and his livestock and all his animals and all his possessions that he had acquired in the Kena'an region, and he went to a place far away from his brother Yisrael (Israel), **7** because they had too many possessions for them to remain together, and the land they were staying in wasn't able to support both of them because of all their livestock. **8** So Esav (also known as Edom) settled his household in the Se'ir hills.

9 Now these are the following generations of Esav, the father of the Edomim in the Se'ir hills: **10** Two of Esav's sons were Elifaz, who he had with his wife Adah, and Re'uel, who he had with his wife Basemat.

11 Elifaz's sons were Teyman, Omar, Tsefo and Gaetam and Kenaz. **12** Elifaz and his slave-wife Timna had a son they named Amalek. (Elifaz's sons were all grandsons of Esav and his wife Adah.) **13** Re'uel's sons were Nahat, Zerah, Shamah, and Mizah. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Basemat.) **14** Esav and his wife Oholivamah had Ye'ush, Yaelam, and Korah. (Oholivamah was the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Tsivoen.)

15 These were Esav's sons who became leaders: the sons of Elifaz (Esav's eldest son) which were Chief Teyman, Chief Omar, Chief Tsefo, Chief Kenaz, **16** Chief Korah, Chief Gaetam, Chief Amalek. Those were the chiefs of Elifaz in the Edom region. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Adah.)

17 These were the sons of Esav's son Re'uel: Chief Nahat, Chief Zerah, Chief Shamah, Chief Mizah. Those were the chiefs of Re'uel in the Edom region. (They were the grandsons of Esav and his wife Basemat.)

18 These were the sons of Esav's wife Oholivamah: Chief Ye'ush, Chief Yaelam, Chief Korah. (They were the chiefs from Esav's wife Oholivamah—Anah's daughter.) **19** Those were the sons of Esav (also known as Edom), and those were their chiefs.

212 RV 36:1 · Parallel 1 Chr. 1:34-37

213 RV 36:2 · Cross-ref. Gen 26:34.

214 RV 36:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:9.

215 LV 36:5 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוּעִי**: lemma_3266 morph_HNp id_01PEh **שׁוּעִי**

216 LV 36:13 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

217 LV 36:14 · Note OSHB variant note: **שיעי**: (x-qere) **שׁוּעִי**: lemma_3266 morph_HNp id_019PN **שׁוּעִי**

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Se'ir's descendants[218]

20 These were the sons of Se'ir the Hori who were inhabiting that area: Lotan, Shoval, Tsivoen, Anah, 21 Dishon, Etser, and Dishan. Those were the chiefs of the Horim, Se'ir's sons, in the Edom region. 22 Lotan's sons were Hori and Homam, and his sister was Timna. 23 Shoval's sons were Alvan, Manahat, Eyval, Shefo, and Onam. 24 Tsivoen's sons were Ayah and Anah. This is the same Anah who discovered some hot springs while he was out in the desert grazing his father's donkeys. 25 Anah's children were his son Dishon and his daughter Oholivamah. 26 Dishon's sons were Hemdan, Eshban, Yitran, and Keran. 27 Etser's sons were Bilhan, Za'avan, and Akan. 28 Dishan's sons were Uts (Uz) and Aran. 29 These were the chiefs of the Horim: Chief Lotan, Chief Shoval, Chief Tsivoen, Chief Anah, 30 Chief Dishon, Chief Etser, Chief Dishan. Those were the chiefs of the Horim, according to their clans in the Se'ir region.

The kings around Edom[219]

31 And these were the kings who reigned in Edom region before the tribes of Yisrael (Israel) had a king: 32 Be'or's son Bela reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhavah. 33 Then Bela died, and Zerah's son Yovav from Batserah reigned in his place. 34 Then Yovav died, and Husham from the land of the Teymanin reigned in his place. 35 Then Husham died, and Bedad's son Hadad reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Avit. He was the one who attacked the Midyanites in the countryside in Moav (Moab). 36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place. 37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehovot by the river reigned in his place. 38 Then Shaul died, and Akbor's son Ba'al-Hanan reigned in his place. 39 Then (Akbor's son) Ba'al-Hanan died, and Hadar reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Paeu. His wife's name was Meheytavel (and she was the daughter of Matred's daughter and the granddaughter of Mey-Zahav).

40 And these are the names of the chiefs of Esav (Esau), according to their clans, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timna, Chief Alvan, Chief Yetet, 41 Chief Oholivamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, 42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teyman, Chief Mivtsar, 43 Chief Magdiyel, and Chief Iram. They were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings in the land of their possession. That was the record about Esav, the ancestor of the Edomim.

Yosef's dreams cause conflict

37:1 Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) lived in the area where his father Yitshak (Isaac) had stayed, in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. 2 This is the record of his descendants:

When Yosef (Joseph) was seventeen, he was shepherding the flocks with his brothers. He was younger than his brothers who were the sons of his father's slave wives Bilhah and Zilpah. One

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20 These were_the_sons_of Sē'īr the_Ḥorīte the_inhabitants_of the_earth/land Lōṭān and_Shōvāl and_Tsiv'ōn and_'Anāh. 21 And_Diyshōn and_'Etser and_Diyshān these were_the_chiefs_ _of the_Ḥorīte[s] the_sons_of Sē'īr in_land of_'Edōm. 22 And_ the_sons_of Lōṭān _they_were Ḥorī and_Hemam and_was_the_ _sister_of Lōṭān Timnā'. 23 And_these were_the_sons_of Shōvāl 'Alvān and_Mānaḥat and_'Ēyvāl Shəfō and_'Ōnām. 24 And_ _these were_the_sons_of Tsiv'ōn/(Zibeon) and_'Ay[yāh] and_ _'Anāh he was_'Anāh who he_found DOM the_hot_springs in_ _wilderness when_he_was_pasturing DOM the_donkeys of_ _Tsiv'ōn his/its_father. 25 And_these were_the_children_of 'Anāh Diyshōn and_'Āh$_e$līvāmāh the_daughter_of 'Anāh. 26 And_these were_the_sons_of Diyshān Hemdan and_'Eshbān and_Yitrān/(Ithran) and_Kərān/(Cheran). 27 These were_the_ _sons_of 'Etser Bilhān and_Za'$_a$vān and_Akan. 28 These were_ _the_sons_of Diyshān 'Ūts and_'Arān. 29 These were_the_chiefs_ _of the_Ḥorīte[s] chief Lōṭān chief Shōvāl chief Tsiv'ōn chief 'Anāh. 30 Chief Diyshōn chief 'Etser chief Diyshān these were_ _the_chiefs_of the_Ḥorīte[s] to_chiefs_of_their in_land of_Sē'īr.

31 And_these were_the_kings who they_reigned in_land of_ _'Edōm to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before a_king reigned of_ _the_people_of of_Yisrā'[ēl]/(Israel). 32 And_he_reigned in_'Edōm Bela' the_son_of Bə'ōr and_name_of his_city_of_his was_ _Dinhāvāh. 33 And_ Bela' _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_ _of_him Yōvāv/(Jobab) the_son_of Zeraḥ from_Botsrāh. 34 And_ Yōvāv _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Ḥūshām from_the_land_of the_Tēymānī[s]. 35 And_ Ḥūshām _ _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him H$_a$dad the_son_of Bədad who_defeated DOM Midyān in_the_region_of Mō'āv and_ _name_of his_city_of_his was_'Avīt. 36 And_ H$_a$dad _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Samlāh from_Masrēqāh. 37 And_ Samlāh _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Shā'ūl/(Saul) from_Rəḥovōt the_river. 38 And_ Shā'ūl _he/it_ _died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Ba'al- Hanan the_son_of 'Akbōr. 39 And_ Ba'al- Hanan the_son_of 'Akbōr _he/it_died and_he_reigned in_place_of_him Hadar and_name_of his_city_ _of_his was_Pā'ū and_name_of his/its_wife/woman was_ _Məhēyṭav'[ēl] the_daughter_of Maṭrēd the_daughter_of Mēy-Zāhāv. 40 And_these were_the_names_of the_chiefs_of 'Ēsāv to_ _their_clans to_places_of_their by_names_of_their chief Timnā' chief 'Alvāh chief Yətēt/(Jetheth). 41 Chief 'Āh$_e$līvāmāh chief 'Ēlāh chief Pinon. 42 Chief Qənaz chief Tēymān chief Mivtsār. 43 Chief Magdiy'[ēl] chief 'Īrām these were_the_chiefs_of 'Edōm to_their_dwelling_of_places in_land their_possession_of_their that was_'Ēsāv the_ancestor_of 'Edōm.

37:1 And_ Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_land of_the_sojournings_of his/its_father in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). 2 These are_the_accounts_of Ya'$_a$qov Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_a_son_of seven- teen year[s] he_was shepherding with brothers_of_his (in)_flock and_he was_a_ _youth with the_sons_of Bilhāh and_DOM the_sons_of Zilpah the_wives_of his/its_father and_ Yōṣēf _he/it_brought DOM report_of_their bad to father_of_their. 3 And_Yisrā'[ēl]/(Israel)

218 **RV 36:20 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:38-42

219 **RV 36:31 · Parallel** 1 Chr. 1:43-54

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he_loved ÐOM Yōşēf from_all sons_of_his if/because was_a_son_ _of old_age(s) he to_him/it and_he_made to_him/it a_long_ _garment_of palms_and_soles. **4** And_ brothers_of_his _they_ _saw if/because_that ÐOM_him/it father_of_their he_loved from_all brothers_of_his and_they_hated ÐOM_him/it and_not they_were_able to_speak_to_him to_welfare. **5** And_ Yōşēf _he_ _dreamed a_dream and_he_told_it to_brothers_of_his and_ _they_increased again to_hate ÐOM_him/it. **6** And_he/it_said to_them hear please the_dream the_this which I_have_ _dreamed. **7** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE we were_binding sheaves in_ _the_middle the_field and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sheaf_of_my it_ _arose and_also it_stood_upright and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE sheaves_of_your(pl) they_gathered_round and_they_bowed_ _down to_sheaf_of_my. **8** And_they_said to_him/it brothers_of_ _his really_(reign) will_you_reign over_us or really_(rule) will_ _you_rule over_us and_they_increased again to_hate ÐOM_ _him/it on his/its_dreams and_on words/messages_of_his. **9** And_he_dreamed again a_dream another and_he_recounted ÐOM_him/it to_brothers_of_his and_he/it_said HERE I_have_ _dreamed a_dream again and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_sun and_ _the_moon and_one_plus_of ten stars were_bowing_down to_ _me. **10** And_he_recounted_it to his/its_father and_near/to brothers_of_his and_he_rebuked in/on/over_him/it his/its_ _father and_he/it_said to_him/it what the_dream the_this which you_have_dreamed really_(come) I and_mother_of_your and_brothers_of_your will_we_come to_bow_down to/for_ _yourself(m) ground_to_the. **11** And_they_were_jealous in_ _him/it brothers_of_his and_father_of_his he_kept ÐOM the_ _matter.

12 And_ brothers_of_his _they_went to_pasture ÐOM the_flock_ _of[222] their_father_of_their at_Shəkem. **13** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) am_not brothers_of_are_your pasturing at_Shəkem come and_I_will_send_you to_them and_ _he/it_said to_him/it here_I_am. **14** And_he/it_said to_him/it go please see ÐOM the_welfare_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your and_ÐOM the_welfare_of the_flock and_bring_to_me message and_he_sent_him from_the_valley_of Ḥevrōn and_he_came to_ _Shəkem. **15** And_he_found_him a_man and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_wandering in_the_field and_he_asked_him the_man to_ _say what are_you_seeking. **16** And_he/it_said ÐOM brothers_of_ _my I am_seeking tell please to_me where are_they pasturing. **17** And_ the_man _he/it_said they_have_set_out from_here if/because I_heard_them saying let_us_go to_Dotān and_ Yōşēf _he/it_went after brothers_of_his and_he_found_them at_ _Dotān. **18** And_they_saw ÐOM_him/it from_a_distance and_ _before he_drew_near to_them and_they_dealt_cunningly_with ÐOM_him/it to_kill_him. **19** And_they_said each to his/its_ _brother THERE the_master_of (the)_dreams this is_coming. **20** And_now come and_let_us_kill_him and_let_us_throw_him in_one_of the_pits and_we_will_say an_animal wild it_has_ _eaten_him and_we_will_see what his/its_dreams will_they_be. **21** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he/it_listened and_he_rescued_him from_ _hand_of_their and_he/it_said not let_us_strike_him life.

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day Yosef gave a tell-tale bad report about them to their father.

3 Now Yisrael loved Yosef more than all of his other sons because he was born to him when he was already old, so he made a multicoloured robe for him. **4** When his brothers saw that their father loved Yosef more than all of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't make themselves say anything nice to him.

5 One night Yosef had a dream, and he told his brothers about it, but that made them hate him even more. **6** He told them, "Please listen about this dream that I had: **7** See, we were tying up bundles of grain stalks in the middle of a field, and wow, my bundle got up and stood upright. Then would you believe it, your bundles gathered around and bowed down to my one."

8 "Will you really reign over us?" his brothers retorted. "Do you think you'll really rule over us?" So they continued to hate him even more because of his dreams and because of what he said.

9 Then Yosef had another dream, and again he told his brothers, "Listen, I had another dream, and wow, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

10 When he told his father and his brothers, his father scolded him, "What's this dream that you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come to bow down to the ground to you?" **11** Consequently his brothers envied him,[220] but his father kept pondering it.

Yosef is sold by his brothers

12 Sometime after that, Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers went to shepherd their father's flocks near Shekem. **13** One day, Yisrael (Israel) said to Yosef, "Aren't your brothers away shepherding near Shekem? Come we'll get some supplies and I'll send you to them."

"Sure," Yosef replied.

14 Then he told him, "Please go and see how your brothers are doing and the flocks as well, then come and let me know."

So he sent Yosef off from the Hevron valley, and he went to Shekem. **15** When he got there, a man noticed him wandering around the countryside and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 "I'm looking for my brothers," he answered. "Please tell me where they're looking after our flocks."

17 "They've left here," the man responded. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dotan.' "

So Yosef continued on after his brothers and found them at Dotan, **18** but they saw him from a distance and before he got close to them, they made plans among themselves to kill him. **19** "Look, that master dreamer is coming," they said to each other. **20** "Here's our chance to kill him and throw his body into

220 RV 37:11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

222 LV 37:12 · Note OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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one of the pits around here. We'll say that a wild animal attacked him. *Then* we'll see what his dreams turn into."

21 But Re'uven heard what they were saying, and he tried to rescue Yosef by insisting, "Let's not take his life." **22** "Don't shed blood," he continued. "Throw him into that pit in the wilderness, but don't wound him." He said this because he was planning to rescue Yosef later and return him home to their father. **23** So when Yosef reached his brothers, they grabbed him and ripped off the coloured robe that he was wearing. **24** Then they took him and dropped him into the pit. (The pit was empty with no water in the bottom).

25 Then they sat down to eat, and a bit later when they looked up, look, there was a caravan of Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites) coming towards them. They had left Gilead carrying spices and balm and myrrh on their camels that they were going to take down to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **26** Then Yehudah (Judah) said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? **27** Let's sell him to these Yishmaelim so we won't be guilty of killing him. After all, he's our brother—our own flesh and blood." And his brothers agreed. **28** So when the Midyanite traders came past, the brothers pulled Yosef up and lifted him out of the pit and sold him to the Yishmaelim for twenty pieces of silver. Then the traders took Yosef onwards with them to Mitsrayim.[221]

29 Later on, Re'uven returned to the pit, but wow, Yosef wasn't down there, so he tore his clothes in despair **30** and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there. What am I going to do?"

31 Then they slaughtered a young goat and took Yosef's robe and dipped it in the blood. **32** Then they sent the coloured robe back to their father with this message: "We found this. Please examine whether or not it's your son's robe."

33 Yisrael (Israel) recognised it and said, "It *is* my son's robe. A wild animal must have eaten him. Yosef was almost certainly torn to pieces." **34** Then Ya'akov (Jacob) ripped his clothes and put sackcloth around his waist, and he mourned for his son many days. **35** All his other sons and all his daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "I will go down to my son in the grave mourning." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the Midyanites arrived in Mitsrayim (Egypt) and sold him to Potifar—Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) captain of the guards.

Yehudah mistreats Tamar

38:1 Around that time, Yehudah (Judah) went down the hills from where his brothers were and settled near an Adulami man named Hirah. **2** There Yehudah saw the daughter of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) man named Shua, and he took her as a wife. He slept with her **3** and she got pregnant and in due course, gave birth to a son who Yehudah named Er. **4** Then she got pregnant again and gave birth a another son, and she named him Onan. **5** Then she got pregnant

221 RV 37:28 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:9.

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22 And_he/it_said to_them Rə'ūvēn do_not shed blood throw ÐOM_him/it into the_pit the_this which is_in_wilderness and_a_ _hand do_not stretch_out in_him/it so_as to_rescue ÐOM_him/it from_hand_of_their to_restore_him to his/its_father. **23** And_ _he/it_was just_as Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_came to brothers_of_his and_they_stripped ÐOM Yōṣēf ÐOM garment_of_his_long ÐOM the_long_garment_of the_palms_and_soles which on/upon/above_him/it. **24** And_they_took_him and_they_ _threw ÐOM_him/it to_the_pit and_the_pit was_empty there_ _was_not in/on/over_him/it water. **25** And_they_lived to_eat bread and_they_lifted_up eyes_of_their and_they_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_caravan_of Yishmā'ēlī was_coming from_ _Gil'ād and_camels_of_their were_carrying spice and_balm and_myrrh they_were_travelling to_take_them_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **26** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said to brothers_of_his what is_the_profit that/for/because/then/when we_will_kill ÐOM brother_of_our and_we_will_conceal ÐOM blood_of_his. **27** Come and_let_us_ _sell_him to_Yishmā'ēlī and_hand_of_our not let_it_be in_ _him/it if/because brother_of_is_our flesh_of_our_own he and_ brothers_of_his _they_heard. **28** And_ men Midyānite[s] traders _they_passed_by and_they_drew and_they_brought_up ÐOM Yōṣēf from the_pit and_they_sold ÐOM Yōṣēf to_Yishmā'ēlī for_ _twenty silver and_they_brought ÐOM Yōṣēf towards_ _Mitsrayim. **29** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he_returned to the_pit and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE not Yōṣēf was_in_pit and_he_tore ÐOM clothes_of_his. **30** And_he_returned to brothers_of_his and_he_ _said the_boy he_is_not and_I where am_I going. **31** And_they_ _took ÐOM the_long_garment_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_they_ _slaughtered a_male_goat_of goats and_they_dipped ÐOM the_ _long_garment in_blood. **32** And_they_sent ÐOM the_long_ _garment_of the_palms_and_soles and_they_brought_it to father_of_their and_they_said this we_have_found investigate please the_long_garment_of your_son_of_your is_it or not. **33** And_he_recognized_it and_he/it_said it_is_the_long_ _garment_of my_son_of_my an_animal wild it_has_eaten_him surely_(tear) Yōṣēf he_has_been_torn_to_pieces. **34** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he_tore clothes_of_his and_he/it_assigned sackcloth on_loins_of_his and_he_mourned on his/its_son days many. **35** And_ all_of sons_of_his and_all daughters_of_his _ _they_arose to_comfort_him and_he_refused to_be_comforted and_he/it_said if/because I_will_go_down to son_of_my mourning Shə'ōl_to and_ his/its_father _he_wept_for ÐOM_ _him/it. **36** And_the_Midyānites they_sold ÐOM_him/it into Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_Pōṭīfar an_official_of Par'oh the_ _commander_of the_bodyguards.

38:1 And_he/it_was at_time the_that and_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he/it_descended from_with brothers_of_his and_he_turned_ _aside to a_man an_Adullamite and_his/its_name was_Ḥīrāh. **2** And_he/it_saw there Yəhūdāh a_daughter_of a_man a_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite) and_his/its_name was_Shū'a and_he_ _took_her and_he_went into_her. **3** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_he/it_called ÐOM his/its_name 'Ēr. **4** And_she/it_ _conceived/became_pregnant again and_she/it_gave_birth a_

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_son and_she/it_called/named ~~DOM~~ his/its_name ʾŌnān. **5** And_ _she/it_added again and_she/it_gave_birth a_son and_she/it_ _called/named ~~DOM~~ his/its_name Shēlāh and_it_was in_Kezib when_bore_she ~~DOM~~_him/it. **6** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_took a_ _wife for_ʹĒr firstborn_of_his and_name_of_her was_Tāmār. **7** And_he/it_was ʹĒr the_firstborn_of Yəhūdāh evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** and_he_put_him_to_death **YHWH**. **8** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to_ʾŌnān go into the_wife_of your(ms)_ _brother/kindred and_act_as_a_husband's_brother_for ~~DOM~~_ _her/it and_raise_up offspring for_brother_of_your. **9** And_ ʾŌnān _he/it_knew if/because_that not[225] to_him/it it_will_ _belong the_offspring and_it_was if he_went into the_wife_of his/its_brother and_he_spoiled towards_land to_not to_give offspring to_brother_of_his. **10** And_it_was_evil in/on_both_ _eyes_of **YHWH** that_which he_had_done and_he_put_to_death also ~~DOM~~_him/it. **11** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he/it_said to_ _Tāmār his/its_daughter-in-law dwell a_widow the_house_of your_father_of_your until Shēlāh son_of_my he_will_grow_up if/because he_said lest also he he_should_die like_brothers_of_ _his and_ Tāmār _she_went and_she_dwelt the_house_of her_ _father_of_her. **12** And_ the_days _they_increased and_ the_ _daughter_of Shūʹa the_wife_of Yəhūdāh _she_died and_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_sighed/regretted and_he/it_ascended to the_ _shearers_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats he and_Ḫīrāh his/its_neighbour the_Adullamite to_Timnāh. **13** And_it_was_ _told to_Tāmār to_say THERE father-in-law_of_your is_going_ _up to_Timnāh to_shear his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats. **14** And_ _she_removed the_clothes_of her_widowhood_of_her from_on_ _her and_she_covered with_veil and_she_wrapped_herself_up and_she_sat at_the_entrance_of Enaim which is_on the_road_of (of)_to_Timnāh if/because she_had_seen if/because_that Shēlāh he_had_grown_up and_she not she_had_been_given to_ _him/it to/for_(a)_woman. **15** And_he_saw_her Yəhūdāh and_ _he/it_considered_her/it to_a_prostitute if/because she_had_ _covered face_of_her. **16** And_he_turned_aside to_her/it to the_ _road and_he/it_said come_NOW please let_me_go into_you if/because not he_knew if/because_that daughter-in-law_of_ _was_his she and_she/it_said what will_you_give to/for_me[226] that/for/because/then/when you_will_come into_me. **17** And_ _he/it_said I I_will_send a_kid_of goats from the_flock and_ _she/it_said if you_will_give a_pledge until you_send_it. **18** And_he/it_said what is_the_pledge which I_will_give to_you and_she/it_said seal_of_your and_cord_of_your and_staff_of_ _your which is_in_hand_of_your and_he_gave_them to_her and_he_went to_her/it and_she/it_conceived/became_ _pregnant to_him/it. **19** And_she/it_arose and_she_went and_ _she_removed veil_of_her from_on_her and_she_put_on the_ _clothes_of her_widowhood_of_her. **20** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _ _he_sent ~~DOM~~ the_kid_of the_goats by_the_hand_of his/its_ _neighbour the_Adullamite to_take/accept/receive the_pledge from_the_hand_of the_woman and_not he_found_her. **21** And_ _he_asked ~~DOM~~ the_men_of her_place_of_her to_say where is_ _the_cult_prostitute she was_at_Enaim at the_road and_they_

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yet again and gave birth to a third son, and she named him Shela. (Yehudah was in Keziv when she Onan was born.)

6 In due course, Yehudah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. **7** But Er was evil in Yahweh's eyes, so Yahweh killed him. **8** Then Yehudah said to Onan, "Go to your brother's wife and perform your brotherly duty to her to produce children for your brother." **9** However, Onan knew that any children wouldn't be his, so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground so that he wouldn't give children to his late brother. **10** But Yahweh considered what he did to be evil, so he killed him also. **11** Then Yehudah told his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shela grows up." This was because he'd said, "So that he doesn't also die like his brothers!" So Tamar went and lived in the house of her father.

12 A long time afterwards, Yehudah's wife (Shua's daughter) died. After Yehudah had finished mourning, he and his friend Hirah (the Adulami) went to Timnah to where the men were shearing his sheep. **13** Then Tamar was told, "Look, your father-in-law is going to Timnah to shear his sheep." **14** So she changed out of her widow's clothes and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself up. Then she sat at the entrance of Enayim which is on the road to Timnah. She was doing this because she had seen that Shela had grown up, but she hadn't been given to him as a wife.

15 In due course, Yehudah saw her and because she had covered her face, he thought she was a prostitute. **16** So he turned to her beside the road and asked, "Please let me lie with you," because he didn't know that she was his daughter-in-law.

"What will you give me in exchange?" she asked.

17 "I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he replied.

"But what about something to keep now as a pledge until you send it," she bartered.

18 "What pledge should I give you?" he asked.

"Your signet ring and its cord, and your staff that you're holding." So he handed them to her and went and lay with her, and she became pregnant as a result. **19** Then Tamar got up and left, and she took off her veil and put her widow's clothes back on.

20 Then Yehudah (Judah) sent his friend the Adulami to take the young goat and get the pledge back from the woman, but he couldn't find her, **21** so he asked some of the local men, "Where's the temple prostitute who was at Enayim beside the road?"

But they answered, "There's never been a temple prostitute around here."

22 So Hirah returned to Yehudah and told him, "I couldn't find her. What's more, the men of the place said that there hasn't been a temple prostitute at that place."

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225 **LV 38:9 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

226 **LV 38:16 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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23 "Oh well," said Yehudah. "Let her keep those things for herself so that we don't become a laughingstock. Anyway, I did my duty by sending the goat, but you couldn't find her."

24 About three months later, Yehudah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has prostituted herself, and not only that, she's pregnant from doing it."

"Bring her out and let her be burnt to death." Yehudah demanded.

25 So they got her and brought her out, but she sent a message to her father-in-law, saying, "It was the man who these things belong to that got me pregnant." Then she added, "Please identify whose signet ring and cords and staff these are."

26 When Yehudah recognised the items, he admitted, "She's more in the right than I am, because I didn't give my son Shela to her."[223] But he didn't lie with her again.

27 When the time came for Tamar to give birth, wow, she was going to have twins. **28** While she was giving birth, one of the babies poked out a hand and the midwife tied a scarlet thread around its wrist, saying, "This one came out first." **29** However, it pulled its hand back in, then wow, its brother was delivered first. Then she[224] said, "How did you manage to break out first?" So he named him 'Perets' (which means 'break out'). **30** After that, his brother who had the scarlet thread on his wrist was delivered, and he named him Zerah.

Yosef and Potifar's wife

39:1 Meanwhile, Yosef (Joseph) had been taken down to Mitsrayim (Egypt), and an Mitsri (Egyptian) man named Potifar had bought him from the Yishmaelim (Ishmaelites) who had taken him down there. Potifar was the chief of the guards for Par'oh (Pharaoh). **2** Yosef lived in the house of his Mitsri master, and Yahweh was with him[229] and he was successful at his work. **3** His master noticed that Yahweh was with him and that Yahweh made everything that he did succeed, **4** so Yosef earned his favour as he served him. Then Potifar put him in charge of his entire household and everything that he owned. **5** From that time onwards, Yahweh blessed that Mitsri household because of Yosef, and Yahweh's blessing even extended from everything in the home all the way out to the countryside. **6** Potifar left all his belonging in Yosef's charge, so much so that he didn't have to think about anything else beyond what he wanted to eat.

Now Yosef had developed into a well-built and handsome

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_said not she_was in_this_place a_cult_prostitute. **22** And_he_ _returned to Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said not I_found_her and_also the_men_of the_place they_said not she_was in_this_place a_ _cult_prostitute. **23** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said let_her_take_ _them to/for_her/it lest we_should_become (into)_contempt THERE I_sent the_kid the_this and_you(ms) not you_found_her. **24** And_he/it_was about_three_of[227] months and_it_was_told to_Yəhūdāh to_say Tāmār daughter-in-law_of_your she_has_ _acted_as_a_prostitute and_also HERE she_is_pregnant to_ _prostitution(s) and_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said bring_her_out so_ _that_she_may_be_burnt. **25** She was_being_brought_out and_ _she she_sent to father-in-law_of_her to_say to_a_man whom these for_him/it I am_pregnant and_she/it_said investigate please belong_to_whom the_seal and_the_cords and_the_staff the_these. **26** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) _he_recognized_them and_he/it_said she_is_righteous more_than_me if/because therefore yes/correct/thus/so not I_gave_her to_Shēlāh son_ _of_my and_not he_repeated again to_know_her.[228] **27** And_ _he/it_was at_the_time_of she_gave_birth and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE twins were_in_womb_of_her. **28** And_he/it_was when_she_ _gave_birth and_he_put_out a_hand and_ the_midwife _she/it_ _took and_she_tied on his/its_hand a_scarlet_thread to_say this_one he_came_out first. **29** And_he/it_was just_as_he_was_ _withdrawing his/its_hand and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE his/its_ _brother he_came_out and_she/it_said how you_have_made_a_ _breach on_yourself a_breach and_he/it_called his/its_name Perets. **30** And_after his/its_brother whom was_on his/its_hand the_scarlet_thread he_came_out and_he/it_called his/its_name Zeraḥ.

39:1 And_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_had_been_brought_down towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_bought_him Pōṭīfar the_official_of Par'oh the_commander_of the_bodyguards a_man an_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) from_the_hand_of the_Yishmā'ēlī who they_had_brought_him_down to_(to). **2** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yōṣēf and_he/it_was a_man_of successful and_he/it_was in_house_of his_master(s)_of_his the_from_ _Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim). **3** And_ master(s)_of_his _he/it_saw if/because_that **YHWH** with_him/it and_all/each/any/every that he was_doing **YHWH** was_making_successful in_his/its_ _hand. **4** And_ Yōṣēf _he_found favour in_eyes_of_his and_he_ _served ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he_appointed_him over household_of_ _his and_all that_there_belonged to_him/it he_gave in_his/its_ _hand. **5** And_he/it_was from_then he_appointed ~~DOM~~_him/it in_household_of_his and_over all_of that there_belonged to_ _him/it and_ **YHWH** _he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ the_household_of the_ _from_Mitsrayim/(Mitsrayim) on_account_of Yōṣēf and_he/it_ _was the_blessing_of **YHWH** in_all that there_belonged to_ _him/it in_house and_in_field. **6** And_he_left all_of that to_

223 **RV 38:26 · Cross-ref.** 38:11.

224 **RV 38:28 · Note** It's not clear from the text who 'she' was—either the mother or the midwife. Similarly, the 'he' in the next sentence (and in the next verse) is presumably the father.

227 **LV 38:24 · Note** OSHB exegesis note: WLC has this word divided as שְׁלֹשֶׁת/כ

228 **LV 38:26 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

229 **RV 39:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:9.

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_him/it in_the_hand_of Yōṣēf and_not he_knew with_him/it anything if/because (if) the_food which he was_eating and_ _he/it_was Yōṣēf handsome_of form and_handsome_of appearance. **7** And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_ the_wife_of his_master(s)_of_his _she_lifted_up ᴅᴏᴍ eyes_of_ _her to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_she/it_said lie with_me. **8** And_he_ _refused and_he/it_said to the_wife_of his_master(s)_of_his HERE my_master not he_knows with_me what is_in_house and_ _all/each/any/every that there_belongs to_him/it he_has_ _given in_hand_of_my. **9** Not_he is_great in_household the_this more_than_me and_not he_has_withheld from_me anything if/because (if) you because you his/its_wife/woman and_how will_I_do the_evil the_big/large/great(fs) (the)_this and_I_will_ _sin to_god. **10** And_he/it_was though_spoke_she to Yōṣēf day day and_not he_listened to_her/it to_lie beside_her to_be with_ _her/it. **11** And_he/it_was as_the_day the_this and_he_went to_ _the_house for_doing their_property/content and_there_was_ _not anyone of_the_men_of of_the_house there in_house. **12** And_she_seized_him by_clothing_of_his to_say lie with_me and_he_left clothing_of_his in_hand_of_her and_he_fled and_ _he/it_went_out to_the_outside. **13** And_he/it_was just_as_she_ _saw if/because_that he_had_left clothing_of_his in_hand_of_ _her and_he_had_fled to_the_outside. **14** And_she/it_ _called/named to_the_men_of her_household_of_her and_ _she/it_said to/for_them to_say see he_has_brought to/for_us a_man a_Hebrew to_mock (in)_us he_came to_me to_lie with_ _me and_I_called_out with_a_voice great. **15** And_he/it_was just_as_he_heard if/because_that I_raised my_sound/voice and_I_called_out and_he_left clothing_of_his beside_me and_ _he_fled and_he/it_went_out to_the_outside. **16** And_she_ _placed clothing_of_his beside_her until master(s)_of_his came to house_of_his. **17** And_she_spoke to_him/it according_the_ _words/messages the_these to_say he_came to_me the_servant the_Hebrew whom you_brought to/for_ourselves to_mock (in)_ _me. **18** And_he/it_was just_as_I_raised my_sound/voice and_I_ _called_out and_he_left clothing_of_his beside_me and_he_fled to_the_outside. **19** And_he/it_was just_ master(s)_of_his _as_ _heard ᴅᴏᴍ the_words/messages_of his/its_wife/woman which she_spoke to_him/it to_say according_the_things the_these he_ _did[231] to_me servant_of_your and_ anger_of_his _it_ _glowed/burnt. **20** And_ the_master(s)_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _ _he/it_took ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_he_put_him into the_house_of the_prison the_place_of (of)_where the_prisoners_of[232] the_ _king were_imprisoned and_he/it_was there in_house_of the_ _prison. **21** And_he/it_was **YHWH** with Yōṣēf and_he_extended to_him/it covenant_loyalty and_he/it_gave favour_of_his in/on_both_eyes_of the_commander_of the_house_of the_ _prison. **22** And_ the_commander_of the_house_of the_prison _ _he/it_gave in_the_hand_of Yōṣēf ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_prisoners who in_house_of the_prison and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that they_were_doing there he he_was doing. **23** Not the_commander_of the_house_of the_prison was_seeing ᴅᴏᴍ all_of anything in_his/its_hand because **YHWH** with_him/it and_that_which he was_doing

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young man, **7** and after a while, his master's wife started to develop a crush on him and told him, "Come to bed with me." **8** But he refused and told her, "Listen, with me here, my master doesn't have to think about what's in the house and he's put me in charge of everything. **9** In this house, he doesn't even have more authority than I do and he hasn't kept anything back from me, except for you, his wife. How could I do this very wicked thing and sin against God. **10** But she kept persisting with Yosef day after, but he wouldn't lie with her like she wanted.

11 Then one day when he went into the house to do his work and there were no other men of the house around, **12** Potifar's wife grabbed Yosef's cloak and demanded, "Come to bed with me." But he pulled away and fled outside the house, leaving her there holding his cloak. **13** As soon as it registered that he'd fled outside leaving his cloak behind, **14** she yelled for the other male slaves and told them, "Look, he brought a Ivri (Hebrew) here man to mock at us. He tried to get me onto the bed, but I yelled out loudly. **15** When he grasped that I was screaming for help, he left his cloak here and just took off outside."

16 Potifar's wife kept the cloak beside her until her husband, Yosef's master, got home, **17** then she told him the same story, "That Ivri slave that you brought into our home came to me to mock me, **18** but when I yelled out, he left his cloak here and took off outside."

19 When Yosef's master heard his wife tell what his slave had tried to do to her, he became furious. **20** He took him and threw him into the prison built for the king's prisoners. **21** But Yahweh was with Yosef[230] and was kind to him and caused the prison warden to be pleased with him, **22** so the warden put him in charge of all the other prisoners and Yosef ended up being in charge of everything that happened inside. **23** Then the warden didn't need to concern himself with anything that was going on because Yahweh was with Yosef and helped him succeed in everything he did.

230 **RV 39:21 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:9.

231 **LV 39:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

232 **LV 39:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ירוסא**: (x-qere) יְרִיסָא: lemma_615 morph_HNcmpc id_01qVE יְרִיסָא

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Yosef explains the dreams of two prisoners

40:1 Sometime after that the Mitsri (Egyptian) king's cupbearer and baker sinned against their master, also known as Par'oh (Pharaoh). **2** Par'oh was angry at those two officials **3** and he put them in the custody of the chief of the guards—in the prison where Yosef (Joseph) was also being held. **4** There the chief of the guards assigned Yosef to serve them.

After they'd been in custody for quite some time, **5** the king's cupbearer and baker in prison each had separate dreams on the same night, and each man's dream had its own interpretation. **6** The next morning, Yosef came to them, and wow, they were worried, **7** so he asked the two former officials of Par'oh, "Why are you looking so upset today?"

8 "We each had a dream last night," they answered, "but there's no one here who can tell us what our dreams mean."

"God is the only one who gives someone the ability to interpret the meaning of dreams," Yosef replied. "Please tell me what you dreamed."

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers went first and told his dream to Yosef, "Listen, in my dream there was a grapevine in front of me **10** with three branches on it. Then as soon as the buds appeared on the branches, its blossoms came out straight away and its clusters ripened into grapes. **11** Then I was holding Par'oh's cup and I took the grapes and squeezed them into it and I gave the cup to Par'oh."

12 "This is the interpretation," Yosef responded. "The three branches represent three days. **13** Within three days, Par'oh will display you publicly and then restore you to your position. Then you'll place Par'oh's cup into his hand, just like you used to before when you were his cupbearer. **14** But when it all goes well for you, if you remember me then please be kind and mention me to Par'oh to get me out of this prison, **15** because indeed I was trafficked from the land of the Ivrim (Hebrews). And even here, I didn't do anything to deserve being held in this pit."

16 Now when the chief of the bakers saw that this first dream was interpreted so favourably, he told Yosef, "I also was in my dream, and listen, there were three baskets of white bread on my head. **17** In the top basket there were various kinds of food for Par'oh—baker's goods—but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head." **18** "This is the interpretation," Yosef responded. "The three baskets are three days. **19** Within three days, Par'oh will display you publicly and then impale you on a pole, and the birds will eat your flesh off your bones."

20 Then three days later, it was Par'oh's birthday and he held a feast for all his officials and he got the chief of the cupbearers and the chief of the bakers brought in to stand publicly in the middle of everyone. **21** Then he restored the chief of the cup-

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YHWH was_making_successful.

40:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these the_cup_bearer_ _of the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_the_baker they_sinned to_master(s)_of_their to_the_king_of Mitsrayim. **2** And_ Par'oh _ _he_was_angry towards two_of his/its_officials towards the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers and_towards the_chief_of the_ _bakers. **3** And_he/it_gave ᴰᴼᴹ_them in_the_custody_of the_ _house_of the_commander_of the_bodyguards[233] into the_ _house_of the_prison the_place_of (of)_where Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_imprisoned there. **4** And_ the_commander_of the_ _bodyguards _he_appointed ᴰᴼᴹ Yōṣēf with_them and_he_ _served ᴰᴼᴹ_them and_they_were days in_custody. **5** And_ both_of_them _they_dreamed a_dream each dream_of_his_own in_a_night one each according_to_the_interpretation_of his_ _dream_of_his the_cup_bearer and_the_baker who belonged_ _to_the_king_of Mitsrayim who were_imprisoned in_house_of the_prison. **6** And_he_came to_them Yōṣēf in_morning and_ _he/it_saw ᴰᴼᴹ_them and_THERE_they were_looking_dejected. **7** And_he_asked ᴰᴼᴹ the_officials_of Par'oh who with_him/it in_the_custody_of the_house_of his_master(s)_of_his to_say why your(pl)_faces sad the_day. **8** And_they_said to_him/it a_ _dream we_dreamed and_one_who_interprets there_is_not ᴰᴼᴹ_him/it and_he/it_said to_them Yōṣēf am_not belong_to_ _god do_interpretations recount_it please to_me. **9** And_ the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers _he_recounted ᴰᴼᴹ dream_of_his to_ _Yōṣēf and_he/it_said to_him/it in_dream_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_vine was_before_of_me. **10** And_were_on_ _vine three branches and_she just_as_it_was_budding blossom_ _of_its it_went_up clusters_of_its they_ripened grapes. **11** And_ _the_cup_of Par'oh was_in_hand_of_my and_I_took ᴰᴼᴹ the_ _grapes and_I_squeezed ᴰᴼᴹ_them into the_cup_of Par'oh and_ _I_put ᴰᴼᴹ the_cup on the_palm_of Par'oh. **12** And_he/it_said to_him/it Yōṣēf/(Joseph) this interpretation_of_is_its the_ _three_of the_branches are_three_of days they. **13** In_again three_of days Par'oh he_will_lift_up ᴰᴼᴹ head_of_your and_ _bring_back_will_restore_you to office_of_your and_you_will_ _put the_cup_of Par'oh in_his/its_hand according_the_custom (the)_former when you_were bearer_of_his_cup. **14** If/because (if) you_have_remembered_me with_you just_as it_will_go_well to/for_you(fs) and_you_will_do please with_me loyalty and_ _you_will_bring_me_to_remembrance to Par'oh and_you_will_ _bring_me_out from the_house (the)_this. **15** If/because indeed_(be_stolen) I_was_stolen from_the_land_of the_ _'Ivrī/(Hebrews) and_also here not I_have_done anything that/for/because/then/when they_have_put ᴰᴼᴹ_me in_pit. **16** And_ the_chief_of the_bakers _he/it_saw if/because_that good he_had_interpreted and_he/it_said to Yōṣēf also I in_ _dream_of_my and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE three baskets_of white_ _bread were_on my_head. **17** And_was_in_basket (the)_upper from_all the_food_of Par'oh the_work_of a_baker and_the_bird was_eating ᴰᴼᴹ_them from the_basket from_under my_head. **18** And_ Yōṣēf _he_answered and_he/it_said this interpretation_of_is_its the_three_of the_baskets are_three_of days they. **19** In_again three_of days Par'oh he_will_lift_up ᴰᴼᴹ

233 LV 40:3 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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head_of_your from_on_you and_he_will_hang you on a_tree and_ the_bird[s] _he/it_will_eat ~~ĐOM~~ flesh_of_your from_on_ _you. **20** And_he/it_was in_the_day the_third the_day_of[234] ~~ĐOM~~ Par'oh was_born and_he/it_made a_feast to/from_ _all/each/any/every servants_of_his and_he_lifted_up ~~ĐOM~~ the_ _head_of the_chief_of the_cup_bearers and_~~ĐOM~~ the_head_of the_chief_of the_bakers in_the_middle servants_of_his. **21** And_ _he_restored ~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_cup_bearers to bearing_of_ _his_cup and_he/it_gave the_cup on the_palm_of Par'oh. **22** And_~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_bakers he_hanged just_as he_had_ _interpreted to/for_them Yōṣēf/(Joseph). **23** And_not the_ _chief_of the_cup_bearers he_remembered ~~ĐOM~~ Yōṣēf and_he_ _forgot_him.

41:1 And_he/it_was from_the_end/extremity two_years days and_Par'oh was_dreaming and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_was_ _standing at the_River. **2** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from the_River seven cows good_looking_of appearance and_fat_of flesh were_ _coming_up and_they_grazed among_reed[s]. **3** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven cows another were_coming_up after_ _them from the_River displeasing_of appearance and_thin_of flesh and_they_stood beside the_cows on the_bank_of the_ _River. **4** And_ the_cows (the)_displeasing_of (the)_appearance and_(the)_thin_of (the)_flesh _they_ate ~~ĐOM~~ seven the_cows (the)_good_looking_of (the)_appearance and_(the)_fat and_ Par'oh _he_awoke. **5** And_he/it_fell_asleep and_he_dreamed a_ _second_time and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain were_ _coming_up on_a_stalk one fat and_good. **6** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain thin and_scorched_of an_east_wind were_springing_up after_them. **7** And_ the_ears_ _grain (the)_thin _they_swallowed ~~ĐOM~~ seven the_ears_grain (the)_fat and_(the)_full and_ Par'oh _he_awoke and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_dream. **8** And_he/it_was in_morning and_ his/its_breath/wind/spirit _it_was_disturbed and_he_sent and_ _he/it_called ~~ĐOM~~ all_of the_soothsayer-priests_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_~~ĐOM~~ all_of its_wise_of_men and_ Par'oh _he_recounted to/for_them ~~ĐOM~~ dream_of_his and_there_was_ _not one_who_interpreted them for_Par'oh. **9** And_ the_chief_of the_cup_bearers _he/it_spoke with Par'oh to_say ~~ĐOM~~ sins_of_ _my I am_bringing_to_remembrance the_day. **10** Par'oh he_ _was_angry towards servants_of_his and_he/it_gave ~~ĐOM~~_me in_the_custody_of the_house_of the_commander_of the_ _bodyguards ~~ĐOM~~_me and_~~ĐOM~~ the_chief_of the_bakers. **11** And_ _we_dreamed a_dream in_a_night one I and_he each according_ _to_the_interpretation_of his_dream_of_his we_dreamed. **12** And_there with_us a_young_man a_Hebrew a_slave of_the_ _commander_of of_the_bodyguards and_we_recounted to_ _him/it[236] and_he_interpreted to/for_us ~~ĐOM~~ dreams_of_our each according_to_of_his_dream he_interpreted. **13** And_he/it_ _was just_as he_interpreted to/for_us so it_was ~~ĐOM~~_me he_ _restored to office_of_my and_him he_hanged. **14** And_ Par'oh _ _he_sent and_he/it_called ~~ĐOM~~ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_people_

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bearers to his position, and the man carried the cup across to Par'oh, **22** but he had the chief of the bakers executed, just like Yosef had described in the interpretation of the dream. **23** However, the chief of the cupbearers completely forgot about Yosef.

Yosef interprets the king's dreams

41:1 Some two years later, King Par'oh (Pharaoh) had a dream and in it, he was standing beside the Nile River. **2** Then, wow, seven fine-looking and well-fed cows came up out of the river, and they grazed among the reeds. **3** But wow, seven ugly, skinny cows came up out of the river after them, and they stood beside the other cows on the river bank. **4** Then the ugly, skinny cows ate the seven nice, fat cows, and then Par'oh woke up. **5** Then he fell asleep again and had a second dream. And wow, seven good, fat heads of grain came up on one stalk. **6** But wow, seven thin heads of grain sprouted after them—these heads of grain had been scorched by the hot, desert wind. **7** Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good, fat heads. At that point, Par'oh woke up, and realised that it had been a dream. **8** That morning, Par'oh's spirit was troubled, so he sent for all the sorcerers and wise men of Mitsrayim (Egypt)[235] and he told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for the king.

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Par'oh saying, "I've just remembered my broken promise today. **10** The king had been angry with his servants, and he put me in the custody of the chief of the guards in his prison—me and the chief of the bakers. **11** The two of us each had a dream one night, and each of the dreams had different interpretations. **12** There was a young Ivri (Hebrew) man in there with us—a slave of the chief of the guards. When we told him our dreams, he interpreted our two different dreams for us. **13** And it all happened just as he'd interpreted them—I was restored to my position and the baker was executed.

14 So Par'oh sent for Yosef (Joseph), and they quickly brought him in from the pit. When he'd shaved and changed his clothes, he was brought in to the king **15** who told him, "I had a dream but no one could interpret it. However, I heard that you could listen to a dream and explain what it means."

16 "No, it's not my ability," Yosef responded, "but *God* will an-

234 LV 40:20 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

235 RV 41:8 · Cross-ref. Dan 2:2.

236 LV 41:12 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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swer the king to give him peace."

17 "In my dream," Par'oh told Yosef, "wow, I was standing on the river bank **18** and then listen, up from the river came seven cows. They were well-fed and good-looking, and they grazed among the reeds. **19** Then listen, seven other cows came up after them. They were in poor condition and very ugly and skinny—I haven't seen cows that ugly anywhere in Mitsrayim (Egypt). **20** Then the skinny, ugly cows ate the first seven fat cows, **21** but you wouldn't know it because their bellies were just as skinny as before and they looked just as ugly as they had before. Then I woke up.

22 "Then I had another dream, and listen, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk. They were full and good. **23** Then listen, seven more heads of grain sprouted after them, but they were withered and thin, and scorched by the east wind. **24** Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. I told these dreams to the sorcerers, but no one could explain them to me."

25 Then Yosef (Joseph) said to Par'oh (Pharaoh), "The king's dreams are one and the same. God has shown Par'oh what he's going to do. **26** The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years—both dreams mean the same. **27** And the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and so are the seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind. There will be seven years of drought. **28** That's why I told Par'oh that God has shown him what he's going to do. **29** Listen, there's seven years coming of plentiful harvests throughout all of Mitsrayim, **30** but seven years of drought will follow after them, such that the years of plenty will be quickly forgotten and famine will devastate the land. **31** Yes, the time of plenty won't be remembered because of the famine that follows—it'll be very severe. **32** And as for having two dreams with the same meaning, it's because the matter has been established by God, and God will do it soon.

33 "So now the king should find a man who's discerning and wise, and appoint him over all Mitsrayim (Egypt). **34** Then the king should get him to appoint supervisors all across the country to collect twenty percent of the crops during the seven years of plenty. **35** They should collect that surplus food in the coming good years, and store it in the cities under the king's authority. It should be kept **36** and used as a reserve for the seven years of famine that will affect the country, so that the people will survive.

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_brought_him_quickly from the_pit and_he_shaved and_he_ _changed clothes_of_his and_he_came to Par'oh. **15** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf a_dream I_have_dreamed and_one_who_ _interprets there_is_not ~~DOM~~_him/it and_I I_have_heard on_you to_say you_hear a_dream to_interpret ~~DOM~~_him/it. **16** And_ Yōṣēf _he_answered ~~DOM~~ Par'oh to_say apart_from_me god he_ _will_answer ~~DOM~~ the_welfare_of Par'oh. **17** And_ Par'oh _he/it_ _spoke to Yōṣēf in_dream_of_my THERE_I was_standing on the_ _bank_of the_River. **18** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from the_River seven cows fat_of flesh and_good_looking_of form were_ _coming_up and_they_grazed among_reed[s]. **19** And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven cows another were_coming_up after_ _them weak and_displeasing_of form very and_thin_of flesh not I_have_seen like_them in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) to_ _badness. **20** And_ the_cows (the)_thin and_(the)_displeasing _ _they_ate ~~DOM~~ seven the_cows (the)_former (the)_fat. **21** And_ _they_went into part[s]_of_their_inward and_not it_was_known if/because_that they_had_gone into part[s]_of_their_inward and_appearance_of_their was_displeasing just_as at_beginning and_I_awoke. **22** And_I_saw in_dream_of_my and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_of_grain were_coming_up on_a_ _stalk one full and_good. **23** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE seven ears_ _of_grain withered thin scorched_of an_east_wind were_ _springing_up after_them. **24** And_they_swallowed the_ears_ _grain[237] (the)_thin ~~DOM~~ seven the_ears_grain (the)_good and_ _I_said to the_magicians/soothsayers and_there_was_not one_ _who_told to_me. **25** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he/it_said to Par'oh the_dream_of Par'oh is_one it ~~DOM~~ that_which the_'Elohīm is_ _about_to_do he_has_told to_Par'oh. **26** Seven cows (the)_good are_seven years they and_seven the_ears_grain (the)_good are_ _seven years they is_dream one it. **27** And_seven the_cows (the)_thin and_(the)_displeasing which_were_coming_up after_ _them are_seven years they and_seven the_ears_grain (the)_ _empty (the)_scorched_of the_east_wind they_will_be seven years_of famine. **28** It is_the_message which I_spoke to Par'oh that_which the_'Elohīm is_about_to_do he_has_shown ~~DOM~~ Par'oh. **29** THERE seven years are_about_to_come plenty great in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **30** And_they_will_arise seven[238] years_of famine after_them and_ all_of the_plenty _it_ _will_be_forgotten in_land of_Mitsrayim and_ the_famine _it_ _will_destroy ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land. **31** And_not the_plenty it_ _will_be_known on_the_earth from_face/in_front_of the_ _famine (the)_that after thus if/because will_be_heavy it very. **32** And_on the_dream the_being_repeated to Par'oh two_times if/because the_matter is_certain from_with the_'Elohīm and_ _is_ the_'Elohīm _hurrying to_do_it. **33** And_now Par'oh let_ _him_see a_man discerning and_wise and_let_him_set_him over the_land_of Mitsrayim. **34** Par'oh let_him_act and_let_him_ _appoint overseers over the_earth/land and_he_will_take_a_ _fifth_of ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Mitsrayim in_seven the_years_of (the)_plenty. **35** And_let_them_gather ~~DOM~~ all_of the_food_of the_years (the)_good which_are_coming the_these and_let_ _them_heap_up grain under the_hand_of Par'oh food in_cities and_they_will_keep_it. **36** And_it_was the_food (into)_a_store

237 LV 41:24 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

238 LV 41:30 · Note OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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for_land for_seven the_years_of (the)_famine which they_will_
_be in_land of_Mitsrayim and_not the_earth/land it_will_be_
_cut_off by_famine.

37 And_ the_message _it_was_good in/on_both_eyes_of Par'oh
and_in_the_eyes_of all_of servants_of_his. **38** And_ Par'oh _
_he/it_said to servants_of_his has_he_been_found like_this_one
a_man whom the_spirit_of god in/on/over_him/it. **39** And_
Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) after god has_made_know
you ᴅᴏᴍ all_of this there_is_not a_discerning_person and_a_
_wise_person like_you. **40** You you_will_be over house_of_my
and_on mouth_of_your all_of people_of_my it_will_kiss only
the_seat I_will_be_great more_than_you. **41** And_ Par'oh _he/it_
_said to Yōṣēf see I_set you over all_of the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **42** And_ Par'oh _he_removed ᴅᴏᴍ
signet-ring_of_his from_under his/its_hand and_he/it_gave
ᴅᴏᴍ_her/it on the_hand_of Yōṣēf and_he_clothed ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it
clothes_of fine_linen and_he/it_assigned the_chain_of the_gold
on neck_of_his. **43** And_he_made_ride ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it in_the_
_chariot_of the_second which to_him/it and_they_proclaimed
before_him bend_the_knee and_he_put ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it over all_of
the_land_of Mitsrayim. **44** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōṣēf I
am_Par'oh and_apart_from_you not anyone he_will_lift_up ᴅᴏᴍ
his/its_hand and_ᴅᴏᴍ foot_of_his in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim.
45 And_ Par'oh _he/it_called the_name_of Yōṣēf Zaphenath-
Paneah and_he_gave to_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ 'Eṣənat the_daughter_of
Poti- phera the_priest_of On to/for_(a)_woman and_ Yōṣēf _
_he/it_went_out over the_land_of Mitsrayim. **46** And_
_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) was_a_son_of thirty year[s] when_stood_he to_
_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim
and_ Yōṣēf _he/it_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence
Par'oh and_he_passed[243] in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim. **47** And_
the_earth/land _it_produced in_seven the_years_of (the)_
_plenty to_handfuls. **48** And_he_gathered ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_food_
_of seven the_years which they_were in_land of_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he_put food in_cities the_food_of the_
_field[s]_of the_city which was_around_of_it he_put in_the_
_midst_of_of_it. **49** And_ Yōṣēf _he_heaped_up grain like_the_
_sand_of the_sea much very until if/because he_ceased to_
_measure_it if/because there_was_not measure. **50** And_to_
_Yōṣēf two_of sons it_was_born before_before the_year_of
(the)_famine it_came whom she_bore for_him/it 'Eṣənat the_
_daughter_of Poti- phera the_priest_of On. **51** And_ Yōṣēf _
_he/it_called ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_firstborn Mənashsheh
if/because he_has_made_me_forget god ᴅᴏᴍ all_of trouble_of_
_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_household_of my_father_of_my.
52 And_ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_of the_second he_called 'Efrayim
if/because he_has_made_me_fruitful god in_land my_affliction_
_of_my. **53** And_ seven the_years_of (the)_plenty which it_was
in_land of_Mitsrayim _they_came_to_an_end. **54** And_ seven
the_years_of (the)_famine _they_began to_come just_as

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Yosef becomes a ruler in Mitsrayim

37 This idea sounded good to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and to all his servants, **38** so he asked them, "Do we have any other man like this who has God's spirit in him?" **39** Then he told Yosef (Joseph), "Since God has shown you all this, there's no one as discerning and wise as you. **40** You'll be over my household, and all my people will obey your every word. Only I on the throne will be greater than you."[239] **41** Then he added, "See, I've put you over all the entire country." **42** Then he removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Yosef's hand, and he had him dressed in fine linen clothes, and put a gold chain around his neck.[240] **43** He had Yosef ride in his #2 chariot, and they called out in front of him, "Bow down!" So the king put him over the entire country of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **44** Par'oh also told him, "I'm Par'oh, and no person in all Mitsrayim will lift their hand or foot without your permission." **45** Then Par'oh gave him the Mitsri (Egyptian) name 'Tsofnat-Pa'neah' (which means 'the one who reveals secrets'), and he presented him with Esenat, the daughter of Poti-Fera the priest of On, as a wife. And Yosef travelled throughout the land of Mitsrayim.

46 Yosef was thirty years old when he'd been called to stand before Par'oh king of Mitsrayim. When he left Par'oh's presence, he travelled throughout the land of Mitsrayim **47** and the land produced outstanding harvests during the seven years of plenty. **48** For seven years, he gathered all the food throughout the land of Mitsrayim and had it stored in the cities. The food from the countryside that surrounded each city, he put inside that city. **49** So Yosef stored up so much grain that it was like sand on the beaches, until he eventually stopped measuring it because it too much to calculate.

50 Before the years of the famine came, Yosef had two sons that Esenat (the daughter of Poti-Fera, the priest of On) gave birth to. **51** Yosef named the oldest son 'Menasheh' (Manasseh) (which means 'forget'), because he said, "God has made me forget all my hardships and all of my family." **52** His second son he named 'Efrayim' (Ephraim) (which means 'fruitful'), because he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my difficulties."

53 Then the seven years of plenty in Mitsrayim came to an end **54** and the seven years of famine started, just as Yosef had said. The famine covered the entire wider region,[241] but it was different in Mitsrayim. **55** All the land of Mitsrayim became famished, and the people cried to the king for food, so Par'oh (Pharaoh)

239 **RV 41:40 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:10.

240 **RV 41:42 · Cross-ref.** Dan 5:29.

241 **RV 41:54 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:11.

243 **LV 41:46 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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said to all the Mitsrim (Egyptians), "Go to Yosef and do whatever he tells you."[242] **56** The famine was right across the country, so Yosef opened all the grain stores and sold grain to the Mitsrim. But the famine in Mitsrayim was really severe. **57** Then people from much further away started coming to Mitsrayim to buy grain from Yosef, because the famine was severe in the entire wider region.

Yosef's brothers turn up in Mitsrayim

42:1 Meanwhile (up in the Kena'an (Canaan) region), Ya'akov (Jacob) heard that there was grain available in Mitsrayim (Egypt), so he said to his sons, "Why are you just standing there looking at each other? **2** Listen, I've heard that they're selling grain in Mitsrayim. Go down there and buy some for us so that we won't just starve to death here."[244] **3** So ten of Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers travelled down to Mitsrayim to buy grain, **4** but Ya'akov wouldn't send Benyamin (Yosef's youngest brother) with the others, because he said, "I don't want any harm to come to him."

5 So Yisrael's (Israel's) sons found themselves among many others who went to buy grain, because the famine was also throughout the Kena'an region. **6** Now Yosef was the governor over all of Mitsrayim and he was the one there who was selling grain to all the people. So Yosef's brothers approached and bowed down to him with their noses to the ground. **7** When Yosef saw his brothers, he recognized them and acted like a stranger to them, and he spoke harshly with them (through an interpreter), "Where are you lot from?"

"From the land of Kena'an to buy food," they answered.

8 Yosef had recognised his brothers, but they hadn't recognised him, **9** and just then he remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them,[245] so he said to them, "You are spies. You've all come to discover any weak points in this country's defences."

10 "No, my master," they answered. "Your servants have only come to buy food. **11** We're all sons of the same man. We're being honest. Your servants are not spies."

12 "No, you've definitely all come here to see where our land is vulnerable," Yosef insisted.

13 "Your servants are twelve brothers," they protested. "We're all sons of one man in the Kena'an (Canaan) region. It's all true—the youngest is home with our father, and one has passed away."

14 "Yes, it's just as I said," retorted Yosef. "You're spies! **15** But this is how we'll test you all: On Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) life, you

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Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he_had_said and_he/it_was a_famine in_all the_ _lands and_on/over_all the_land_of Mitsrayim it_was food. **55** And_ all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim _it_was_hungry and_ the_ _people _it_cried_out to Par'oh for_food and_ Par'oh _he/it_said to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim/(Egypt) go to Yōṣēf that_which he_will_say to/for_you(pl) you(pl)_will_do. **56** And_ _the_famine it_was over all_of the_face_of the_earth/land and_ Yōṣēf _he_opened ĐOM all_of that (is)_in_them and_he_bought_ _grain to_Mitsrayim and_ the_famine _it_was_severe in_land of_ _Mitsrayim. **57** And_all the_earth/land they_came to_Mitsrayim to_buy_grain to Yōṣēf if/because the_famine it_was_severe in_ _all the_earth/land.

42:1 And_ Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) _he/it_saw if/because_that there_ _was grain in_Mitsrayim and_ Ya'ₐqovˇ _he/it_said to_sons_of_ _his to/for_what are_you(pl)_looking_at_one_another. **2** And_ _he/it_said HERE I_have_heard if/because_that there_is grain in_Mitsrayim go_down to_(to) and_buy_grain to/for_us from_ _there so_that_we_may_live and_not we_will_die. **3** And_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf ten _they_went_down to_buy_grain grain from_Mitsrayim. **4** And_ĐOM Binyāmīn the_brother_of Yōṣēf not Ya'ₐqovˇ he_sent with brothers_of_his if/because he_said lest it_ _should_happen_to_him harm. **5** And_ the_sons_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) _they_came to_buy_grain in_the_middle the_ _(ones_who)_went if/because it_was the_famine in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan). **6** And_Yōṣēf/(Joseph) he was_the_ruler over the_earth/land he was_the_one_who_sold_grain to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_people_of the_earth/land and_ the_ _brothers_of Yōṣēf _they_came and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it face the_ground_to. **7** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he_recognized_them and_he_acted_as_a_ _stranger to_them and_he/it_spoke with_them harsh and_ _he/it_said to_them from_where have_you(pl)_come and_they_ _said from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to_buy food. **8** And_ Yōṣēf _he_recognized ĐOM brothers_of_his and_they not they_ _recognized_him. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he_remembered ĐOM the_ _dreams which he_had_dreamed to/for_them and_he/it_said to_them are_spies you(pl) to_see ĐOM the_nakedness_of the_ _earth/land you(pl)_have_come. **10** And_they_said to_him/it no my_master and_servants_of_your they_have_come to_buy food. **11** Of_us_of_all are_sons_of a_man one we are_honest we not your_servants they_are spies. **12** And_he/it_said to_them no if/because the_nakedness_of the_earth/land you(pl)_have_ _come to_see. **13** And_they_said are_two_plus ten your_servants brothers we sons_of a_man one in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_small(sg) is_with father_of_our the_ _day and_the_one he_is_not. **14** And_he/it_said to_them Yōṣēf/(Joseph) it is_that_which I_said to_you(pl) to_say are_ _spies you(pl). **15** By_this you(pl)_will_be_tested by_the_life of_ _Par'oh if you(pl)_will_go_out from_here if/because (if) when_ brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) _comes here. **16** Send of_ _yourselves one so_that_he_may_fetch ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) be_imprisoned so_ words/messages_of_your(pl) _

242 **RV 41:55 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:5.

244 **RV 42:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:12.

245 **RV 42:9 · Cross-ref.** Gen 37:5-10.

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_that_they_may_be_tested is_truth with_you(pl) and_if not by_
_the_life of_Par'oh if/because are_spies you(pl). **17** And_he_
_removed ĐOM_them to custody three_of days. **18** And_he/it_
_said to_them Yōşēf in_the_day the_third this do and_live ĐOM
the_'Elohīm I am_fearing. **19** If are_honest you(pl) brother_of_
_your(pl) one let_him_be_imprisoned in_house_of your_
_custody_of_your(pl) and_you(pl) go take the_grain_of the_
_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl). **20** And_ĐOM
brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) you(pl)_will_bring to_me so_
words/messages_of_your(pl) _that_they_may_be_verified and_
_not you(pl)_will_die and_they_made so. **21** And_they_said each
to his/its_brother indeed are_guilty we on brother_of_our who
we_saw the_distress_of his_self_of_his when_he_sought_favour
to_us and_not we_listened therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_
_has_come to_us the_distress (the)_this. **22** And_ Rə'ūvēn _he_
_answered ĐOM_them to_say am_not did_I_say to_you(pl) to_say
do_not sin against_boy and_not you(pl)_listened and_also
blood_of_his HERE is_required. **23** And_they not they_knew
if/because_that Yōşēf/(Joseph) was_hearing if/because the_
_interpreter was_between_them. **24** And_he_turned_away
from_with_them and_he_wept and_he_returned to_them and_
_he/it_spoke to_them and_he/it_took from_with_them ĐOM
Shim'ōn and_he_bound ĐOM_him/it to_eyes_of_their. **25** And_
Yōşēf _he/it_commanded and_people_filled ĐOM vessels_of_
_their grain and_to_return silver(s)_of_their each to sack_of_his
and_to_give to/for_them provision[s] for_journey and_he/it_
_made to/for_them thus.

26 And_they_lifted ĐOM grain_of_their on donkeys_of_their
and_they_went from_there. **27** And_ the_one _he_opened ĐOM
sack_of_his to_give fodder to_donkey_of_his at_place and_
_he/it_saw ĐOM silver_of_his and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it was_in_
_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **28** And_he/it_said to brothers_
_of_his silver_of_my it_has_been_returned and_also HERE in_
_sack_of_my and_ heart_of_their _he/it_went_out and_they_
_trembled each to his/its_brother to_say what this god has_he_
_done to/for_us. **29** And_they_came to Ya'$_a$qov/(Jacob) father_
_of_their towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_told to_
_him/it ĐOM all_of the_things_which_had_happened_to ĐOM_
_them to_say. **30** The_man the_master(s)_of the_earth/land he_
_spoke with_us harsh and_he/it_gave us like_those_who_spy_
_out ĐOM the_earth/land. **31** And_we_said to_him/it are_honest
we not we_are spies. **32** Are_two_plus ten we brothers sons_of
our_father_of_our the_one he_is_not the_young_brother the_
_day is_with father_of_our in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan).
33 And_he/it_said to_us the_man the_master(s)_of the_
_earth/land by_this I_will_know if/because_that are_honest
you(pl) brother_of_your(pl) the_one leave with_me and_ĐOM
the_hunger_of your(pl)_households_of_your(pl) take and_go.
34 And_bring ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) to_me so_
_that_I_may_know if/because_that not are_spies you(pl)
if/because_that are_honest you(pl) ĐOM brother_of_your(pl) I_
_will_give to/for_you(pl) and_ĐOM the_earth/land you(pl)_will_
_go_about_in. **35** And_he/it_was they were_emptying sacks_of_

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won't ever leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. **16** Select one among you to go and get your brother, and the rest of you will be imprisoned. Then we'll find out if you've all been telling the truth. And if not, on Par'oh's life, you're certainly spies." **17** Then he had them locked up together for three days.

18 On the third day, Yosef told them, "I'm a man who reveres God. So if you do exactly what I say, I'll let you live. **19** If you are actually honest, leave one of your brothers in prison here, and you others go and take grain back to feed your families. **20** Then when you will bring me your youngest brother so that I can verify your statements, then you won't die." So they agreed, **21** saying to each other (in Hebrew), "We are truly guilty concerning our brother Yosef, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we didn't take any notice. That's why this predicament has happened to us."

22 "Didn't I beg you all not to sin against the lad?"[246] Re'uven spoke up. "But you wouldn't listen, so now, see, now we're having to account for his blood." **23** (But they didn't know that Yosef understood them, because he and them had been speaking through an interpreter.) **24** Yosef turned away from them briefly so they couldn't see his tears, then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he had Shim'on (Simeon) separated from the group and tied up in front of them. **25** Then Yosef ordered his servants and they filled their bags with grain, and he quietly ordered them to return each man's silver back to his sack and to give them provisions to them for the road.

Yosef's brothers return home

After Yosef (Joseph) had provided for his brothers, **26** they loaded their grain onto their donkeys and departed. **27** At a lodging place that night, one of them opened his sack to feed his donkey and to his horror, he saw his silver inside the top of the sack. **28** "My silver's been returned," he told his brothers, "and it's right here in my sack!" Then their stomachs tightened, and trembling, they asked each other, "What's this that God's doing to us?"

29 When they got home to Ya'akov (Jacob) their father in Kena'an (Canaan), they told him everything that had happened to them, **30** "This man, the master of Mitsrayim (Egypt), spoke harshly to us and treated us as if we were spying out his country, **31** but we told him, 'We're honest—we're not spies. **32** We're twelve brothers, the sons of our father. One is no longer alive, and the youngest is with our father today back in Kena'an.' **33** Then that man told us, 'I'll find out if you're honest: Leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for your families and go. **34** Then bring me your youngest brother so that I'll know you're not spies—that you're telling the truth. Then I'll release your brother and you can trade here freely.' "

35 Then when they started emptying their sacks, wow, each man's pouch of silver was inside his sack. When the brothers and their father saw their pouches of silver, they were afraid.

246 RV 42:22 · Cross-ref. Gen 37:21-22.

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36 "You've deprived me of another son," Ya'akov exclaimed. Yosef (Joseph) is gone! Shim'on's (Simeon's) gone! And then you want to take Benyamin as well! Why's everything going so wrong for me?" 37 Then Re'uven offered to his father, "You can kill my two sons if I don't bring Benyamin back to you. Let me take responsibility for him, and I'll make sure that he returns to you." 38 "My son will *not* go with you," Ya'akov countered, "because his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And if harm were to meet him on the road that you're going on, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in grief."

Yosef's brothers bring Benyamin to Mitsrayim

43:1 However, the famine in the region was still very severe, 2 so when they'd used up all the grain that they'd brought from Mitsrayim (Egypt), their father instructed them, "Go back there and buy some food for us."

3 But Yehudah (Judah) challenged him, "That man told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us. 4 We can only go there to buy food for you if you'll agree to send our youngest brother with us. 5 If you don't, it's not even worth going, because that man clearly told us that he won't even see us unless our brother is with us.

6 "Why did you all treat me badly by telling the man you have a younger brother?" their father Yisrael (Israel) asked.

7 "The man kept asking about us and our relatives," they answered. "He asked, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' We just answered what he asked. How could we possibly know that he would insist that we bring our youngest brother there?"

8 Then Yehudah said to his father, "Entrust the young man to me, and we'll pack up and go so that both we and you and our little ones will live and not die. 9 I myself will guarantee him. If anything happens to him, you can charge it to me. If I don't get him safely back to you, then I'll personally carry the blame for the rest of my life. 10 If we hadn't sat around here doing nothing for so long, certainly by now we could have been there and back twice!"

11 "Well, if that's our only choice," their father acceded, "then do this: Take some of the best produce from around here in your bags, and take it down to the man as a gift: a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, and some pistachio nuts and almonds. 12 And take double the amount of silver, because you must repay the silver that was returned in the tops of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake. 13 So take your brother and go and return to the man. 14 May the provider God Almighty cause the man to treat

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_their and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE each_man the_bag_of his_silver_ _of_his was_in_sack_of_his and_ they and_father_of_their _ _they_saw ÐOM the_bags_of their_silver(s)_of_their and_they_ _were_afraid. 36 And_he/it_said to_them Ya'aqov/(Jacob) father_of_their ÐOM_me you(pl)_are_making_childless Yōsēf/(Joseph) he_is_not and_Shim'ōn he_is_not and_ÐOM Binyāmīn you(pl)_will_take on_me of_them_of_all they_are. 37 And_ Rə'ūvēn _he/it_said to his/its_father to_say ÐOM two_ _of my_sons_of_my you_will_kill if not I_will_bring_him to_you put ÐOM_him/it on hand_of_my and_I I_will_bring_him_back to_you. 38 And_he/it_said not son_of_my he_will_go_down with_you(pl) if/because his/its_brother he_has_died and_he for_him/it_being_alone is_remaining and_it_will_happen_to_ _him harm on_journey which you(pl)_will_go on_it and_ _you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_ _sorrow Shə'ōl_to.

43:1 And_the_famine was_heavy on_the_earth. 2 And_he/it_was just_as they_finished to_eat ÐOM the_grain which they_had_ _brought from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_he/it_said to_them father_of_their go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. 3 And_ _he/it_said to_him/it Yəhūdāh/(Judah) to_say solemnly_(warn) he_warned (in)_us the_man to_say not you(pl)_will_see face_of_ _my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 4 If (there)_ _you are_sending ÐOM brother_of_our with_us we_will_go_ _down and_we_will_buy to/for_yourself(m) food. 5 And_if not_ _you are_sending_him not we_will_go_down if/because the_ _man he_said to_us not you(pl)_will_see face_of_my except brother_of_your(pl) is_with_you(pl). 6 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said why did_you(pl)_do_harm to_me to_announce to_ _man still to/for_you(pl) does_a_brother. 7 And_they_said expressly_(ask) the_man he_asked to/for_us and_of_kindred_ _of_our to_say still father_of_is_your(pl) living is_there to/for_ _you(pl) a_brother and_we_told to_him/it[247] on the_mouth_of the_words/messages the_these possibly_(know) did_we_know if/because_that he_will_say bring_down ÐOM brother_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father send the_young_man with_me and_we_will_arise and_we_will_go so_that_we_may_live and_not both we as_well_ _as you as_well_as one[s]_of_our_little we_will_die. 9 I I_will_ _stand_surety_for_him from_hand_of_my you_will_require_him if not I_have_brought_him to_you and_I_will_set_him to_your_ _face and_I_will_be_culpable to/for_yourself(m) all_of the_ _days. 10 If/because if_not we_had_delayed if/because now we_ _have_returned this two_times. 11 And_he/it_said to_them Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_their if so then this do take some_of_ _the_best_products_of the_earth/land in_vessels_of_your(pl) and_take_down to_man a_gift a_little_of balm and_a_little_of honey spice and_myrrh pistachio_nuts and_almonds. 12 And_ _silver_of double take in_hand_of_your(pl) and_ÐOM the_silver which_was_returned in_the_mouth_of your(pl)_sacks_of_ _your(pl) you(pl)_will_take_back in_hand_of_your(pl) perhaps was_a_mistake it. 13 And_ÐOM brother_of_your(pl) take and_ _arise go_back to the_man. 14 And_god almighty may_he_give to/for_you(pl) compassion(s) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_

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_of/before the_man and_he_will_let_go to/for_you(pl) ~~ᵭᵯ~~ brother_of_your(pl) other and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_I just_as I_ _have_been_bereaved I_have_been_bereaved. **15** And_ the_men _they_took ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift (the)_this and_double money they_ _took in_hand_of_their and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_they_arose and_they_went_down Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_they_stood to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Yōşēf/(Joseph). **16** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_saw with_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn and_he/it_said to_ _the_one_who was_over household_of_his bring ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men to_the_house and_slaughter a_slaughter and_prepare_it if/because with_me the_men they_will_eat at_noon(s). **17** And_ the_man _he/it_made just_as Yōşēf he_said and_ the_man _ _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōşēf. **18** And_ the_men _they_were_afraid if/because they_were_brought the_ _house_of Yōşēf and_they_said on the_matter_of the_silver which_came_back in_sacks_of_our at_beginning we are_being_ _brought to_roll_himself on_us and_to_throw_himself on_us and_to_take us to_slaves and_~~ᵭᵯ~~ donkeys_of_our. **19** And_ _they_approached (to) the_man who was_over the_household_ _of Yōşēf and_they_spoke to_him/it the_entrance_of the_ _house. **20** And_they_said pardon_us my_master indeed_(come_ _down) we_came_down at_beginning to_buy food. **21** And_ _he/it_was if/because we_came to the_lodging_place and_we_ _opened ~~ᵭᵯ~~ sacks_of_our and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_silver_of each_man was_in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his silver_of_our in_weight_of_its and_we_have_brought_back ~~ᵭᵯ~~_him/it in_ _hand_of_our. **22** And_silver other we_have_brought_down in_ _hand_of_our to_buy food not we_know who did_he_put silver_ _of_our in_sacks_of_our. **23** And_he/it_said peace to/for_you(pl) do_not fear god_of_your(pl) and_the_god_of your_father_of_ _your(pl) he_gave to/for_you(pl) hidden_treasure in_sacks_of_ _your(pl) silver_of_your(pl) it_came to_me and_he_brought_out to_them ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Shim´ōn. **24** And_ the_man _he/it_brought ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_men the_house_of_to of_Yōşēf/(Joseph) and_he_gave water and_they_washed feet_of_their and_he/it_gave fodder to_ _donkeys_of_their. **25** And_they_prepared ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift until Yōşēf came at_noon(s) if/because they_had_heard if/because_ _that there they_will_eat food. **26** And_ Yōşēf _he_came to_the_ _house and_they_brought to_him/it ~~ᵭᵯ~~ the_gift which was_ _in_hand_of_their to_the_house and_they_bowed_down to_ _him/it the_ground_to. **27** And_he_asked to/for_them to_ _welfare and_he/it_said health father_of_is_your(pl) (the)_old whom you(pl)_spoke is_still_he alive. **28** And_they_said health belongs_to_servant_of_your to_father_of_our still_he is_alive and_they_bowed_low and[248].[249][250] **29** And_he_lifted_up eyes_ _of_his and_he/it_saw ~~ᵭᵯ~~ Binyāmīn his/its_brother the_son_ _of his/its_mother and_he/it_said is_this brother_of_your(pl) the_small(sg) whom you(pl)_spoke to_me and_he_said god may_he_show_favour_to_you my_son_of_my. **30** And_ Yōşēf _ _he_hurried if/because compassion(s)_of_his they_grew_warm to his/its_brother and_he/it_sought to_weep and_he_went to_ _the_inner_room and_he_wept there_(to). **31** And_he_washed

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you kindly, and may he send your other brother and Benyamin back with you. And as for me, if I lose another son, I'll just have to mourn him."

15 So the brothers took the gifts and double the amount of silver. Then taking Benyamin, they travelled down to Mitsrayim (Egypt) and presented themselves to Yosef (Joseph). **16** When Yosef saw Benyamin with them, he told his head house-servant, "Take these men to the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare a meal, because they'll eat with me at noon." **17** The man did what he'd been instructed and brought the men to Yosef's house.

18 But the brothers were afraid when they found out that they'd been brought to wait outside Yosef's house, and said to each other, "We must have been brought here because of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time. He wants to overpower us, then arrest us and confiscate our donkeys and take us as slaves." **19** So they approached the head servant and spoke to him at the entrance of the house, **20** explaining, "Please, my master, honestly, we came down here the first time to buy food. **21** But when we got to our lodging place that evening, we opened our sacks and got a shock because each man's silver was in the top of his sack—the full amount of our silver was there. So we've brought it back here on this trip, **22** plus we've brought more silver to buy food. We don't know who put that silver in our sacks." **23** But he said, "Peace to you—don't be afraid. Your god and the god of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks—I received your previous payment." Then he brought Shim'on (Simeon) out to them.

24 Then the servant took the brothers into Yosef's house. He had water given to them and they washed their feet, and he had fodder given to their donkeys. **25** Then they got theirs gifts ready for when Yosef would arrive at midday, because they'd heard that they would be given lunch there. **26** When Yosef arrived there, they brought their gifts and they bowed to the ground in front of him. **27** Then he asked them about their living situation at home and questioned, "Is everything ok for your elderly father that you told me about? Is he still alive?"

28 "Things are well for your servant our father. And yes, he's still alive." Then they bowed their heads and bowed to the ground again.

29 Then Yosef looked around and saw his full-brother Benyamin, and asked, "Is this your youngest brother that you spoke to me about?" Then he said, "May God be gracious to you, my son." **30** At that point, Yosef had to hurry out of the room, because he was so overcome with emotion for his younger brother that he needed to cry, so he went to his inner room and cried there. **31** Then he washed his face and came out, controlling

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himself and ordering, "Serve the meal." **32** So the servants served Yosef at his own table, and served the brothers separately and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) who were eating with him separately again (because Mitsrim won't eat together with Ivrim (Hebrews), because Mitsrim would find that demeaning). **33** At their table, the brothers were astonished to discover that they had been seated in order from the oldest to the youngest. **34** Then they were served food Yosef's table, but Benyamin's serving was five times larger than any of the others, and they drank and they and Yosef all got a bit tiddly.

Yosef frames Benyamin for theft

44:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) commanded his head servant, "Fill the men's sacks with grain, as much as they are able to carry, and put each man's payment back into the top of his sack. **2** And put my own silver cup in the top of the youngest one's sack along with his payment." So he did what he was instructed. **3** The next morning at daylight, the brothers and their donkeys were sent off to start their trip home. **4** They hadn't gone very far out of the city when Yosef told his head servant, "Get up and, follow after those men. When you overtake them, ask them, 'Why did you repay good with evil? **5** Isn't this the cup that my master drinks from and indeed, what he divines with? You've done evil taking that.' "

6 So the servant overtook them and did exactly what he'd been instructed to do. **7** But they asked him, "Why does my master say that? Far be it from your servants to do something like that. **8** Listen, we brought the silver that we found in the top of our sacks back to you from the land of Kena'an (Canaan). So why would we then steal silver or gold from the house of your master? **9** If you find anything stolen with any of us, that person can be executed, and the rest of us can also be taken as slaves for my master."

10 "Indeed," the servant replied, "according to your words, that's how it'll be: the one who is found with the stolen cup will become my slave, but you others will be free to go." **11** So each of the brothers quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each one opened his sack. **12** Then Yosef's servant searched beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benyamin's sack. **13** Seeing this, the brothers tore their clothes (as a sign of their distress), and each one loaded up his donkey, and they all returned to the city.

14 When Yehudah (Judah) and his brothers got to Yosef's (Joseph's) house, he was still there, and they fell to their knees and bowed to the ground in front of him. **15** "What's this that you've done?" Yosef demanded. "Didn't you know that a man like me can certainly divine the truth?"

16 "What can we say to my master?" Yehudah answered. "What words could we speak? How could we possibly justify ourselves? God has exposed the sin of your servants. So now, we are slaves for my master—both we and the one who was found with the

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his/its_faces/face and_he/it_went_out and_he_restrained_ _himself and_he/it_said set food. **32** And_they_set to_him/it for_him/it_being_alone and_for_them them_alone and_for_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt)ians the_ones_eating with_him/it them_ _alone if/because not they_were_able the_Mitsrayimians to_eat with the_Ívrī/(Hebrews) food if/because is_an_abomination it to_Mitsrayim. **33** And_they_lived before_him the_firstborn according_to_of_his_birthright and_the_young_brother according_to_of_his_youth and_ the_men _they_looked_in_ _astonishment each to his/its_neighbour. **34** And_someone_ _took portions from_with his/its_faces/face to_them and_ the_ _portion_of Binyāmīn _it_was_great more_than_the_portions_ _of all_of_them_of_their five hands and_they_drank and_they_ _became_drunk with_him/it.

44:1 And_he/it_commanded ~~ÐOM~~ the_one_who was_over household_of_his to_say fill ~~ÐOM~~ the_sacks_of the_men food just_as they_are_able to_carry and_put the_silver_of each_man in_the_mouth_of his_sack_of_his. **2** And_~~ÐOM~~ cup_of_my the_ _cup_of (the)_silver you_will_put in_the_mouth_of the_sack_of the_small(sg) and_~~ÐOM~~ the_silver_of his_grain_of_his and_ _he/it_made according_to_the_message_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) which he_had_spoken. **3** The_morning it_was_light and_the_ _men they and_donkeys_of_their they_were_sent_off. **4** They they_went_out ~~ÐOM~~ the_city not they_had_gone_far and_Yōşēf he_said to_the_one_who was_over household_of_his arise pursue after the_men and_you_will_overtake_them and_you_ _will_say to_them to/for_what have_you(pl)_repaid evil for good. **5** Am_not is_this that_which my_master he_drinks in/on/over_him/it and_he indeed_(divine) he_practices_ _divination in/on/over_him/it you(pl)_have_done_evil that_ _which you(pl)_have_done. **6** And_he_overtook_them and_ _he/it_spoke to_them ~~ÐOM~~ the_words/messages the_these. **7** And_they_said to_him/it to/for_what my_master does_he_ _speak according_the_words/messages the_these far_be_it to_ _servants_of_your from_doing according_the_manner (the)_ _this. **8** HERE silver which we_found in_the_mouth_of our_ _sacks_of_our we_brought_back to_you from_the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_how will_we_steal from_the_house_of your(pl)_master(s)_of_your silver or gold. **9** Anyone_whom it_ _is_found with_him/it of_servants_of_your and_he_will_die and_also we we_will_belong to_master_of_my to_slaves. **10** And_he/it_said also now according_to_of_your(pl)_ _words/messages will_be_so it anyone_whom it_is_found with_ _him/it he_will_be to/for_me a_slave and_you(pl) you(pl)_will_ _be innocent. **11** And_they_hurried and_they_brought_down each_man ~~ÐOM~~ sack_of_his the_ground_to and_they_opened each_man sack_of_his. **12** And_he_searched with_brother he_ _began and_with_brother he_finished and_ the_cup _it_was_ _found in_the_sack_of Binyāmīn. **13** And_they_tore clothes_of_ _their and_ each_man _he_loaded on_donkey_of_his and_they_ _went_back to_the_city. **14** And_ Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_ _brothers_of_his _he_came the_house_of_to of_Yōşēf/(Joseph) and_he still_he was_there and_they_fell before_him the_ _ground_to. **15** And_he/it_said to/for_them Yōşēf what is_the_ _deed the_this which you(pl)_have_done am_not do_you(pl)_ _know if/because_that indeed_(divine) a_man who is_like_me he_practices_divination. **16** And_ Yəhūdāh _he/it_said what will_we_say to_master_of_my what will_we_speak and_what

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will_we_justify_ourselves the_ʾElohīm he_has_found ÐOM the_ _guilt_of your_servants HERE_we are_slaves of_master_of_my both we as_well_as the_one_who the_cup it_was_found in_ _his/its_hand. **17** And_he/it_said far_be_it to/for_me from_ _doing this the_man whom the_cup it_was_found in_his/its_ _hand he he_will_be to/for_me slave and_you(pl) go_up to_ _peace to father_of_your(pl).

18 And_he_drew_near to_him/it Yəhūdāh and_he/it_said pardon_me my_master may_he_speak please servant_of_your a_message in_the_ears_of my_master and_not anger_of_your let_it_burn on_servant_of_your if/because as_you as_Parʿoh. **19** My_master he_asked ÐOM servants_of_his to_say is_there to/for_you(pl) a_father or a_brother. **20** And_we_said to my_ _master there_is to/for_us a_father old and_child/boy/young_ _man old_age(s) young and_brother_of_his he_died and_ he _ _he_was_left for_him/it_being_alone to_mother_of_his and_ _father_of_his he_loves_him. **21** And_she/it_said to your_ _servants bring_him_down to_me so_that_I_may_set eye_of_my on/upon/above_him/it. **22** And_we_said to my_master not the_ _young_man he_will_be_able to_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_ _he_will_leave ÐOM his/its_father and_he_will_die. **23** And_ _she/it_said to your_servants if not brother_of_your(pl) the_ _small(sg) he_will_come_down with_you(pl) not you(pl)_will_ _repeat to_see face_of_my. **24** And_he/it_was if/because we_ _went_up to servant_of_your father_of_my and_we_told to_ _him/it ÐOM the_words/messages_of my_master. **25** And_ father_of_our _he/it_said go_back buy to/for_us a_little_of food. **26** And_we_said not we_are_able to_go_down if (there) brother_of_our the_small(sg) is_with_us and_we_will_go_down if/because not we_will_be_able to_see the_face_of the_man and_brother_of_our the_small(sg) not_he is_with_us. **27** And_ servant_of_your father_of_my _he/it_said to_us you(pl) you(pl)_know if/because_that two_sons she_bore to/for_me wife_of_my. **28** And_ the_one _he/it_went_out from_with_me and_I_said surely surely_(tear) he_has_been_torn_to_pieces and_not I_have_seen_him until now. **29** And_you(pl)_will_take also ÐOM this_one from_with presence_of_my and_it_will_ _happen_to_him harm and_you(pl)_will_cause_to_go_down ÐOM hair_of_my_grey in_calamity Shəʾōl_to. **30** And_now just_as_I_ _come to servant_of_your father_of_my and_the_lad not_he is_ _with_us and_life_of_his is_bound_up with_life_of_his. **31** And_ _it_was just_as_he_sees if/because_that is_not the_young_man and_he_will_die and_ your_servants _they_will_bring_down ÐOM the_grey_hair_of your_servant_of_your father_of_our in_ _sorrow Shəʾōl_to. **32** If/because servant_of_your he_stood_ _surety_for ÐOM the_young_man from_with father_of_my to_ _say if not I_will_bring_him to_you and_I_will_be_culpable to_ _father_of_my all_of the_days. **33** And_now let_him_remain please servant_of_your in_place_of the_young_man a_slave of_ _master_of_my and_the_lad let_him_go_up with brothers_of_ _his. **34** If/because how will_I_go_up to father_of_my and_the_ _lad not_he is_with_me lest I_should_look on_calamity which it_will_find ÐOM father_of_my.

45:1 And_not Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_was_able to_restrain_himself to_all/each/any/every those_who_were_standing on/upon/above_him/it and_he/it_called send_out every_of man from_with_me and_not anyone he_stood with_him/it

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cup."

17 "Far be it from me to do that." Yosef corrected them. "Only the man who had the cup will become my slave, and the rest of you can go back to your father in peace."

Yehudah pleads to Yosef

18 Then Yehudah (Judah) went closer to Yosef (Joseph) and said quietly, "Please, my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master's ears, and don't get angry with me, since you're as powerful as Par'oh (Pharaoh). **19** My master previously asked his servants if we had a father or another brother? **20** And we answered to my master, 'Yes, we have an elderly father and also the youngest son of his old age. But that son's brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' **21** Then you told your servants, 'Bring the other son here so I can see him myself.' **22** And we said to my master, 'The young man isn't able to leave his father, because if he does, then the old man will die.' **23** But then you said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother doesn't come with you, you won't get access to me again.'

24 "After all that, when we went back to your servant my father, we explained your words to him, my master. **25** Eventually, our father told us, 'Return there to buy some food for us.' **26** But we told him, 'We can't go back unless our youngest brother is with us, because we wouldn't be able to get access to that man if our youngest brother wasn't with us.' **27** Then your servant my father told us, 'You know that my wife gave birth to two sons for me. **28** One of them went away from me, and I've assumed that he was torn to pieces, and I've never seen him again. **29** So if you also take this son away and something happened to him, then you'd bring my grey head down to the grave in misery.'

30 "So now, if I was to return home to your servant my father without that young man, since his father's soul is bound to his soul, **31** then as soon as he sees that the young man isn't will us, then he'll have a heart attack and so your servants will bring the grey head of your servant our father down to the grave in misery. **32** But your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I don't get him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father all my life.'

33 "So now, please let your servant stay as a slave for my master instead of the young man, and let the young man go home with his brothers. **34** So now, how could I possibly go home to my father if that young man isn't with me? I wouldn't be able to cope with my father's misery."

Yosef reveals himself to his brothers

45:1 By now, Yosef (Joseph) wasn't able to control himself in front of everyone who was standing around, and he called out,

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"Send everyone else out!" So Yosef was alone when he revealed himself to his brothers,[251] **2** but he cried so loudly that many Mitsrim (Egyptians) heard it and Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) household listened. **3** "I'm Yosef!" he told his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers weren't able to answer him because they were terrified there in front of him. **4** "Please come close to me," he said. So they came close, and he explained, "I'm your brother Yosef that you sold to be taken to Mitsrayim (Egypt). **5** But don't be upset now or troubled that you sold me here, because it was God who sent me ahead of you so that lives would be saved. **6** There's already been two years of famine in this region, but there's still five more years to come without any ploughing or harvesting. **7** So God sent me ahead of you all so that some of you would be kept alive by this miracle and your children would be preserved. **8** You see, it wasn't you who sent me here, but God. And he's made me like a father to Par'oh, and master over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Mitsrayim.

9 "So hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Yosef says, "God has made me master over all Mitsrayim. Come down to me—don't delay.[252] **10** You can live in the Goshen region so that you'll be near to me—you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and everything that belongs to you. **11** I'll provide for you here because there's still five years of famine to come. That way, you won't end up poor—you and your household and everyone with you." ' **12** Look at me! You yourselves and even my brother Benyamin can see that it's really me who's speaking to you. **13** So go and tell my father about all my very high position in Mitsrayim and everything else that you've seen. Then hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he hugged his brother Benyamin and cried, and Benyamin cried too while they hugged. **15** Then he kissed all his brothers and cried over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report about the arrival of Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers reached Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house, both him and his servants were pleased. **17** Then Par'oh instructed Yosef, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and leave. Go to Kena'an (Canaan) **18** and get your father and your households, and come back here to me, and I'll give to you the best of the land in Mitsrayim, and you'll eat the best of the country.' **19** And you're commanded, 'Do this: Take carts with you from here for your little ones and for your wives, and get your father and come. **20** Don't be upset about anything you have to leave behind, because the best of all the land in Mitsrayim will be yours.' "

21 Then Yisrael's (Israel's) sons did what they had been in-

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when_ Yōşēf _made_himself_known to brothers_of_his. **2** And_ _he/it_gave ĐOM voice_of_his in_weeping and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_heard and_ the_household_of Par'oh _ _he/it_listened. **3** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his I am_Yōşēf still father_of_is_my living and_not brothers_of_his they_were_able to_answer ĐOM_him/it if/because they_were_ _terrified of_him. **4** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his draw_near please to_me and_they_drew_near and_he/it_said I am_Yōşēf brother_of_your(pl) whom you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me towards_Mitsrayim. **5** And_now do_not be_grieved and_not let_ _it_burn in_eyes_of_your(pl) if/because you(pl)_sold ĐOM_me hither if/because for_preservation_of_life he_sent_me god before_you(pl). **6** If/because this two_years the_famine has_ _been_in_the_midst_of the_earth/land and_still five years when there_will_be_not plowing_time and_harvest_time.[253] **7** And_he_sent_me god before_you(pl) to_make to/for_you(pl) a_remnant on_the_earth and_to_preserve_alive to/for_you(pl) (to)_a_deliverance great. **8** And_now not you(pl) you(pl)_sent ĐOM_me hither if/because the_'Elohīm and_he_has_appointed_ _me to_a_father of_Par'oh and_to_master to/from_ _all/each/any/every household_of_his and_ruler in_all the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt). **9** Hurry and_go_up to father_of_ _my and_you(pl)_will_say to_him/it thus son_of_your Yōşēf/(Joseph) he_says he_has_appointed_me god to_master to/from_all/each/any/every Mitsrayim come_down to_me do_ _not delay. **10** And_you_will_dwell in_the_land_of Goshen and_ _you_will_be near to_me you and_children_of_your and_the_ _sons your(pl)_children_of_your and_sheep_of_your and_cattle_ _of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs). **11** And_I_will_provide_for you there if/because still will_be_five years famine lest you and_household_of_your and_all that to/for_you(fs) you_ _should_become_impoverished. **12** And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE your(pl)_eyes and_the_eyes_of my_brother/kindred Binyāmīn are_seeing if/because_that mouth_of_my is_the_one_which_ _speaks to_you(pl). **13** And_you(pl)_will_tell to_father_of_my ĐOM all_of honour_of_my in_Mitsrayim and_ĐOM all_of that you(pl)_saw and_you(pl)_will_hurry and_you(pl)_will_bring_ _down ĐOM father_of_my hither. **14** And_he_fell on the_neck(s)_ _of Binyāmīn his/its_brother and_he_wept and_Binyāmīn he_ _wept on neck(s)_of_his. **15** And_he_kissed to/from_ _all/each/any/every brothers_of_his and_he_wept over_them and_after thus brothers_of_his they_spoke with_him/it. **16** And_the_sound it_was_heard the_house_of Par'oh to_say the_brothers_of Yōşēf they_have_come and_it_was_good in/on_ _both_eyes_of Par'oh and_in_the_eyes_of his_servants_of_his. **17** And_ Par'oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) say to brothers_ _of_your this do load ĐOM animal[s]_of_your(pl) and_go go towards_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan). **18** And_fetch ĐOM father_ _of_your(pl) and_ĐOM households_of_your(pl) and_come to_me and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl) ĐOM the_good_thing[s]_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_eat ĐOM the_fat_of the_ _earth/land. **19** And_you(ms) you_are_commanded this do take

251 RV 45:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:13.

252 RV 45:9-11 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:14.

253 LV 45:6 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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to/for_you(pl) from_the_land_of Mitsrayim carts for_your_ _little_of_one[s] and_for_wives_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_ _carry ᴅᴏᴍ father_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_come. **20** And_ _eye_of_your(pl) not let_it_look_with_regret on things_of_ _your(pl) if/because the_good_thing[s]_of all_of the_land_of Mitsrayim to/for_you(pl) it. **21** And_they_did thus the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōşēf carts on the_ _mouth_of Par'oh and_he/it_gave to/for_them provision[s] for_ _journey. **22** To/for_all_them he_gave to_each changes_of clothes and_to_Binyāmīn he_gave three hundred(s) silver and_ _five changes_of clothes. **23** And_to_father_of_his he_sent according_to_this ten donkeys carrying some_of_the_good_ _thing[s]_of Mitsrayim and_ten female_donkeys carrying grain and_food and_provision[s] for_father_of_his for_journey. **24** And_he_sent_off ᴅᴏᴍ brothers_of_his and_they_went and_ _he/it_said to_them do_not stir_up on_way. **25** And_they_went_ _up from_Mitsrayim and_they_came the_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) to Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) father_of_their. **26** And_ _they_told to_him/it to_say still Yōşēf/(Joseph) is_alive and_ _because/when he is_ruling in_all the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ his/its_heart _it_grew_numb if/because not he_believed to/for_them. **27** And_they_spoke to_ _him/it ᴅᴏᴍ all_of the_words/messages_of Yōşēf which he_ _had_spoken to_them and_he/it_saw ᴅᴏᴍ the_carts which Yōşēf he_had_sent to_carry ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it and_ the_spirit_of Ya'ₐqov father_of_their _it_lived. **28** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he/it_said enough still Yōşēf son_of_my is_alive I_will_go so_ _that_I_may_see_him before_before I_will_die.

46:1 And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_all that to_him/it _he_set_out and_he_came to_Bə'ēr Shəva' and_he/it_sacrificed sacrifices to_the_god_of his/its_father Yitsḥāq/(Isaac). **2** And_ god _he/it_ _said to_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_the_visions_of the_night and_he/it_ _said Oh_Ya'ₐqov Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said here_I_am. **3** And_ _he/it_said I am_(the)_god the_god_of your_father_of_your do_ _not be_afraid from_going_down to_Mitsrayim if/because to_ _(a)_nation great I_will_make_you there. **4** I I_will_go_down with_you to_Mitsrayim and_I I_will_bring_you_up also certainly_(go_up) and_Yōşēf he_will_put his/its_hand over eyes_of_your. **5** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_rose_up from_ _Bə'ēr- shevа' and_ the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_carried ᴅᴏᴍ Ya'ₐqov father_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ one[s]_of_their_little and_ᴅᴏᴍ wives_of_their in_carts which Par'oh he_had_sent to_ _carry ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. **6** And_they_took ᴅᴏᴍ livestock_of_their and_ᴅᴏᴍ their_property which they_had_accumulated in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_they_came towards_ _Mitsrayim/(Egypt) Ya'ₐqov and_all his/its_seed with_him/it. **7** Sons_of_his and_the_sons his_sons_of_his with_him/it daughters_of_his and_the_daughters_of_his_children_of_his and_all his/its_seed he_brought with_him/it towards_ _Mitsrayim. **8** And_these are_the_names_of the_sons_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_(ones_who)_went to_Mitsrayim Ya'ₐqov and_sons_of_his the_firstborn_of Ya'ₐqov Rə'ūvēn. **9** And_the_ _sons of_Rə'ūvēn Ḥₐnōk/(Enoch) and_Pallū' and_Ḥetsrōn and_ _Karmī/(Carmi). **10** And_the_sons of_Shim'ōn Jemuel and_ _Yāmīn/(Jamin) and_Ohad and_Yākīn/(Jakin) and_Zohar and_

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structed and Yosef gave them carts as per Par'oh's orders as well as provisions for the journey. **22** Then he gave changes of clothes to each of them, but he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothes to Benyamin. **23** To his father he sent ten male donkeys loaded with the best of Mitsrayim, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provisions for his father for the road. **24** Then he sent off his brothers, and as they left, then he told them, "Don't quarrel on the road."

25 So they left Mitsrayim and went back home to their father Ya'akov (Jacob) in Kena'an (Canaan) **26** and told him, "Yosef is still alive! In fact, he's the ruler over all of Mitsrayim." But Ya'akov was totally stunned and he couldn't really believe them.

27 Then they told him everything that Yosef had told them. When he saw the carts that Yosef had sent to carry him, then he started to recover from the shock. **28** Then Yisrael exclaimed, "Enough! I accept that my son Yosef is still alive. I'll go and see him before I die."

Ya'akov moves to Mitsrayim

46:1 So Yisrael (Israel) started his trip, taking everything he had. When they stopped in Be'er-Sheva (Beersheba), he offered sacrifices to the god of his father Yitshak (Isaac). **2** During the night, God spoke to Yisrael in visions sayings, "Ya'akov (Jacob), Ya'akov."

"I'm listening," he answered. **3** Then God told him, "I'm God, the god of your father. Don't be afraid to go down to Mitsrayim (Egypt), because I'll make you into a great nation there. **4** I myself will go down with you to Mitsrayim, and I myself will also surely bring you back here. And Yosef (Joseph) will be there with you when you die."

5 Then Ya'akov departed from Be'er-Sheva, and his sons carried their father and their little ones and their wives in the carts that Par'oh (Pharaoh) had sent to carry him. **6** They had also brought along all their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in Kena'an (Canaan). Then they arrived in Mitsrayim—Ya'akov and all of his offspring with him:[254] **7** his sons and his sons' sons with him, and his daughters and his sons' daughters. So he brought all his offspring with him to Mitsrayim.

8 These are the names of Yisrael's sons who went to Mitsrayim, that is Ya'akov and his sons: **Ya'akov's** firstborn was Re'uven, **9** and **Re'uven's** sons were Hanok and Palu and Hetsron and Karmi. **10** **Shim'on's** (Simeon's) sons were Yemuel, Yamin, Ohad,

254 RV 46:6 · Cross-ref. Acts 7:15.

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Yakin, Tsohar, and Shaul, the son of a Kena'ani (Canaanite) woman. **11** **Levi's** sons were Gereshon, Kohat, and Merari. **12** **Yehudah's** (Judah's) sons were Er, Onan, Shela, Perets, and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in Kena'an. Perets' sons were Hetsron and Hamul. **13** **Yisakar's** (Issachar's) sons were Tola, Puah, Iyov (Job), and Shimron. **14** **Zevulun's** sons were Sered, Eylon, and Yahle'el. **15** Those were all Le'ah's sons that she bore for Ya'akov in Padan-Aram, along with his daughter Dinah. The total number of those descendants was thirty-three.

16 **Gad's** sons were Tsifyon,Hagi, Shuni, Etsbon, Eri, Arod, and Areli. **17** **Asher's** sons were Yimnah, Yishvah, Yishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah. And Beriah's sons were Hever and Malkiel. **18** Those were all Zilpah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan (Laban) had given to his daughter Le'ah, and she gave birth to those sixteen descendants for Ya'akov.

19 Ya'akov's wife Rahel's (Rachel's) sons were Yosef (Joseph) and Benyamin. **20** **Yosef's** sons Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim) were born in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Esenat, the daughter of Poti-Fera the priest of On, gave birth to them for Yosef.[255] **21** **Benyamin's** sons were Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Na'aman, Ehi, Rosh, Mupim, Hupim, and Ard. **22** Those were all Rahel's descendants—a total of fourteen.

23 **Dan's** son was Hushim. **24** **Naftali's** (Naphtali's) sons were Yahtse'el, Guni, Yetser, and Shilem. **25** Those two were both Bilhah's sons, the slave woman that Lavan had given to his daughter Rahel, and she gave birth to those seven descendants for Ya'akov.

26 The total count of those who went to Mitsrayim with Ya'akov who were his descendants (not counting his daughters-in-law) was sixty-six. **27** As well as that, Yosef's two sons were born in Mitsrayim so that added up to a grand total of seventy.[256]

Ya'akov's arrival in Mitsrayim

28 As they all approached Mitsrayim (Egypt) , Ya'akov (Jacob) sent Yehudah (Judah) ahead of the others to find out from Yosef (Joseph) how to get to Goshen. As they all arrived in the Goshen area, **29** Yosef hooked up his chariot and went to meet his father Yisrael (Israel) there. He went up to his father, and hugged him for a long time as he cried. **30** "Now I can die," Yisrael said to Yosef, "since I've seen your face—seen that you're still alive."

31 Then Yosef spoke to his brothers and to his father's household, "I'll go and report to Par'oh (Pharaoh) and explain to him that my brothers and my father's household who were living in Kena'an (Canaan) have come to join me. **32** I'll tell him that you're herders of sheep—livestock farmers—and that you've brought your flocks and herds and everything that you own.

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_Shā'ūl/(Saul) the_son_of the_Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)_woman. **11** And_the_sons of_Lēvī Gērəshōn Qəhāt and_Mərārī. **12** And_ _the_sons of_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) 'Ēr and_'Ōnān and_Shēlāh and_ _Perets and_Zeraḥ and_ 'Ēr and_'Ōnān _he/it_died in_land of_ _Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_ the_sons_of Perets _they_were Ḥetsrōn and_Ḥāmūl. **13** And_the_sons of_Yissāskār/(Issachar) Tōlā' and_ _Pū'āh and_Iob and_Shimrōn. **14** And_the_sons of_Zəvūlūn Ṣered and_'Ēylōn and_Yaḥlə'ēl/(Jahleel). **15** These were_the_ _sons_of Lē'āh whom she_had_borne to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) in_ _Paddan- aram and_DOM Dināh daughter_of_his every_of (the)_ _person_of his_sons_of_his and_daughters_of_his was_thirty and_three. **16** And_the_sons of_Gād Tsəfō/(Zepho)n and_Ḥaggit Shūnī and_'Etsbvōn 'Ērī and_'Arōdī and_'Ar'ēlī. **17** And_the_sons of_'Āshēr Yimnāh/(Imnah) and_Yishvāh/(Ishvah) and_ _Yishvī/(Ishvi) and_Bərī'āh and_Seraḥ sister_of_their and_the_ _sons of_Bərī'āh Ḥevər and_Malkiel. **18** These were_the_sons_of Zilpah whom Lāvān he_had_given to_Lē'āh daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov six- teen person[s]. **19** The_sons_of Rāḥēl the_wife_of Ya'ₐqov Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_Binyāmīn. **20** And_he/it_was_born to_Yōṣēf in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) those_whom she_bore for_him/it 'Eṣənat the_daughter_of Poti- phera the_priest_of On DOM Mənashsheh and_DOM 'Efrayim. **21** And_the_sons of_Binyāmīn Bela' and_Beker and_'Ashbēl Gērā' and_Na'ₐmān Ehi and_Rosh Muppim and_Ḥuppim and_'Ardə. **22** These were_the_sons_of Rāḥēl who it_was_born to_Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_four- teen. **23** And_the_sons of_Dān Ḥushim. **24** And_the_sons of_ _Naftālī Yaḥtsə'ēl/(Jahzeel) and_Gūnī and_Yētser/(Jezer) and_ _Shillēm. **25** These were_the_sons_of Bilhāh whom Lāvān he_ _had_given to_Rāḥēl daughter_of_his and_she/it_gave_birth DOM these to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) every_of person was_seven. **26** Every_of the_living_creatures who_went belonging_to_ _Ya'ₐqov to_Mitsrayim who_came_out_of his_thigh_of_his (from)_besides_of the_wives_of the_sons_of Ya'ₐqov every_of person was_sixty and_six. **27** And_the_sons of_Yōṣēf who it_ _was_born to_him/it in_Mitsrayim were_person[s] two every_of the_living_creatures of_the_household_of of_Ya'ₐqov which_it_ _went to_Mitsrayim was_seventy.

28 And_DOM Yəhūdāh/(Judah) he_sent before_him to Yōṣēf to_ _show before_him to_Goshen and_they_came towards_land of_ _Goshen. **29** And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_harnessed chariot_of_his and_he/it_ascended to_meet Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) his/its_father to_ _Goshen and_he_presented_himself to_him/it and_he_fell on neck(s)_of_his and_he_wept on neck(s)_of_his still. **30** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf let_me_die this_time after I_have_seen DOM face_of_your if/because still_you are_alive. **31** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to brothers_of_his and_near/to the_ _household_of his/its_father I_will_go_up and_I_will_tell to_ _Par'oh and_I_will_say to_him/it brothers_of_my and_the_ _household_of my_father_of_my who in_land_of Kəna'an/(Canaan) they_have_come to_me. **32** And_the_men are_shepherds_of sheep if/because men_of livestock they_ _have_been and_flock[s]_of_their and_herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_brought. **33** And_it_was if/because

255 **RV 46:20 · Cross-ref.** Gen 41:50-52.

256 **RV 46:27 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:14.

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he_will_summon to/for_you(pl) Par´oh and_saying(ms) what work(s)_of_are_your(pl). **34** And_you(pl)_will_say men_of livestock your_servants they_have_been since_youth(s)_of_our and_unto now both we as_well_as fathers_of_our in_account_of you(pl)_may_dwell in_land of_Goshen if/because is_the_ _abomination_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) every_of shepherd_of sheep.

47:1 And_ Yōşēf _he_went and_he_told to_Par´oh and_he/it_said father_of_my and_brothers_of_my and_flock[s]_of_their and_ _herd[s]_of_their and_all that to/for_them they_have_come from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_there_they in_land of_ _Goshen. **2** And_from_the_end_of his_brothers_of_his he_took five men and_he_presented_them to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before Par´oh. **3** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to brothers_of_his what work(s)_of_are_your(pl) and_they_said to Par´oh are_ _herdsmen_of sheep your_servants both we as_well_as fathers_ _of_our. **4** And_they_said to Par´oh to_sojourn on_the_earth we_ _have_come if/because there_is_not pasture for_sheep which belongs_to_servants_of_your if/because was_heavy the_famine in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_now let_them_dwell please your_servants in_land of_Goshen. **5** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Yōşēf/(Joseph) to_say father_of_your and_brothers_of_your they_have_come to_you. **6** The_land_of Mitsrayim to_your_face it in_the_best_of the_earth/land cause_to_dwell ĐOM father_of_ _your and_ĐOM brothers_of_your let_them_dwell in_land of_ _Goshen and_if you_know and_there_are among_them men_of ability and_you_will_appoint_them overseers_of livestock over that_which to_me. **7** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM Ya´ₐqov/(Jacob) his/its_father and_he_made_him_stand to_ _(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Par´oh and_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_ _blessed ĐOM Par´oh. **8** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said to Ya´ₐqov how_ _many are_the_days_of the_years_of your(ms)_life. **9** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_said to Par´oh the_days_of the_years_of my_ _sojournings_of_my are_thirty and_one_hundred year[s] few and_displeasing the_days_of the_years_of my_life_of_my they_ _have_been and_not they_have_reached ĐOM the_days_of the_ _years_of the_lives_of my_ancestors_of_my in_the_days_of their_sojournings_of_their. **10** And_ Ya´ₐqov _he/it_blessed ĐOM Par´oh and_he/it_went_out from_to/for_face/front/presence Par´oh. **11** And_ Yōşēf _he_caused_to_dwell ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_he/it_gave to/for_them a_ _possession in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_the_best_of the_ _earth/land in_land of_Ra´məşēş just_as Par´oh he_had_ _commanded. **12** And_ Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he_provided_for ĐOM his/its_father and_ĐOM brothers_of_his and_ĐOM all_of the_ _household_of his/its_father food to_the_mouth_of the_little_ _one[s].

13 And_food there_was_not in_all the_earth/land if/because was_heavy the_famine very and_ the_land_of Mitsrayim and_ _the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) _it_languished from_face/in_ _front_of the_famine. **14** And_ Yōşēf _he_gathered_up ĐOM all_ _of the_money which_was_found in_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_in_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) for_grain which they were_buying_grain and_ Yōşēf _he/it_brought ĐOM the_money the_house_of_to of_Par´oh. **15** And_ the_money _it_was_finished from_the_land_of Mitsrayim and_from_the_land_of Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_ all_of Mitsrayim _they_came to Yōşēf

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33 So when Par'oh calls for you and asks what your work is, **34** then you should answer, 'Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we and also our fathers,' so that you can settle here in Goshen, because Mitsrim (Egyptians) despise sheep herders."

47:1 Then went Yosef to Par'oh and told him, "My father and brothers and their flocks and herds and everything that belongs to them, have come from Kena'an and they're here now Goshen area." **2** Then he took five of his brothers and presented them to Par'oh, **3** and Par'oh asked them, "What's your occupation?"

"Your servants have been shepherds for several generations," they replied. **4** Then they explained, "We've come to stay here for a while because in Kena'an, there's no pasture for our flocks because the drought is very severe. So now, please let your servants settle in the Goshen area." **5** Then Par'oh turned to Yosef, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. **6** The entire country of Mitsrayim (Egypt) is in front of you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land, so let them settle in the Goshen area. And if you're aware that some of them have special talents, then appoint them as overseers of my own livestock as well."

7 Then Yosef brought his father Ya'akov (Jacob) and presented him to Par'oh, and Ya'akov blessed Par'oh. **8** "How old are you?" Par'oh asked him.

9 "I've been moving from place to place for 130 years," Ya'akov replied. "My life has been short and with many difficulties, so I haven't reached the longer ages of my ancestors in their moving around." **10** Then he blessed Par'oh again and departed from his presence. **11** So Yosef gave his father and his brothers some of the best land in Mitsrayim and helped them settle there—in the Ra'meses district just as Par'oh had commanded. **12** He also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with bread—each family according to the number of children.

Yosef's leadership through extreme famine

13 Then the time came when there was no bread in that entire part of the world, because the drought was now extremely severe, and both Mitsrayim (Egypt) and Kena'an (Canaan) were suffering from food shortages. **14** People all over came to buy grain, and over time Yosef (Joseph) had received in payment all the silver that could be found in Mitsrayim and Kena'an, and he in turn took it to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) house. **15** So once there was no more silver left in Mitsrayim and in Kena'an, all the Mit-

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srim (Egyptians) demanded from Yosef, "Give us food. Why should we die right here in front of you? All our money is gone!"
16 "Bring your livestock," Yosef answered, "and I'll give grain to you in exchange for them, since the silver is gone." **17** So the people brought their livestock to him, and he gave them grain in exchange for their horses and sheep and cattle and donkeys. So he provided them with food that year in exchange for all their livestock.
18 The next year they came to Yosef and begged, "We can't hide it from our master that since there's no silver left and since all the livestock now belongs to our lord, there's nothing left to offer other than our bodies and our lands. **19** Why should we die right in front of you—both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Par'oh. And give us seed so that we'll live and not die, and so that the land won't be barren."
20 So Yosef bought all the farmland of Mitsrayim for Par'oh, because every Mitsri (Egyptian) sold his field. In that way, all the land became Par'oh's because the famine was so extreme. **21** As for the people, he moved them to the cities[257] from one end of Mitsrayim to the other. **22** The only land he didn't buy was that of the priests, because they were given a regular allowance by Par'oh. Because they could live on what they were supplied with, they didn't need to sell their land. **23** Then Yosef told the people, "Listen, now that I've bought you and your land for Par'oh, here is seed for you so that you can work the ground. **24** Every time you harvest a crop, you must give a fifth of it to Par'oh. The other four parts will be for you to use as seed and as food for yourselves and your households and your young children."
25 "You've kept us alive," they agreed. "Master, continue to show us your favour, and we'll be slaves for Par'oh." **26** So Yosef established it as a law to this day concerning the Mitsri farmland: that the fifth belongs to Par'oh. (Only the priests' land didn't become Par'oh's.)

Ya'akov's burial request

27 So Yisrael (Israel) (also called Ya'akov (Jacob)) and his descendants settled in the Goshen region of Mitsrayim (Egypt) and prospered. The had many children and quickly increased in number. **28** Ya'akov resided there for seventeen years, and by then he was 147 years old **29** and he was getting close to death, so he called for his son Yosef (Joseph) and asked him, "If, please, I have found favour in your eyes, please give me your hand and promise to deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please don't bury me in Mit-

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to_say come_NOW to/for_ourselves food and_for_what will_ _we_die before_you if/because money it_has_come_to_an_end. **16** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said give livestock_of_your(pl) so_that_I_ _may_give_it to/for_you(pl) for_livestock_of_your if money it_ _has_come_to_an_end. **17** And_they_brought ĐOM livestock_of_ _their to Yōşēf and_he/it_gave to/for_them Yōşēf food for_ _horses and_for_the_livestock_of the_flock[s] and_for_the_ _livestock_of the_herd[s] and_for_donkeys and_he_provided_ _them with_food in_all livestock_of_their in_year the_that. **18** And_ the_year the_that _it_was_finished and_they_came to_ _him/it in_year the_second(fs) and_they_said to_him/it not we_will_hide from_master_of_my if/because_that if the_money it_has_been_finished and_the_livestock_of the_cattle/livestock is_to my_master not it_is_left to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before my_master except (if) body_of_our and_land_of_our. **19** To/for_what will_we_die to_eyes_of_your both we as_well_as land_of_our buy us and_ĐOM land_of_our for_food and_we_will_ _be we and_land_of_our slaves of_Par'oh and_give seed so_that_ _we_may_live and_not we_will_die and_the_land not it_will_be_ _desolate. **20** And_ Yōşēf/(Joseph) _he_bought ĐOM all_of the_ _land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) for_Par'oh if/because Mitsrayim they_sold everyone field_of_his if/because it_was_severe on_ _them the_famine and_ the_earth/land _it_became to_Par'oh. **21** And_ĐOM the_people he_brought_in ĐOM_him/it to_cities from_the_end_of the_territory_of Mitsrayim and_unto end_of_ _its. **22** Only the_land_of the_priests not he_bought if/because an_allowance belonged_to_priests from_with Par'oh and_they_ _eat ĐOM allowance_of_their which he_gave to/for_them Par'oh therefore yes/correct/thus/so not they_sold ĐOM land_of_their. **23** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_said to the_people HERE I_have_bought you(pl) the_day and_ĐOM land_of_your(pl) for_Par'oh HERE to/for_you(pl) is_seed and_you(pl)_will_sow ĐOM the_soil. **24** And_it_was at_harvest(s) and_you(pl)_will_give a_fifth to_ _Par'oh and_four the_hands it_will_belong to/for_you(pl) to_ _(the)_seed_of the_field and_to_food_of_your(pl) and_for_ _those_who are_in_households_of_your(pl) and_to_eat for_ _your_little_of_one[s]. **25** And_they_said you_have_preserved_ _us_alive may_we_find favour in/on_both_eyes_of my_master and_we_will_be slaves of_Par'oh. **26** And_ Yōşēf _he/it_assigned ĐOM_her/it to_a_regulation until the_day the_this on the_land_ _of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) belongs_to_Par'oh to_part only the_ _land_of the_priests theirs_alone not it_belonged to_Par'oh. **27** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_sat_down//remained//lived in_ _land of_Mitsrayim in_land of_Goshen and_they_had_ _possessions in_it and_they_were_fruitful and_they_multiplied exceedingly. **28** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _he/it_lived in_land of_ _Mitsrayim seven- teen year[s] and_he/it_was the_days_of Ya'ₐqov the_years_of his/its_life seven years and_forty and_ _one_hundred year[s]. **29** And_ the_days_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_drew_near[260] to_die and_he/it_called (to)_son_of_his (to)_Yōşēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said to_him/it if please I_have_ _found favour in_eyes_of_your put please hand_of_your under

257 RV 47:21 · Note TC: There's a variation here in different early copies and translations. Rather than moving the people into the cities (which might have been done to make food distribution more efficient), some translations choose the alternative 'made the people slaves'.
260 LV 47:29 · Note OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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thigh_of_my and_you_will_do with_me loyalty and_faithfulness do_not please bury_me in_Mitsrayim. **30** And_I_will_lie_down with ancestors_of_my and_you_will_carry_me from_Mitsrayim and_you_will_bury_me in_grave_of_their and_he_said I I_will_ _do according_to_of_your_message. **31** And_he/it_said swear_ _an_oath to_me and_he_swore_an_oath to_him/it and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_bowed_down at the_head_of the_bed.

48:1 And_he/it_was after the_things the_these and_he/it_said to_Yōṣēf THERE father_of_your is_sick and_he/it_took ÐOM the_ _two_of sons_of_his with_him/it ÐOM Mənashsheh and_ÐOM 'Efrayim. **2** And_someone_told to_Ya'ₐqov and_he/it_said HERE son_of_your Yōṣēf he_has_come to_you and_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _he_strengthened_himself and_he/it_sat_ _down//remained//lived on the_bed. **3** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _ _he/it_said to Yōṣēf god_of almighty he_appeared to_me at_Lūz in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) and_he/it_blessed ÐOM_me. **4** And_he/it_said to_me HERE_I am_about_of_to_make_you_ _fruitful and_I_will_multiply_you and_I_will_make_you (into)_ _a_company_of peoples and_I_will_give ÐOM the_earth/land (the)_this to_offspring_of_your after_you a_possession_of perpetuity. **5** And_now the_two_of sons_of_your who_were_ _born to/for_yourself(m) in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) until came_I to_you to_Mitsrayim to_me they 'Efrayim and_ _Mənashsheh like_Rə'ūvēn and_Shim'ōn they_will_belong to_ _me. **6** And_offspring_of_your whom you_have_fathered after_ _them to/for_yourself(m) they_will_belong on the_name_of their_brothers_of_their they_will_be_called in_inheritance_of_ _their. **7** And_I when_came_I from_Paddan she_died on_me Rāḥēl in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) on_journey at_yet a_ _distance_of land to_go 'Efrātāh and_I_buried_her there on_ _the_journey_of 'Efrāt that is_Bēyt- leḥem. **8** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_saw ÐOM the_sons_of Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he/it_said who are_these. **9** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_said to his/its_father sons_of_are_my they whom he_has_given to_me god in_this_place and_he_said fetch_them please to_me so_ _that_I_may_bless_them. **10** And_the_eyes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_were_heavy from_old_age not he_was_able to_see and_he_ _brought_near ÐOM_them to_him/it and_he_kissed to/for_them and_he_embraced to/for_them. **11** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_ _said to Yōṣēf to_see face_of_your not I_judged and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE god he_has_shown ÐOM_me also ÐOM offspring_of_your. **12** And_ Yōṣēf _he_took ÐOM_them from_ _with knees_of_his and_he_bowed_down to_face_of_his the_ _ground_to. **13** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_took ÐOM both_of_them ÐOM 'Efrayim at_his_right_of_hand from_the_left_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ÐOM Mənashsheh at_his_left_of_hand from_the_right_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_brought_them_near to_him/it. **14** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he_stretched_out ÐOM hand_of_his_right and_ _he_put_it on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_he was_the_young and_ÐOM hand_of_his_left on the_head_of Mənashsheh he_laid_ _cross-wise ÐOM hands_of_his if/because Mənashsheh was_the_

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srayim.[258] **30** When I die, I want to be buried with my ancestors, so carry me out of Mitsrayim and bury me in their tomb."

"I'll do what you've requested," Yosef agreed.

31 "Promise me," he insisted. So Yosef promised him and Yisrael bowed at the head of the bed.[259]

Ya'akov blesses Efrayim and Menasheh

48:1 Some time after that, Yosef (Joseph) was told, "Listen, your father is sick." So Yosef went to him, taking his two sons with him—Menasheh (Manasseh) and Efrayim (Ephraim). **2** When someone told Ya'akov (Jacob) that Yosef had arrived, he exerted himself and sat up in bed, **3** then he told him, "God the provider appeared to me at Luz in Kena'an (Canaan), and he blessed me[261] **4** and said to me, 'Listen, I'll make you fruitful, and I'll multiply you and make you into a community of peoples. And I'll give this land to your offspring after you to be their possession forever.' **5** "And now, your two sons, who were born for you here in Mitsrayim (Egypt) before I came here, I adopt them as my own—Efrayim and Menasheh—just as Re'uven and Shim'on (Simeon) are mine. **6** Any other children that you father after them will be yours. Their inheritance will only be through their older brothers. **7** As for me, when I was coming into Kena'an from Padan, Rahel (Rachel) died beside on the way when we were still quite some distance from Efrat, and I buried her there beside the road of Efrat (which is Beyt-Lehem (Bethlehem))."[262]

8 Then Yisrael (Israel) noticed Yosef's two sons and asked, "Who are these?"

9 "They are my sons that God has given me here in this place." Yosef replied to his father.

"Please bring them to me, and I will bless them," Ya'akov (Jacob) requested. **10** Now Yisrael's sight was poor in his old age, so he wasn't able to see much. So Yosef brought them over to him, and Yisrael kissed them and embraced them. **11** "I never expected to see you again" he said to Yosef, "but wow, God has even let me see your children as well." **12** Then Yosef removed his sons from his father's knees and bowed with his face to the ground.

13 Then Yosef took both of them—Efrayim (Ephraim) on his right toward Yisrael's left and Menasheh (Manasseh) (the eldest) on his left toward Yisrael's right—and brought them close to him. **14** But Yisrael intentionally extended his right hand and placed it on the Efrayim's head (the younger one), and crossing his arms, he placed his left hand on Menasheh's head. **15** Then he blessed Yosef saying,

"May the god who my grandfather Avraham and my father

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258 RV 47:29-30 · Cross-ref. Gen 49:29-32; 50:6.

259 RV 47:31 · Note Some translations assume that elderly Ya'akov/Yisrael bowed to God in worship after speaking with Yosef, but it's not impossible that he bowed to Yosef in acknowledgement of the high position that God had brought Yosef to as foretold by his dreams.

261 RV 48:3-4 · Cross-ref. Gen 28:13-14.

262 RV 48:7 · Cross-ref. Gen 35:16-19.

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Yitshak (Isaac) served,
the god who has been shepherding me for my entire life,
16 the messenger who's turned all harm intended for me into good,
may he bless these young men.
May they be recognised as my descendants,
and as descendants of Avraham and Yitshak,
and grow to increase in number on the earth.
17 Then Yosef (Joseph) noticed that his father had placed his right hand on Efrayim's (Ephraim's) head and he was upset about it, so he picked up his father's hand to move it across to Menasheh's (Manasseh's) head, **18** telling his father, "My father, that's wrong because that one is my oldest son. Put your right hand on *his* head." **19** But his father pushed back, "I know, my son, I know. Menasheh will also become a people, and he will also be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be the greater one, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations."
20 So Yisrael (Israel) blessed Efrayim and Menasheh that day saying,
"After this, my descendants will bless people by saying,
'May God make you like Efrayim and like Menasheh.' "[263]
(Notice that he put Efrayim before Menasheh.)
21 Then Yisrael told Yosef, "Listen, I'm about to die, and God will be with you and take you back to the land of your ancestors. **22** I'm giving Shekem to you as an additional inheritance over that of your brothers. I captured it with my sword and my bow from the descendants of Amor and it's now yours."

Ya'akov's individual words for his sons

49:1 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) called for all his sons and said, "Gather together, and I'll reveal to you what will happen to you all in the years ahead.
2 Gather around and listen you sons of Ya'akov,
listen to your father Yisrael (Israel).
3 **Re'uven** you're my eldest,
my power and the beginning of my strength.
With excellence in dignity,
and excelling in power.
4 But you're destructive like strong waters.
You climbed into my bed (with my slave-wife).
You got onto my couch and defiled it.
5 **Shim'on (Simeon) and Levi** are alike.
Their swords are weapons of violence.
6 Don't let *my* thoughts enter into their discussion.
Don't let *my* honour join in their assembly.
They killed a man in their anger,
and they hamstrung an ox just for their pleasure.
7 Their fierce anger is cursed,

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_firstborn. **15** And_he/it_blessed ~~DOM~~ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) and_he_ _said the_'Elohīm whom fathers_of_my they_walked_about before_him 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) the_'Elohīm who_ _shepherded ~~DOM~~_me from_my_duration until the_day (the)_ _this. **16** The_messenger who_has_redeemed ~~DOM~~_me from_all harm may_he_bless ~~DOM~~ the_lads and_may_it_be_called in/among_them name_of_my and_name_of my_fathers_of_my 'Avrāhām and_Yitsḥāq and_may_they_multiply to_increase_in_ _number in_the_midst_of the_earth/land. **17** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _saw if/because_that his/its_father he_will_put the_hand_of his_right_side_of_his on the_head_of 'Efrayim and_it_was_ _displeasing in_eyes_of_his and_he_grasped the_hand_of his/its_father to_remove ~~DOM~~_her/it from_under the_head_of 'Efrayim on the_head_of Mənashsheh. **18** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_ _said to his/its_father not thus my_father_of_my if/because this is_the_firstborn put hand_of_your_right on his/its_head. **19** And_ his/its_father _he_refused and_he/it_said I_know my_ _son_of_my I_know also he he_will_become (into)_a_people and_also he he_will_become_great and_but his/its_brother the_ _small(sg) he_will_become_great from_him/it and_offspring_ _of_his it_will_be the_fullness_of the_nations. **20** And_he_ _blessed_them in_the_day (the)_that to_saying by_you Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_bless to_say may_he_make_you god like_ _'Efrayim and_like_Mənashsheh and_he/it_assigned ~~DOM~~ 'Efrayim to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before Mənashsheh. **21** And_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _he/it_said to Yōṣēf/(Joseph) HERE I am_about_to_die and_it_was god with_you(pl) and_he_will_ _bring_back you(pl) to the_land_of your(pl)_fathers_of_ _your(pl). **22** And_I I_give to/for_yourself(m) a_shoulder one over brothers_of_your which I_took from_the_hand_of the_ _'Amorī by_sword_of_my and_by_bow_of_my.

49:1 And_ Ya'aqov/(Jacob) _he/it_called (to) sons_of_his and_ _he/it_said gather_yourselves so_that_I_may_tell to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ that_which it_will_happen_to you(pl) in_ _end/latter the_days. **2** Assemble and_listen Oh_sons_of Ya'aqov and_listen to Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) father_of_your(pl). **3** Oh_ _Rə'ūvēn firstborn_of_are_my you strength_of_my and_the_ _beginning_of my_generative_power_of_my excellence_of dignity and_excellence_of power. **4** Destructiveness like_water do_not excel if/because you_went_up the_bed(s)_of your_ _father_of_your then you_profaned_it bed_of_my he_went_up. **5** Shim'ōn and_Lēvī are_brothers are_weapons_of violence swords_of_their. **6** In_council_of_their not self_of_my let_it_ _enter in_assembly_of_their not honour_of_my let_it_be_united if/because in_anger_of_their they_slew a_man and_for_ _pleasure_of_their they_hamstrung ox[en]. **7** Anger_of_their be_cursed if/because fierce and_severe_anger_of_their if/because it_is_hard I_will_divide_them in_Ya'aqov and_I_will_ _scatter_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **8** Oh_Yəhūdāh/(Judah) you they_will_praise_you brothers_of_your hand_of_your will_be_ _on_the_neck_of your(pl)_enemies_of_your they_will_bow_ _down[268] to/for_yourself(m) the_sons_of your_father_of_your. **9** Is_a_cub_of a_lion Yəhūdāh from_prey my_son_of_my you_

263 **RV 48:20 · Cross-ref.** Heb 11:21.

268 **LV 49:8 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_have_gone_up he_bows_down he_lies_down like_a_lion and_
_like_a_lion who will_he_rouse_him. **10** Not a_scepter it_will_
_depart from_Yəhūdāh and_a_ruler's_staff from_between feet_
_of_his until if/because he_will_come Shiloh[269] and_to/for_
_him/it the_obedience_of peoples. **11** He_will_be_binding_of to_
_vine mmm[270] and_to_vine the_young_one_of his_donkey_of_
_his he_will_wash in_wine clothing_of_his and_in_the_blood_of
grapes mmm[271]. **12** Dark_of eyes more_than_wine and_white_of
teeth more_than_milk. **13** Zəvˇūlūn to_the_coast_of the_seas he_
_will_dwell and_he will_become_(into)_a_harbour_of ships and_
_side_of_his will_be_at Tsīdōn/(Sidon). **14** Yissāskār/(Issachar)
is_a_donkey_of bone lying_down between the_two_
_saddlebaskets. **15** And_he/it_saw a_resting_place if/because_
_that it_was_good and_ĐOM the_earth/land if/because_that it_
_was_pleasant and_he_bent_down shoulder_of_his to_carry_a_
_load and_he/it_was (into)_forced_labour_of labouring. **16** Dān
he_will_judge people_of_his like_one of_the_tribes_of of_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **17** May_he_be Dān a_snake on a_road a_viper
on a_path which_bites the_heels_of a_horse and_ rider_of_its _
_he_fell backwards. **18** For_deliverance_of_your I_wait_eagerly
Oh_**YHWH**. **19** Gād a_marauding_band it_will_attack_him and_
_he he_will_attack a_rearguard. **20** From_'Āshēr will_be_rich
food_of_his and_he he_will_provide delicacies_of a_king.
21 Naftālī is_a_doe let_untie/release which_utters
words/messages_of beauty. **22** Is_a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of
Yōşēf/(Joseph) a_son of_a_fruit-bearer_of at a_spring
daughters she_will_climb over a_wall. **23** And_they_showed_
_bitterness_to_him and_they_shot and_they_were_hostile_
_towards_him masters_of arrows. **24** And_it_remained in_
_permanence bow_of_his and_ the_arms_of his_hands_of_his _
_they_were_agile from_the_hands_of the_mighty_one_of
Ya'ₐqovˇ/(Jacob) from_there the_shepherd the_stone_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **25** From_the_god_of your_father_of_your and_
_he_will_help_you and_ĐOM the_almighty and_he_will_bless_
_you blessings_of heaven (from)_above blessings_of the_deep
which_lies beneath blessings_of breasts and_womb. **26** The_
_blessings_of your_father_of_your they_have_prevailed over
the_blessings_of those(m)_who_conceived_me to desire_of
hills_of antiquity may_they_belong[272] to_the_head_of Yōşēf
and_to_the_crown_of_the_head_of the_consecrated_one_of his_
_brothers_of_his. **27** Binyāmīn is_a_wolf which_it_tears_to_
_pieces in_morning he_consumes booty and_to_evening he_
_divides plunder. **28** All_of these are_the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) two_plus ten and_this is_that_which he_spoke
to/for_them father_of_their and_he/it_blessed them everyone
whom according_to_of_his_blessing he_blessed ĐOM_them.

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and their severe anger is determined.
I will divide them out among Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants,
and scatter them across Yisrael (Israel).
8 **Yehudah** (Judah), you'll be praised by your brothers.
You'll be a powerful force against your enemies.
Your father's sons will bow down to you.
9 Yehudah is a lion cub.[264]
My son, you've stood up after feasting on your prey.
He stretches and lies down like a lion.
As with a lioness, who will dare wake him?
10 Yehudah will never leave the ruling position,
nor will his descendants be without the ruler's staff,
until the messiah arrives
and the people groups obey him.
11 He'll tie his donkey to the grapevine,[265]
and the donkey's colt to the best branch.
He'll wash his clothes in wine
and his robes in the blood of grapes.
12 His eyes will be darker than wine,
and his teeth will be white from milk.
13 **Zevulun** will settle near the coast,
and be like a safe harbour for ships.
His border will extend up to Tsidon (Sidon).
14 **Yisakar** (Issachar) (Yisakar) is a strong donkey
lying down between the sheep pens.[266]
15 He'll see that his resting place is good
and that the land is pleasant.
He'll strain his shoulders to carry a burden.
He'll be forced to labour for others.
16 **Dan** (which means 'judge') will judge his people
like one of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes.
17 He'll be a snake beside the road,
a viper on the path,
that bites a horse's heels
and its rider falls backwards.
18 Yahweh, I'm waiting for you to save us.
19 **Gad** will be attacked by riders,
but he'll attack them from behind.
20 **Asher** will enjoy delicious food,
and he'll provide delicacies for a king.
21 **Naftali** (Naphtali) is a doe that's been untied.
He says beautiful words.[267]
22 **Yosef** (Joseph) is part of a fruit-bearing vine—

264 **RV 49:9 · Cross-ref.** Num 24:9; Rev 5:5.

265 **RV 49:11 · Note** This likely suggests such a surplus of fruit that it doesn't even matter what the animals eat.

266 **RV 49:14 · Note** Or 'between two saddlebags'.

267 **RV 49:21 · Note** Or 'has beautiful fawns'.

269 **LV 49:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: הליש: (x-qere) 'וֹלִישׁ': lemma_7886 n_0.1 morph_HNp id_01KU3 וֹלִישׁ

270 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/ריע: (x-qere) 'וֹ/רִיעַ': lemma_5895 n_1.1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01BN1 וֹ/רִיעַ

271 **LV 49:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תוס: (x-qere) 'וֹ/תוֹס': lemma_5497 n_0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_01Chx וֹ/תוֹס

272 **LV 49:26 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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part of a fruit-bearing vine at a spring.
His branches will climb over the wall.
23 Expert archers will attack him,
and shoot and harass him.
24 But his bow will stay steady
and his arms will be made agile
by the hands of the mighty one of Ya'akov (Jacob),
because of the shepherd who's Yisrael's (Israel's) rock,
25 by the god of your father, and he will help you,
and with the provider,
and he will bless you with blessings from the heavens above
blessings of the deep that lies below,
and blessings of breasts and womb.
26 I've been blessed more than my ancestors were—
even with being gifted those ancient hills.
May those blessings now transfer to Yosef (Joseph)—
the one who was separated from all his brothers.
27 **Benyamin** is a ravenous wolf.
In the morning he devours his prey,
and in the evening he divides the plunder.
28 Those are Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve sons (that led to the twelve tribes) and that's what their father said to them from his bed as he blessed each one of them—each one blessed appropriately.

Ya'akov's death and burial

29 Then Ya'akov (Jacob) instructed them, "I'm about to go and join my ancestors. Bury me with them in the cave in the field that was bought from Efron the Hiti, **30** in the cave that is in Makpelah's field in front of Mamre in Kena'an (Canaan). That's the cave that my grandfather Avraham bought with the field from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place.[273] **31** Avraham and his wife Sarah were buried there,[274] along with their son Yitshak (Isaac) and his wife Rivkah,[275] and I also buried my wife Le'ah there. **32** That field and the cave in it was bought from the descendants of Het.
33 When Ya'akov finished giving those instructions to his sons, he pulled his feet up into the bed and lay and breathed his last and his spirit joined his ancestors.[276]
50:1 Then Yosef (Joseph) hugged his father and cried over him and kissed him. **2** Then he commanded those of his servants who were physicians to embalm his father. So Yisrael's (Israel's) body was embalmed **3** over the next forty days (which is the normal time for embalming), and the Mitsrim (Egyptians) mourned for him for seventy days.
4 After those mourning days were over, Yosef spoke to Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) servants, saying, "Please, if I have found favour in your eyes, please tell Par'oh that **5** my father made me swear, saying, 'Listen, I am dying. You must bury me in my grave that I

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29 And_he/it_commanded them and_he/it_said to_them I am_
_about_to_be_gathered to people_of_my bury ĐOM_me with fathers_of_my into the_cave which is_in_the_field_of ʿEfrōn the_Ḥittiy. **30** In_cave which is_in_the_field_of (the)_Machpelah which is_on the_face_of Mamre in_land of_Kəna'an/(Canaan) which 'Avrāhām he_bought ĐOM the_field from_with ʿEfrōn the_Ḥittiy to_a_possession_of a_burial_site. **31** There_(to) people_buried ĐOM 'Avrāhām and_ĐOM Sārāh his/its_ _wife/woman there_(to) people_buried ĐOM Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_ĐOM Rivqāh his/its_wife/woman and_there_(to) I_buried ĐOM Lē'āh. **32** The_livestock_of the_field and_the_cave which in/on/over_him/it from_with the_sons_of Ḥēt. **33** And_ Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) _they_were_ended/finished to_command ĐOM sons_of_his and_he_gathered feet_of_his into the_bed and_he_ _expired and_he_was_gathered to peoples_of_his.
50:1 And_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he_fell on the_face_of his/its_father and_he_wept on/upon/above_him/it and_he_kissed to_him/it. **2** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_commanded ĐOM servants_of_his ĐOM the_ _physicians to_embalm ĐOM his/its_father and_ the_physicians _they_embalmed ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). **3** And_they_were_ _completed to_him/it forty day[s] if/because thus the_days_of the_embalming(s) they_were_completed and_ Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_wept_for ĐOM_him/it seventy day[s]. **4** And_ the_days_of his_weeping_of_his _they_passed and_ Yōṣēf _he/it_spoke to the_household_of Par'oh to_say if please I_have_found favour in_eyes_of_your(pl) speak please in_the_

273 **RV 49:30 · Cross-ref.** Gen 23:3-20.
274 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:9-10.
275 **RV 49:31 · Cross-ref.** Gen 35:29.
276 **RV 49:33 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:15.

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_ears_of Par´oh to_say. **5** father_of_my he_made_me_swear_an_
_oath to_say HERE I am_about_to_die in_grave_of_my which I_
_dug to_me in_land of_Kəna´an/(Canaan) there_(to) you_will_
_bury_me and_now let_me_go_up please so_that_I_may_bury
ÐOM father_of_my and_I_will_return. **6** And_ Par´oh _he/it_said
go_up and_bury ÐOM father_of_your just_as he_made_you_
swear. **7** And Yōşēf _he/it_ascended to_bury ÐOM his/its_
_father and_they_went_up with_him/it all_of the_servants_of
Par´oh the_elders_of his_household_of_his and_
_all/each/any/every the_elders_of the_land_of Mitsrayim.
8 And_all/each/any/every the_household_of Yōşēf/(Joseph)
and_brothers_of_his and_the_household_of his/its_father only
one[s]_of_their_little and_sheep_of_their and_cattle_of_their
they_left in_land of_Goshen. **9** And_he/it_ascended with_him/it
both chariotry as_well_as horsemen and_he/it_was the_
_company numerous very. **10** And_they_came to the_threshing_
_floor_of Atad which is_on_the_other_side_of the_
_Yardēn/(Jordan) and_they_lamented there a_lament great
and_heavy very and_he/it_made for_father_of_his mourning
seven_of days. **11** And_ the_inhabitant[s]_of the_earth/land
the_Kəna´ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] _he/it_saw ÐOM the_mourning at_
_threshing_floor_of Atad and_they_said is_mourning heavy this
for_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) therefore yes/correct/thus/so
someone_called his/its_name Hevel/(Abel) Mitsrayim which
is_on_the_other_side_of the_Yardēn. **12** And_ sons_of_his _they_
_made to_him/it thus just_as he_had_commanded_them.
13 And_ sons_of_his _they_carried ÐOM_him/it towards_land of_
_Kəna´an/(Canaan) and_they_buried ÐOM_him/it in_the_cave_of
the_field_of (the)_Machpelah which 'Avrāhām he_had_bought
ÐOM the_field to_a_possession_of a_burial_site from_with ´Efrōn
the_Ḥittiy on the_face_of Mamre. **14** And_he_went_back Yōşēf
to_Mitsrayim he and_brothers_of_his and_all those_who_had_
_gone_up with_him/it to_bury ÐOM his/its_father after he_had_
_buried ÐOM his/its_father.
15 And_ the_brothers_of Yōşēf/(Joseph) _they_saw if/because_
_that father_of_their he_had_died and_they_said if he_will_be_
_hostile_towards_us Yōşēf and_indeed_(repay) he_will_repay
to/for_us ÐOM all_of the_harm which we_dealt_out_to ÐOM_
_him/it. **16** And_they_commanded to Yōşēf to_say father_of_
_your he_commanded to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
death_of_his to_say. **17** Thus you(pl)_will_say to_Yōşēf please
forgive please the_transgression_of your(pl)_brothers_of_your
and_sin_of_their if/because evil they_dealt_out_to_you and_
_now forgive please to_the_transgression_of the_servants_of
the_god_of your_father_of_your and_ Yōşēf _he_wept when_
_spoke_they to_him/it. **18** And_ also brothers_of_his _they_
_went and_they_fell before_him and_they_said HERE_we
to/for_yourself(m) to_slaves. **19** And_he/it_said to_them Yōşēf
do_not fear if/because in_place_of god am_I. **20** And_you(pl)
you(pl)_planned on_me harm god he_planned_it for_good so_as
to_act as_day the_this to_preserve_alive a_people numerous.
21 And_now do_not fear I I_will_provide_for you(pl) and_ÐOM
one[s]_of_your(pl)_little and_he_comforted them and_he/it_
_spoke to heart_of_their.

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dug for myself in Kena'an (Canaan).'[277] So now, please ask Par'oh to let me go up there and bury my father, then I'll return."

6 "Go up and bury your father just like he made you promise." was the reply back from Par'oh.

7 So Yosef went up to Kena'an to bury his father. Par'oh's servants went with him, along with the elders from Par'oh's household and all the elders of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt). **8** Yosef's own household also went, along with his brothers and his father's household. They only left their children and their livestock behind in Goshen. **9** There were chariots as well as soldiers mounted on horses so it was a very large procession.

10 After they crossed the Yarden (Jordan) river, they arrived at Atad's threshing floor, and they mourned there for seven days with very loud wailing. **11** The local Kena'ani (Canaanite) people saw the mourning at Atad's threshing floor, and they said, "This is very serious mourning for the Mitsrim (Egyptians)." That's why they then named that place across the Yarden 'Avel-Mitsrayim' (which means 'the Mitsrim mourned here').

12 So Ya'akov's (Jacob's) sons did everything just how he'd instructed them. **13** They carried his embalmed body to Kena'an and buried him in the cave in Makpelah's field. Avraham had bought with the field with the included cave from Efron the Hiti as property for a burial place, in front of Mamre.[278] **14** Then after his father's burial was completed, Yosef returned to Mitsrayim (Egypt) along with his brothers and everyone who had gone up with him to bury him.

Yosef forgives his brothers

15 Now that their father was no longer alive, Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers said to each other, "What if Yosef hates us and now he decides to repay us for all the evil things that we did to him?" **16** So they sent a messenger to Yosef to tell him, "Before he died, your father ordered that **17** you be given this message: 'I beg you, please forgive your brothers' crime and their sin, because they did evil things to you.' So now, please forgive the crime of the servants of your father's god." When Yosef heard their message, he started crying.

18 Then his brothers also came and bowed to the ground in front of him and pleaded, "Here we are. We belong to you as slaves."

19 "Don't be afraid," Yosef answered. "I'm not God and it's not my job to decide on your punishment. **20** You all plotted evil things against me, but God intended it for good in order to do what he's doing this very day: to save many people. **21** So now, don't be afraid. I'll support you and your little ones." So he reassured them and he spoke kindly to them.

277 **RV 50:5 · Cross-ref.** Gen 47:29-31.

278 **RV 50:13 · Cross-ref.** Acts 7:16.

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Yosef's death

22 Yosef (Joseph) continued to live in Mitsrayim (Egypt), along with the rest of his father Ya'akov's (Jacob's) family, until he was 110 years old. **23** He lived long enough to see his son Efrayim's (Ephraim's) children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The children of his grandson Makir, who was Menasheh's (Manasseh's) son, also grew up around him.
24 Then one day Yosef said to his brothers, "I'm about to die, but God will definitely help you all and take you and your descendants from this country to the land that he vowed to give to Avraham, Yitshak (Isaac), and Ya'akov. **25** When God does that, you must take my body back to Kena'an (Canaan) with you and bury it there." Then Yosef had his brothers and the rest of the descendants of Yisrael (Israel) vow that they would do that.[279]
26 Then Yosef died at the age of 110, and the specialists embalmed his body and it was put in a coffin in a tomb in Mitsrayim.

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22 And_he/it_sat_down//remained//lived Yōṣēf in_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) he and_the_household_of his/its_father
and_ Yōṣēf/(Joseph) _he/it_lived one_hundred and_ten years.
23 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_saw of_'Efrayim sons_of a_third_
_generation also the_sons_of Mākīr the_son_of Mənashsheh
they_were_born on the_knees_of Yōṣēf. **24** And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_
_said to brothers_of_his I am_about_to_die and_god surely_
_(visit) he_will_visit you(pl) and_he_will_bring_up you(pl) from
the_earth/land (the)_this to the_earth/land which he_swore
to_'Avrāhām to_Yitsḥāq/(Isaac) and_to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob).
25 And_ Yōṣēf _he_made_to_swear_an_oath ~~DOM~~ the_sons_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say surely_(visit) god he_will_visit you(pl)
and_you(pl)_will_bring_up ~~DOM~~ bones_of_my from_here.
26 And_ Yōṣēf _he/it_died a_son_of one_hundred and_ten years
and_people_embalmed ~~DOM~~_him/it and_he_was_put in_coffin
in_Mitsrayim.

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279 RV 50:25 · Cross-ref. Exo 13:19; Josh 24:32; Heb 11:22.