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Introduction

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Metaphysical Christianity is an authentic and distinct expression of the historic Christian faith that acknowledges and embraces the influence of Platonic and Stoic Greek philosophy on the early development of Christian theology. This influence is especially evident in the Gospel of John, but it also may be found in the authentic letters of Paul, the church fathers, St. Augustine and scholars of the high middle ages such as St. Thomas Aquinas.

Because Metaphysical Christians rely on an inner knowingness for authority in religious and spiritual matters, they were suppressed by the Catholic Church after the 4th century and intensely persecuted by Calvinist and Evangelical leaders after the 16th century. However it is not difficult to trace through Christian history a practicing strain of those who follow a metaphysical path, such as Flemish Beguines, Byzantine Hesychasts, German Mystics, Christian Humanists, English Quakers, American Shakers, New England Transcendentalists and early 20th century New Thought students.

This study bible uses the *World English Bible* translation, which is a contemporary-language update of the bible used by Charles Fillmore, the American Standard Version. The WEB differs from the ASV in three ways: the language is not American nor British, but *contemporary, world English*, making the text intelligible to the broadest possible audience of global English speakers. Second, the translation has been corrected when a broad array of scholars have found mistakes in the ASV. Third, when referencing God, the WEB has replaced the term *Jehovah* with *Yahweh*. The WEB differs from several contemporary-language translations by not adopting gender neutral language but it has provided footnotes when gender neutral language would be appropriate.

The western church finds itself today with two competing expressions of Christianity: Evangelical Christianity with its meta-narrative of creation, sin, judgment and redemption and Metaphysical Christianity with its platonic meta-narrative of mind, idea and expression. We believe that our present day culture of information,

science and technology is ready to reclaim the original thinkers who gave us not only mathematics, ethics, democracy and medicine, but also deep insights into the inner world of soul and Divine mind—the Greek metaphysicians. We believe that contemporary Christianity needs a contemporary, global interpretation applied to a contemporary, global biblical text. The Fillmore Study Bible is our offering to that spiritual need.

The Fillmore Bible Society

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Membership is open to collaborators who contribute an accepted set of annotations for at least one chapter of the Bible or who contribute to The Fillmore Study Bible in some other significant way. You can see examples of the content and style we are looking for in the first ten chapters of The Gospel of John. Contact Mark Hicks if you wish to collaborate. We plan to appoint an Editor and a peer-review committee for the processing of contributions.

This collaboration project is managed by TruthUnity Ministries, which is the publisher of The Fillmore Study Bible. In time the Fillmore Bible Society will become free-standing with its own board, Editorial staff and peer-review committee.

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5. *until he might see what would become of the city.* Jonah was determined to see the city destroyed.

6. *It is better for me to die than to live.* The symbols and the situations in these verses represent the changing attitudes in the mind of one who is uncertain of his spiritual guidance. The prophetic state of

mind, on its highest plane, is a dove, a declarer of ultimate peace and good. When it functions on the intellectual or personal plane, it becomes oppressive, destructive, in that it proclaims evil and disaster continuously, and when this belief in evil becomes intensified on the bodily plane it destroys itself.

Jonah Is Reproved

^{4:9} God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the vine?" ¹


He said, "I am right to be angry, even to death."

^{4:10} Yahweh said, "You have been concerned for the vine, for which you have not labored, neither made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night. ^{4:11} Shouldn't I be concerned for Nineveh, ² that great city, in which are more than one hundred twenty thousand persons who can't discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much livestock?"

1. *Is it right for you to be angry about the vine?* God speaks to Jonah once again, questioning his anger, but Jonah insists on his anger

2. *Shouldn't I be concerned for Nineveh* God shows Jonah the folly of his childish anger by comparing his love for the tree to that

of an entire city that repents. The same wisdom that made a tree is more than capable of judging an entire city. No man should question divine mercy. God will always redeem and transform those that change their ways.

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1. *Nineveh, Jonah.* Nineveh (exterior growth, growing vigor) represents the first manifest expression of the truth that the spirit, soul, and body of man are free and are not bound by limitations of matter. Jonah (a dove) represents the prophetic state of mind, which, if used without divine love, fixes a person in bondage to belief in a law of cause and effect, wherein error sowing cannot be redeemed or forgiven.

2. *and Nineveh shall be overthrown.* Jonah's message is dogmatic, tempered by no conditions and lightened by no promise of escape. He typifies the natural man, who sees only disaster as the inevitable consequence of sin and is unable to accept the teaching that repentance for sin can alter or wipe out the consequences that would otherwise ensue.

3. *but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and animal.* Cattle represent physi-

cal strength, and pertain to the animal forces of the organism. These are not necessarily evil. Their unfoldment and expression depend on the understanding and directive thoughts of the individual. They may be elevated to the spiritual expression and may be used constructively, for the good only. Such a large sweeping change occurs throughout the city that even the animals will bear the symbol of repentance.

4. *And God saw their works.* Though Jonah preached the city's destruction, upon immediately and completely reversing error habits, they had aligned themselves with divine Truth, which uplifts and redeems, and therefore could no longer be destroyed. This phase of Jonah's spiritual consciousness falls short in allowing itself to be intimidated by the seeming mightiness of evil, and failing to appreciate the redeeming power of eternal Good.

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Jonah 4

Jonah's Anger

^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, ¹ and he was angry. ^{4:2} He prayed to Yahweh, and said, "Please, Yahweh, wasn't this what I said when I was still in my own country? ² Therefore I hurried to flee to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and you relent of doing harm. ^{4:3} Therefore now, Yahweh, take, I beg you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." ³

^{4:4} Yahweh said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁴

^{4:5} Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made himself a booth, and sat under it in the shade, until he might see what would become of the city. ⁵ ^{4:6} Yahweh God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine. ^{4:7} But God prepared a worm at dawn the next day, and it chewed on the vine, so that it withered. ^{4:8} It happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁶

1. *it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.* Jonah was angry because God did not destroy Nineveh; his prophesy of destruction was not fulfilled. Jonah saw the enormity of evil and its consequences and believed the city should be destroyed; cause and effect.

2. *wasn't this what I said when I was still in my own country?* Jonah lashes out at God, saying that he knew this might happen and that it is the reason he tried to flee in the first place. Despite listing qualities of God such as mercy and lovingkindness, Jonah is only thinking with his intellect absent of divine love, failing to

understand God's willingness to forgive. This showcases that without redemptive thoughts through prayer the consciousness becomes negative, rebellious, and focused on fault-finding.

3. *for it is better for me to die than to live.* So deep rooted is his belief that the city should be destroyed that Jonah wishes for death.

4. *Is it right for you to be angry?* God asks plainly will Jonah's anger do him any good. Jonah walks away, leaving God's question unanswered.

Genesis

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Introduction to Genesis

Genesis 1

The Creation of Divine Ideas

^{1:1} In the beginning God^[1] ¹ created the heavens and the earth. ^{1:2} Now the earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep. God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters.

^{1:3} God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ^{1:4} God saw the light, and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness. ^{1:5} God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. There was evening and there was morning, one day. ²

^{1:6} God said, "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." ^{1:7} God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. ^{1:8} God called the expanse sky. There was evening and there was morning, a second day. ³

^{1:9} God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear;" and it was so. ^{1:10} God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas. God saw that it was good. ^{1:11} God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with its seed in it, on the earth;" and it was so. ^{1:12} The earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with its seed in it, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. ^{1:13} There was evening and there was morning, a third day. ⁴

^{1:14} God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; ^{1:15} and let them be for lights in the expanse of sky to give light on the earth;" and it was so. ^{1:16} God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ^{1:17} God set them in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth, ^{1:18} and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ^{1:19} There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. ⁵

^{1:20} God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and

let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of sky." ^{1:21} God created the large sea creatures, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind. God saw that it was good. ^{1:22} God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ^{1:23} There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. ⁶

^{1:24} God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, livestock, creeping things, and animals of the earth after their kind;" and it was so. ^{1:25} God made the animals of the earth after their kind, and the livestock after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind. God saw that it was good.

^{1:26} God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ^{1:27} God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them. ^{1:28} God blessed them. God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ^{1:29} God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. ^{1:30} To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food;" and it was so.

^{1:31} God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. ⁷

1. Elohim means God in absolute universality.
2. The first step in creation is the awakening of man to spiritual consciousness, the dawning of light in his mind, his perception of Truth through the quickening of his spirit.
3. The second step in creation is the development of faith or the "firmament." The "waters" represent the unestablished elements of the mind.
4. The third step in creation is the beginning of the formative activity of the mind called imagination.
5. The fourth step in creation is the development of the "two great lights," the will and

- the understanding, or the sun (the spiritual I AM) and the moon (the intellect).
6. The fifth step in creation is the bringing forth of sensation and discrimination. The "creatures" are thoughts. The "birds . . . in the open firmament of heaven" are ideas approaching spiritual understanding.
7. The sixth step in creation is the bringing forth of ideas after their kind. When man approaches the creative level in his thought, he is getting close to God in his consciousness, and then the realization that he is the very image and likeness of his Creator dawns on him. This is the consciousness in man of Christ.

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World English Bible Footnotes:

[1] v1:1. After "God," the Hebrew has the two letters "Aleph Tav" (the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet) as a grammatical marker.

Genesis 2

^{2:1} The heavens and the earth were finished, and all their vast array. ^{2:2} On the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ^{2:3} God blessed the seventh day, and made

yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' ^{2:5} The waters surrounded me, even to the soul. The deep was around me. The weeds were wrapped around my head. ^{2:6} I went down to the bottoms of the mountains. The earth barred me in forever: yet have you brought up my life from the pit, ² Yahweh my God. ^{2:7} "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Yahweh. My prayer came in to you, into your holy temple. ^{2:8} Those who regard lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to Yahweh." ^{2:9} ^{2:10} Yahweh spoke to the fish, ³ and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land.

1. Then Jonah prayed. Jonah's prayer acknowledges his circumstances but then moves into affirmative prayer, detailing that his prayers are heard and answered, followed by thanksgiving for his coming rescue.
2. Yet hast thou brought up my life from the pit. Jonah's rescue could be safety in

- the whale or the return to dry land. See 1:17.
3. And Jehovah spake unto the fish. After Jonah's time in this new truth idea and affirmative prayer, God returns Jonah to dry land, forgiven; a clear change in circumstances.

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Jonah 3

Conversion of Nineveh

^{3:1} The word of Yahweh came to Jonah the second time, saying, ^{3:2} "Arise, go to Nineveh, ¹ that great city, and preach to it the message that I give you."

^{3:3} So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey across. ^{3:4} Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried out, and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ²

^{3:5} The people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ^{3:6} The news reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ^{3:7} He made a proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, "Let neither man nor animal, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; ^{3:8} but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and animal, ³ and let them cry mightily to God. Yes, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. ^{3:9} Who knows whether God will not turn and relent, and turn away from his fierce anger, so that we might not perish?"

^{3:10} God saw their works, ⁴ that they turned from their evil way. God relented of the disaster which he said he would do to them, and he didn't do it.

let us not perish for this man's life, and don't lay on us innocent blood; for you, Yahweh, have done as it pleased you." ^{1:15} So they took up Jonah, and threw him into the sea; ⁷ and the sea ceased its raging. ^{1:16} Then the men feared Yahweh exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice to Yahweh, and made vows.

^{1:17} Yahweh prepared a great fish ⁸ to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ⁹

1. *Jonah*. Jonah represents a phase of spiritual consciousness which sees the enormity of evil and the dire consequences of evil. Jonah fell short because he allowed himself to be intimidated by the seeming mightiness of evil, and failed to appreciate the redeeming power of eternal Good. So Jonah represents a state of mind without divine love, set in cause and effect, under which error sowing cannot be redeemed or forgiven.

2. *Amittai*. Tendency to adhere to Truth but on an intellectual level alone.

3. *Nineveh*. Seat of natural, animal forces in man's body consciousness. Nineveh s people, though not willfully wicked, awaited spiritual instruction to turn away from the outer and material.

4. *Tarshish*. Unyielding, argumentative, pure intellectual and reasoning nature in man.


5. *Wind*. Life currents that come from within and surround the whole being; the executive power of mind clearing the way to higher states of consciousness.

6. *For the men knew*. It is evident that Jonah was fully aware of his actions, clearly choosing pure reasoning and intellect away from God, which already was bringing trouble.

7. *threw him into the sea*. The sea is the waters of the subconscious mind. "There are two realms of thought; the thoughts of the mind working in the subconscious that is called in the Scripture letting the waters bring forth abundantly that is, in the waters of the mind."

8. *great fish*. The great fish (whale) has been interpreted both negatively and positively. The negative view was held by Charles Fillmore and Elizabeth Sand Turner, who viewed the great fish as a disastrous state of affairs into which we fall because of negative thinking. (Charles Fillmore sermon August 20, 1916 and *Let There Be Light* p.236) In contrast, Ed Rabel spoke of the great fish positively. He says that Jonah requests to be thrown into the sea as a solution to a bad situation resulting from his choice, but God rescues him by sending a fish, or a very great truth idea, which totally consumes Jonah. Despite terrible circumstances, God provides Jonah an opportunity to emerge transformed. Ed Rabel, Old Testament Lectures, Jonah.

9. *three days and three nights*. Cf. The Sign of Jonah (12:40): "for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:41-42

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World English Bible Footnotes:

[1] v1:6. or, gods

[2] v1:6. or, gods

Jonah 2

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

^{2:1} Then Jonah prayed ¹ to Yahweh, his God, out of the fish's belly. ^{2:2} He said,

"I called because of my affliction to Yahweh.
He answered me.
Out of the belly of Sheol I cried.
You heard my voice.

^{2:3} For you threw me into the depths,
in the heart of the seas.
The flood was all around me.

All your waves and your billows passed over me.
^{2:4} I said, 'I have been banished from your sight;

it holy, because he rested in it from all his work which he had created and made.

^{2:4} This is the history of the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens. ^{2:5} No plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Yahweh God had not caused it to rain on the earth. There was not a man to till the ground, ^{2:6} but a mist went up from the earth, and watered the whole surface of the ground. ^{2:7} Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. ^{2:8} Yahweh God planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ^{2:9} Out of the ground Yahweh God made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ^{2:10} A river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, and became four heads. ^{2:11} The name of the first is Pishon: this is the one which flows through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ^{2:12} and the gold of that land is good. There is aromatic resin and the onyx stone. ^{2:13} The name of the second river is Gihon: the same river that flows through the whole land of Cush. ^{2:14} The name of the third river is Hiddekel: this is the one which flows in front of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. ^{2:15} Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ^{2:16} Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ^{2:17} but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you will surely die."

^{2:18} Yahweh God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." ^{2:19} Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ^{2:20} The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man there was not found a helper suitable for him. ^{2:21} Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ^{2:22} He made the rib, which Yahweh God had taken from the man, into a woman, and brought her to the man. ^{2:23} The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ^{2:24} Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and will join with his wife, and they will be one flesh. ^{2:25} They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"

^{3:2} The woman said to the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, ^{3:3} but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

^{3:4} The serpent said to the woman, "You won't surely die, ^{3:5} for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,

knowing good and evil."

^{3:6} When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate; and she gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. ^{3:7} The eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ^{3:8} They heard the voice of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.

^{3:9} Yahweh God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

^{3:10} The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

^{3:11} God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

^{3:12} The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

^{3:13} Yahweh God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

^{3:14} Yahweh God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ^{3:15} I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."

^{3:16} To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain you will bring forth children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

^{3:17} To Adam he said, "Because you have listened to your wife's voice, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground for your sake. In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ^{3:18} Thorns also and thistles will it bring forth to you; and you will eat the herb of the field. ^{3:19} By the sweat of your face will you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

^{3:20} The man called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ^{3:21} Yahweh God made coats of skins for Adam and for his wife, and clothed them.

^{3:22} Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, lest he put forth his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever..." ^{3:23} Therefore Yahweh God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ^{3:24} So he drove out the man; and he placed Cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Jonah

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Introduction to Jonah

Jonah 1

Jonah Tries to Run Away from God

^{1:1} Now the word of Yahweh came to Jonah ¹ the son of Amittai, ² saying, ^{1:2} "Arise, go to Nineveh, ³ that great city, and preach against it, for their wickedness has come up before me."

^{1:3} But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish ⁴ from the presence of Yahweh. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of Yahweh. ^{1:4} But Yahweh sent out a great wind ⁵ on the sea, and there was a mighty storm on the sea, so that the ship was likely to break up. ^{1:5} Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep. ^{1:6} So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God[1]! Maybe your God[2] will notice us, so that we won't perish."

^{1:7} They all said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ^{1:8} Then they asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?"

^{1:9} He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear Yahweh, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land."

^{1:10} Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew ⁶ that he was fleeing from the presence of Yahweh, because he had told them. ^{1:11} Then said they to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us?" For the sea grew more and more stormy. ^{1:12} He said to them, "Take me up, and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you; for I know that because of me this great storm is on you."

^{1:13} Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ^{1:14} Therefore they cried to Yahweh, and said, "We beg you, Yahweh, we beg you,

of Esau by slaughter.

1. *Destroy the wise men out of Edom.* As Edom has done to the Israelites, so it will be done to them.

2. *Teman.* Refers to the realm of the subcon-

sciousness with its inherently rich stores of substance and good. Here this realm is under the influence of the Edom phase of mind in the individual; under material thought.

Edom Mistreated His Brother

^{1:10} For the violence done to your brother ¹ Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off forever. ^{1:11} In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them. ^{1:12} But don't look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and don't rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction. Don't speak proudly in the day of distress. ^{1:13} Don't enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Don't look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity. ^{1:14} Don't stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Don't deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. ^{1:15} For the day of Yahweh is near all the nations! As you have done, it will be done to you. ² Your deeds will return upon your own head. ^{1:16} For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so will all the nations drink continually. Yes, they will drink, swallow down, and will be as though they had not been.

1. *For the violence done to your brother.* Referencing the violence Edomites committed against the descendants of Jacob, the Israelites. The atrocities are detailed here.

2. *as you have done, it will be done to you.*

Obadiah's message is now applied to all nations and peoples. Those who act pridefully, and harm others, will one day receive what they've given. Proud nations will be judged.

Israel's Final Triumph

^{1:17} But in Mount Zion, ¹ there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess their possessions. ^{1:18} The house of Jacob will be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. ² They will burn among them, and devour them. There will not be any remaining to the house of Esau. Indeed, Yahweh has spoken.

^{1:19} Those of the South will possess ³ the mountain of Esau, and those of the lowland, the Philistines. They will possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria. Benjamin will possess Gilead. ^{1:20} The captives of this army of the children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, will possess even to Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev. ^{1:21} Saviors will go up on Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom will be Yahweh's.

1. *Mount Zion.* Dwelling place of high, holy thoughts and ideals; love's abode. As we learn to harmonize ourselves with God, we escape the harms that come with living in sense consciousness; we experience holiness or wholeness [Turner, Let There Be Light].

2. *stubble.* Cut stalks of grain plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is har-

vested. Joseph is Jacob's son. Metaphysically, spiritual or I AM consciousness (Jacob) and imagination (Joseph) will overcome the animal mind (Esau).

3. *will possess.* Metaphysically, a description of change in consciousness culminating in higher forms of thought overcoming those of sense consciousness.

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Genesis 4

^{4:1} The man knew Eve his wife. She conceived, and gave birth to Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man with Yahweh's help." ^{4:2} Again she gave birth, to Cain's brother Abel. Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ^{4:3} As time passed, it happened that Cain brought an offering to Yahweh from the fruit of the ground. ^{4:4} Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock and of its fat. Yahweh respected Abel and his offering, ^{4:5} but he didn't respect Cain and his offering. Cain was very angry, and the expression on his face fell. ^{4:6} Yahweh said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why has the expression of your face fallen? ^{4:7} If you do well, will it not be lifted up? If you don't do well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire is for you, but you are to rule over it." ^{4:8} Cain said to Abel, his brother, "Let's go into the field." It happened when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and killed him.

^{4:9} Yahweh said to Cain, "Where is Abel, your brother?"

He said, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

^{4:10} Yahweh said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground. ^{4:11} Now you are cursed because of the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ^{4:12} From now on, when you till the ground, it won't yield its strength to you. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth."

^{4:13} Cain said to Yahweh, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ^{4:14} Behold, you have driven me out this day from the surface of the ground. I will be hidden from your face, and I will be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth. It will happen that whoever finds me will kill me."

^{4:15} Yahweh said to him, "Therefore whoever slays Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." Yahweh appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should strike him.

^{4:16} Cain went out from Yahweh's presence, and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. ^{4:17} Cain knew his wife. She conceived, and gave birth to Enoch. He built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. ^{4:18} To Enoch was born Irad. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech. ^{4:19} Lamech took two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ^{4:20} Adah gave birth to Jabal, who was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ^{4:21} His brother's name was Jubal, who was the father of all who handle the harp and pipe. ^{4:22} Zillah also gave birth to Tubal Cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of brass and iron. Tubal Cain's sister was Naamah. ^{4:23} Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice.

You wives of Lamech, listen to my speech, for I have slain a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me.

^{4:24} If Cain will be avenged seven times, truly Lamech seventy-seven times."

^{4:25} Adam knew his wife again. She gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, "for God has appointed me another child instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."

^{4:26} There was also born a son to Seth, and he named him Enosh. Then men

began to call on Yahweh's name.

Genesis 5

^{5:1} This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, he made him in God's likeness. ^{5:2} He created them male and female, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, [2] in the day when they were created. ^{5:3} Adam lived one hundred thirty years, and became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ^{5:4} The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:5} All the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years, then he died.

^{5:6} Seth lived one hundred five years, and became the father of Enosh. ^{5:7} Seth lived after he became the father of Enosh eight hundred seven years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:8} All the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years, then he died.

^{5:9} Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. ^{5:10} Enosh lived after he became the father of Kenan, eight hundred fifteen years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:11} All the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years, then he died.

^{5:12} Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel. ^{5:13} Kenan lived after he became the father of Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and became the father of sons and daughters ^{5:14} and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years, then he died.

^{5:15} Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared. ^{5:16} Mahalalel lived after he became the father of Jared eight hundred thirty years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:17} All the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years, then he died.

^{5:18} Jared lived one hundred sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. ^{5:19} Jared lived after he became the father of Enoch eight hundred years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:20} All the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, then he died.

^{5:21} Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ^{5:22} Enoch walked with God after he became the father of Methuselah three hundred years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:23} All the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. ^{5:24} Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

^{5:25} Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. ^{5:26} Methuselah lived after he became the father of Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:27} All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, then he died.

^{5:28} Lamech lived one hundred eighty-two years, and became the father of a son, ^{5:29} and he named him Noah, saying, "This same will comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, because of the ground which Yahweh has cursed." ^{5:30} Lamech lived after he became the father of Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and became the father of sons and daughters. ^{5:31} All the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, then he died.

Obadiah

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Introduction to Obadiah

Obadiah 1

Proud Edom Will Be Brought Low

^{1:1} The vision of Obadiah. ¹ This is what the Lord Yahweh says about Edom. ² We have heard news from Yahweh, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let's rise up against her in battle. ^{1:2} Behold, I have made you small among the nations. You are greatly despised. ^{1:3} The pride of your heart ³ has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, who says in his heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' ^{1:4} Though you mount on high as the eagle, ⁴ and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there," says Yahweh.

1. *Obadiah.* The higher thoughts in man that serve and worship God through the I AM, Jehovah, indwelling Christ. They are faithful and true. They are thoughts that are obedient to spiritual ideals, that hear and heed the voice of Spirit.

2. *Edom.* A nation descended from Esau, Jacob's brother. As Jacob and Esau had a contentious relationship, so did Edom and Israel. When Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, Edomites took advantage and earned the ire of the Jews. Metaphysically represents the outer man, the body, or the carnal, physical phase of man's consciousness

and organism; sense consciousness.

3. *The pride of your heart.* Edom was located on higher elevations in the mountains of Seir; Edomites thought very highly of themselves and superior to the Israelites. Metaphysically, sense thoughts seem more important than spiritual ones and thus can be easily prioritized.

4. *Though you mount on high as the eagle.* When operating apart from God, pridefully, and dominated by sense consciousness, man will be brought down, humbled.

Pillage and Slaughter Will Repay Edom's Cruelty

^{1:5} "If thieves came to you, if robbers by night--oh, what disaster awaits you--wouldn't they only steal until they had enough? If grape pickers came to you, wouldn't they leave some gleaning grapes? ^{1:6} How Esau will be ransacked! How his hidden treasures are sought out! ^{1:7} All the men of your alliance have brought you on your way, even to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you. Friends who eat your bread lay a snare under you. There is no understanding in him."

^{1:8} "Won't I in that day," says Yahweh, "destroy the wise men out of Edom, ¹ and understanding out of the mountain of Esau? ^{1:9} Your mighty men, Teman, ² will be dismayed, to the end that everyone may be cut off from the mountain

Psalms 149

149:1 Praise Yahweh!
Sing to Yahweh a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
149:2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made them.
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
149:3 Let them praise his name in the dance!
Let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp!
149:4 For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people.
He crowns the humble with salvation.
149:5 Let the saints rejoice in honor.
Let them sing for joy on their beds.
149:6 May the high praises of God be in their mouths,
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
149:7 To execute vengeance on the nations,
and punishments on the peoples;
149:8 To bind their kings with chains,
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
149:9 to execute on them the written judgment.
All his saints have this honor.
Praise Yah!

Psalms 150

150:1 Praise Yah!
Praise God in his sanctuary!
Praise him in his heavens for his acts of power!
150:2 Praise him for his mighty acts!
Praise him according to his excellent greatness!
150:3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet!
Praise him with harp and lyre!
150:4 Praise him with tambourine and dancing!
Praise him with stringed instruments and flute!
150:5 Praise him with loud cymbals!
Praise him with resounding cymbals!
150:6 Let everything that has breath praise Yah!
Praise Yah!

5:32 Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[2] v5:2. "Adam" and "Man" are spelled with the exact same consonants in Hebrew, so this can be correctly translated either way.

Genesis 6

6:1 It happened, when men began to multiply on the surface of the ground, and daughters were born to them, 6:2 that God's sons saw that men's daughters were beautiful, and they took for themselves wives of all that they chose. 6:3 Yahweh said, "My Spirit will not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; yet will his days be one hundred twenty years." 6:4 The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when God's sons came in to men's daughters. They bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

6:5 Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6:6 Yahweh was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart. 6:7 Yahweh said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the surface of the ground; man, along with animals, creeping things, and birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." 6:8 But Noah found favor in Yahweh's eyes.

6:9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked with God. 6:10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 6:11 The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 6:12 God saw the earth, and saw that it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

6:13 God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 6:14 Make a ship of gopher wood. You shall make rooms in the ship, and shall seal it inside and outside with pitch. 6:15 This is how you shall make it. The length of the ship will be three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 6:16 You shall make a roof in the ship, and you shall finish it to a cubit upward. You shall set the door of the ship in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third levels. 6:17 I, even I, do bring the flood of waters on this earth, to destroy all flesh having the breath of life from under the sky. Everything that is in the earth will die. 6:18 But I will establish my covenant with you. You shall come into the ship, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 6:19 Of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. 6:20 Of the birds after their kind, of the livestock after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive. 6:21 Take with you of all food that is eaten, and gather it to yourself; and it will be for food for you, and for them." 6:22 Thus Noah did. According to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7

^{7:1} Yahweh said to Noah, "Come with all of your household into the ship, for I have seen your righteousness before me in this generation. ^{7:2} You shall take seven pairs of every clean animal with you, the male and his female. Of the animals that are not clean, take two, the male and his female. ^{7:3} Also of the birds of the sky, seven and seven, male and female, to keep seed alive on the surface of all the earth. ^{7:4} In seven days, I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing that I have made, I will destroy from the surface of the ground."

^{7:5} Noah did everything that Yahweh commanded him.

^{7:6} Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. ^{7:7} Noah went into the ship with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, because of the waters of the flood. ^{7:8} Clean animals, animals that are not clean, birds, and everything that creeps on the ground ^{7:9} went by pairs to Noah into the ship, male and female, as God commanded Noah. ^{7:10} It happened after the seven days, that the waters of the flood came on the earth. ^{7:11} In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep were burst open, and the sky's windows were opened. ^{7:12} The rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

^{7:13} In the same day Noah, and Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ship; ^{7:14} they, and every animal after its kind, all the livestock after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. ^{7:15} They went to Noah into the ship, by pairs of all flesh with the breath of life in them. ^{7:16} Those who went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him; and Yahweh shut him in. ^{7:17} The flood was forty days on the earth. The waters increased, and lifted up the ship, and it was lifted up above the earth. ^{7:18} The waters prevailed, and increased greatly on the earth; and the ship floated on the surface of the waters. ^{7:19} The waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth. All the high mountains that were under the whole sky were covered. ^{7:20} The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ^{7:21} All flesh died that moved on the earth, including birds, livestock, animals, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ^{7:22} All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, of all that was on the dry land, died. ^{7:23} Every living thing was destroyed that was on the surface of the ground, including man, livestock, creeping things, and birds of the sky. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ship. ^{7:24} The waters prevailed on the earth one hundred fifty days.

Genesis 8

^{8:1} God remembered Noah, all the animals, and all the livestock that were with him in the ship; and God made a wind to pass over the earth. The waters subsided. ^{8:2} The deep's fountains and the sky's windows were also stopped, and the rain from the sky was restrained. ^{8:3} The waters receded from the earth continually. After the end of one hundred fifty days the waters decreased. ^{8:4} The ship rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on Ararat's mountains. ^{8:5} The waters receded continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

^{147:16} He gives snow like wool,
and scatters frost like ashes.
^{147:17} He hurls down his hail like pebbles.
Who can stand before his cold?
^{147:18} He sends out his word, and melts them.
He causes his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
^{147:19} He shows his word to Jacob;
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
^{147:20} He has not done this for just any nation.
They don't know his ordinances.
Praise Yah!

Psalms 148

^{148:1} Praise Yah!
Praise Yahweh from the heavens!
Praise him in the heights!
^{148:2} Praise him, all his angels!
Praise him, all his army!
^{148:3} Praise him, sun and moon!
Praise him, all you shining stars!
^{148:4} Praise him, you heavens of heavens,
You waters that are above the heavens.
^{148:5} Let them praise the name of Yahweh,
For he commanded, and they were created.
^{148:6} He has also established them forever and ever.
He has made a decree which will not pass away.
^{148:7} Praise Yahweh from the earth,
you great sea creatures, and all depths!
^{148:8} Lightning and hail, snow and clouds;
stormy wind, fulfilling his word;
^{148:9} mountains and all hills;
fruit trees and all cedars;
^{148:10} wild animals and all livestock;
small creatures and flying birds;
^{148:11} kings of the earth and all peoples;
princes and all judges of the earth;
^{148:12} both young men and maidens;
old men and children:
^{148:13} let them praise the name of Yahweh,
for his name alone is exalted.
His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
^{148:14} He has lifted up the horn of his people,
the praise of all his saints;
even of the children of Israel, a people near to him.
Praise Yah!

In that very day, his thoughts perish.
 146:5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
 whose hope is in Yahweh, his God:
 146:6 who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps truth forever;
 146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.
 Yahweh frees the prisoners.
 146:8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind.
 Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down.
 Yahweh loves the righteous.
 146:9 Yahweh preserves the foreigners.
 He upholds the fatherless and widow,
 but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
 146:10 Yahweh will reign forever;
 your God, O Zion, to all generations.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 147

147:1 Praise Yah,
 for it is good to sing praises to our God;
 for it is pleasant and fitting to praise him.
 147:2 Yahweh builds up Jerusalem.
 He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
 147:3 He heals the broken in heart,
 and binds up their wounds.
 147:4 He counts the number of the stars.
 He calls them all by their names.
 147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power.
 His understanding is infinite.
 147:6 Yahweh upholds the humble.
 He brings the wicked down to the ground.
 147:7 Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving.
 Sing praises on the harp to our God,
 147:8 who covers the sky with clouds,
 who prepares rain for the earth,
 who makes grass grow on the mountains.
 147:9 He provides food for the livestock,
 and for the young ravens when they call.
 147:10 He doesn't delight in the strength of the horse.
 He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
 147:11 Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his loving kindness.
 147:12 Praise Yahweh, Jerusalem!
 Praise your God, Zion!
 147:13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates.
 He has blessed your children within you.
 147:14 He makes peace in your borders.
 He fills you with the finest of the wheat.
 147:15 He sends out his commandment to the earth.
 His word runs very swiftly.

8:6 It happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ship which he had made, 8:7 and he sent forth a raven. It went back and forth, until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8:8 He sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from the surface of the ground, 8:9 but the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to him into the ship; for the waters were on the surface of the whole earth. He put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her to him into the ship. 8:10 He stayed yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ship. 8:11 The dove came back to him at evening, and, behold, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from the earth. 8:12 He stayed yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she didn't return to him any more.

8:13 It happened in the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth. Noah removed the covering of the ship, and looked. He saw that the surface of the ground was dried. 8:14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

8:15 God spoke to Noah, saying, 8:16 "Go out of the ship, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you. 8:17 Bring forth with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh, including birds, livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply on the earth."

8:18 Noah went forth, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him. 8:19 Every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatever moves on the earth, after their families, went out of the ship.

8:20 Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 8:21 Yahweh smelled the pleasant aroma. Yahweh said in his heart, "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, because the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again strike everything living, as I have done. 8:22 While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Genesis 9

9:1 God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 9:2 The fear of you and the dread of you will be on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the sky. Everything that the ground teems with, and all the fish of the sea are delivered into your hand. 9:3 Every moving thing that lives will be food for you. As the green herb, I have given everything to you. 9:4 But flesh with its life, its blood, you shall not eat. 9:5 I will surely require your blood of your lives. At the hand of every animal I will require it. At the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, I will require the life of man. 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in his own image. 9:7 Be fruitful and multiply. Bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply in it."

9:8 God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9:9 "As for me, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your offspring after you, 9:10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the livestock, and every

animal of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ship, even every animal of the earth. ^{9:11} I will establish my covenant with you: all flesh will not be cut off any more by the waters of the flood, neither will there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth." ^{9:12} God said, "This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ^{9:13} I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. ^{9:14} It will happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, ^{9:15} and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ^{9:16} The rainbow will be in the cloud. I will look at it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ^{9:17} God said to Noah, "This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

^{9:18} The sons of Noah who went forth from the ship were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham is the father of Canaan. ^{9:19} These three were the sons of Noah, and from these, the whole earth was populated.

^{9:20} Noah began to be a farmer, and planted a vineyard. ^{9:21} He drank of the wine and got drunk. He was uncovered within his tent. ^{9:22} Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ^{9:23} Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it on both their shoulders, went in backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were backwards, and they didn't see their father's nakedness. ^{9:24} Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his youngest son had done to him. ^{9:25} He said,

"Canaan is cursed.
He will be servant of servants to his brothers."

^{9:26} He said,

"Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Shem.
Let Canaan be his servant.
^{9:27} May God enlarge Japheth.
Let him dwell in the tents of Shem.
Let Canaan be his servant."

^{9:28} Noah lived three hundred fifty years after the flood. ^{9:29} All the days of Noah were nine hundred fifty years, then he died.

Genesis 10

^{10:1} Now this is the history of the generations of the sons of Noah and of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

^{10:2} The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
^{10:3} The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ^{10:4} The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ^{10:5} Of these were the islands of the nations divided in their lands, everyone after his language, after their families, in their nations.

^{10:6} The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. ^{10:7} The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. ^{10:8} Cush became the father of Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. ^{10:9} He

^{145:4} One generation will commend your works to another,
and will declare your mighty acts.
^{145:5} Of the glorious majesty of your honor,
of your wondrous works, I will meditate.
^{145:6} Men will speak of the might of your awesome acts.
I will declare your greatness.
^{145:7} They will utter the memory of your great goodness,
and will sing of your righteousness.
^{145:8} Yahweh is gracious, merciful,
slow to anger, and of great loving kindness.
^{145:9} Yahweh is good to all.
His tender mercies are over all his works.
^{145:10} All your works will give thanks to you, Yahweh.
Your saints will extol you.
^{145:11} They will speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and talk about your power;
^{145:12} to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
^{145:13} Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
Yahweh is faithful in all his words, [18]
and loving in all his deeds.
^{145:14} Yahweh upholds all who fall,
and raises up all those who are bowed down.
^{145:15} The eyes of all wait for you.
You give them their food in due season.
^{145:16} You open your hand,
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
^{145:17} Yahweh is righteous in all his ways,
and gracious in all his works.
^{145:18} Yahweh is near to all those who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
^{145:19} He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him.
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
^{145:20} Yahweh preserves all those who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
^{145:21} My mouth will speak the praise of Yahweh.
Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

[17] v145:0. This is an acrostic psalm, with every verse (including the second half of verse 13) starting with a consecutive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

[18] v145:13. Some manuscripts omit these last two lines.

Psalms 146

^{146:1} Praise Yah!
Praise Yahweh, my soul.
^{146:2} While I live, I will praise Yahweh.
I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist.
^{146:3} Don't put your trust in princes,
each a son of man in whom there is no help.
^{146:4} His spirit departs, and he returns to the earth.

Psalms 144

By David.

144:1 Blessed be Yahweh, my rock,
who teaches my hands to war,
and my fingers to battle:
144:2 my loving kindness, my fortress,
my high tower, my deliverer,
my shield, and he in whom I take refuge;
who subdues my people under me.
144:3 Yahweh, what is man, that you care for him?
Or the son of man, that you think of him?
144:4 Man is like a breath.
His days are like a shadow that passes away.
144:5 Part your heavens, Yahweh, and come down.
Touch the mountains, and they will smoke.
144:6 Throw out lightning, and scatter them.
Send out your arrows, and rout them.
144:7 Stretch out your hand from above,
rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
out of the hands of foreigners;
144:8 whose mouths speak deceit,
Whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
144:9 I will sing a new song to you, God.
On a ten-stringed lyre, I will sing praises to you.
144:10 You are he who gives salvation to kings,
who rescues David, his servant, from the deadly sword.
144:11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hands of foreigners,
whose mouths speak deceit,
whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
144:12 Then our sons will be like well-nurtured plants,
our daughters like pillars carved to adorn a palace.
144:13 Our barns are full, filled with all kinds of provision.
Our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields.
144:14 Our oxen will pull heavy loads.
There is no breaking in, and no going away,
and no outcry in our streets.
144:15 Happy are the people who are in such a situation.
Happy are the people whose God is Yahweh.

Psalms 145

A praise psalm by David.[17]

145:1 I will exalt you, my God, the King.
I will praise your name forever and ever.
145:2 Every day I will praise you.
I will extol your name forever and ever.
145:3 Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised!
His greatness is unsearchable.

was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Yahweh." ^{10:10} The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ^{10:11} Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ^{10:12} and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (the same is the great city). ^{10:13} Mizraim became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ^{10:14} Pathrusim, Casluhim (which the Philistines descended from), and Caphtorim.

^{10:15} Canaan became the father of Sidon (his firstborn), Heth, ^{10:16} the Jebusite, the Amorite, the Girgashite, ^{10:17} the Hivite, the Arkite, the Sinite, ^{10:18} the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad. ^{10:19} The border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you go toward Gerar, to Gaza; as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, to Lasha. ^{10:20} These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

^{10:21} To Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. ^{10:22} The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. ^{10:23} The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. ^{10:24} Arpachshad became the father of Shelah. Shelah became the father of Eber. ^{10:25} To Eber were born two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan. ^{10:26} Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ^{10:27} Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ^{10:28} Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ^{10:29} Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. ^{10:30} Their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. ^{10:31} These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their languages, in their lands, after their nations.

^{10:32} These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations. Of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Genesis 11

^{11:1} The whole earth was of one language and of one speech. ^{11:2} It happened, as they traveled east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they lived there. ^{11:3} They said one to another, "Come, let's make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ^{11:4} They said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad on the surface of the whole earth."

^{11:5} Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. ^{11:6} Yahweh said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is what they begin to do. Now nothing will be withheld from them, which they intend to do. ^{11:7} Come, let's go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ^{11:8} So Yahweh scattered them abroad from there on the surface of all the earth. They stopped building the city. ^{11:9} Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of all the earth. From there, Yahweh scattered them abroad on the surface of all the earth.

^{11:10} This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood. ^{11:11} Shem

lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:12} Arpachshad lived thirty-five years and became the father of Shelah. ^{11:13} Arpachshad lived four hundred three years after he became the father of Shelah, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:14} Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber: ^{11:15} and Shelah lived four hundred three years after he became the father of Eber, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:16} Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg. ^{11:17} Eber lived four hundred thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:18} Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu. ^{11:19} Peleg lived two hundred nine years after he became the father of Reu, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:20} Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug. ^{11:21} Reu lived two hundred seven years after he became the father of Serug, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:22} Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor. ^{11:23} Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:24} Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah. ^{11:25} Nahor lived one hundred nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and became the father of sons and daughters.

^{11:26} Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

^{11:27} Now this is the history of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran became the father of Lot. ^{11:28} Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees. ^{11:29} Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran who was also the father of Iscah. ^{11:30} Sarai was barren. She had no child. ^{11:31} Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. They went forth from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan. They came to Haran and lived there. ^{11:32} The days of Terah were two hundred five years. Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12

^{12:1} Now Yahweh said to Abram, "Get out of your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. ^{12:2} I will make of you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. ^{12:3} I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you. In you will all of the families of the earth be blessed."

^{12:4} So Abram went, as Yahweh had spoken to him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran. ^{12:5} Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls whom

^{142:5} I cried to you, Yahweh.
I said, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."
^{142:6} Listen to my cry,
for I am in desperate need.
deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than me.
^{142:7} Bring my soul out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name.
The righteous will surround me,
for you will be good to me.

Psalms 143

A Psalm by David.

^{143:1} Hear my prayer, Yahweh.
Listen to my petitions.
In your faithfulness and righteousness, relieve me.
^{143:2} Don't enter into judgment with your servant,
for in your sight no man living is righteous.
^{143:3} For the enemy pursues my soul.
He has struck my life down to the ground.
He has made me live in dark places, as those who have been long dead.
^{143:4} Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me.
My heart within me is desolate.
^{143:5} I remember the days of old.
I meditate on all your doings.
I contemplate the work of your hands.
^{143:6} I spread forth my hands to you.
My soul thirsts for you, like a parched land.
Selah.
^{143:7} Hurry to answer me, Yahweh.
My spirit fails.
Don't hide your face from me,
so that I don't become like those who go down into the pit.
^{143:8} Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning,
for I trust in you.
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
^{143:9} Deliver me, Yahweh, from my enemies.
I flee to you to hide me.
^{143:10} Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.
^{143:11} Revive me, Yahweh, for your name's sake.
In your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble.
^{143:12} In your loving kindness, cut off my enemies,
and destroy all those who afflict my soul,
For I am your servant.

^{140:13} Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name.
The upright will dwell in your presence.

Psalms 141

A Psalm by David.

^{141:1} Yahweh, I have called on you.
Come to me quickly!
Listen to my voice when I call to you.
^{141:2} Let my prayer be set before you like incense;
the lifting up of my hands like the evening sacrifice.
^{141:3} Set a watch, Yahweh, before my mouth.
Keep the door of my lips.
^{141:4} Don't incline my heart to any evil thing,
to practice deeds of wickedness with men who work iniquity.
Don't let me eat of their delicacies.
^{141:5} Let the righteous strike me, it is kindness;
let him reprove me, it is like oil on the head;
don't let my head refuse it;
Yet my prayer is always against evil deeds.
^{141:6} Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock.
They will hear my words, for they are well spoken.
^{141:7} "As when one plows and breaks up the earth,
our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol."
^{141:8} For my eyes are on you, Yahweh, the Lord.
In you, I take refuge.
Don't leave my soul destitute.
^{141:9} Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
^{141:10} Let the wicked fall together into their own nets,
while I pass by.

Psalms 142

A contemplation by David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.

^{142:1} I cry with my voice to Yahweh.
With my voice, I ask Yahweh for mercy.
^{142:2} I pour out my complaint before him.
I tell him my troubles.
^{142:3} When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
you knew my path.
In the way in which I walk,
they have hidden a snare for me.
^{142:4} Look on my right, and see;
for there is no one who is concerned for me.
Refuge has fled from me.
No one cares for my soul.

they had gotten in Haran, and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan.
Into the land of Canaan they came. ^{12:6} Abram passed through the land to the
place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. The Canaanite was then in the land.

^{12:7} Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your seed[3]."

He built an altar there to Yahweh, who appeared to him. ^{12:8} He left from there
to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on
the west, and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to Yahweh and called on
the name of Yahweh. ^{12:9} Abram traveled, going on still toward the South.

^{12:10} There was a famine in the land. Abram went down into Egypt to live as a
foreigner there, for the famine was severe in the land. ^{12:11} It happened, when
he had come near to enter Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I
know that you are a beautiful woman to look at. ^{12:12} It will happen, when the
Egyptians will see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife.' They will kill me,
but they will save you alive. ^{12:13} Please say that you are my sister, that it may
be well with me for your sake, and that my soul may live because of you."

^{12:14} It happened that when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that
the woman was very beautiful. ^{12:15} The princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised
her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ^{12:16} He dealt
well with Abram for her sake. He had sheep, cattle, male donkeys, male
servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. ^{12:17} Yahweh plagued
Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ^{12:18}
Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this that you have done to me? Why
didn't you tell me that she was your wife? ^{12:19} Why did you say, 'She is my
sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore, see your wife, take
her, and go your way."

^{12:20} Pharaoh commanded men concerning him, and they brought him on the
way with his wife and all that he had.

[3] v12:7. or, offspring

Genesis 13

^{13:1} Abram went up out of Egypt: he, his wife, all that he had, and Lot with him,
into the South. ^{13:2} Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ^{13:3}
He went on his journeys from the South even to Bethel, to the place where his
tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ^{13:4} to the place of the
altar, which he had made there at the first. There Abram called on the name of
Yahweh. ^{13:5} Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.
^{13:6} The land was not able to bear them, that they might live together: for their
substance was great, so that they could not live together. ^{13:7} There was a strife
between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's
livestock: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite lived in the land at that time.
^{13:8} Abram said to Lot, "Please, let there be no strife between me and you, and
between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are relatives. ^{13:9} Isn't the
whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left
hand, then I will go to the right. Or if you go to the right hand, then I will go to
the left."

^{13:10} Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well-

watered everywhere, before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar. ^{13:11} So Lot chose the Plain of the Jordan for himself. Lot traveled east, and they separated themselves the one from the other. ^{13:12} Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ^{13:13} Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinners against Yahweh.

^{13:14} Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot was separated from him, "Now, lift up your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ^{13:15} for all the land which you see, I will give to you, and to your offspring forever. ^{13:16} I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your seed may also be numbered. ^{13:17} Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its breadth; for I will give it to you."

^{13:18} Abram moved his tent, and came and lived by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to Yahweh.

Genesis 14

^{14:1} It happened in the days of Amraphel, king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of Goiim, ^{14:2} that they made war with Bera, king of Sodom, and with Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, and Shemeber, king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar). ^{14:3} All these joined together in the valley of Siddim (the same is the Salt Sea). ^{14:4} Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year, they rebelled. ^{14:5} In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and the kings who were with him, and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, ^{14:6} and the Horites in their Mount Seir, to Elparan, which is by the wilderness. ^{14:7} They returned, and came to En Mishpat (the same is Kadesh), and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that lived in Hazazon Tamar. ^{14:8} The king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar) went out; and they set the battle in array against them in the valley of Siddim: ^{14:9} against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five. ^{14:10} Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and those who remained fled to the hills. ^{14:11} They took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went their way. ^{14:12} They took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

^{14:13} One who had escaped came and told Abram, the Hebrew. Now he lived by the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were allies of Abram. ^{14:14} When Abram heard that his relative was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan. ^{14:15} He divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and struck them, and pursued them to Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. ^{14:16} He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative, Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

^{14:17} The king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ^{14:18} Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine: and he was priest of God Most High. ^{14:19} He blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram of God

the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them.
^{139:17} How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
^{139:18} If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I wake up, I am still with you.
^{139:19} If only you, God, would kill the wicked. Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men!
^{139:20} For they speak against you wickedly. Your enemies take your name in vain.
^{139:21} Yahweh, don't I hate those who hate you? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?
^{139:22} I hate them with perfect hatred. They have become my enemies.
^{139:23} Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts.
^{139:24} See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalms 140

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

^{140:1} Deliver me, Yahweh, from the evil man. Preserve me from the violent man;
^{140:2} those who devise mischief in their hearts. They continually gather themselves together for war.
^{140:3} They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent. Viper's poison is under their lips.
Selah.
^{140:4} Yahweh, keep me from the hands of the wicked. Preserve me from the violent men who have determined to trip my feet.
^{140:5} The proud have hidden a snare for me, they have spread the cords of a net by the path. They have set traps for me.
Selah.
^{140:6} I said to Yahweh, "You are my God." Listen to the cry of my petitions, Yahweh.
^{140:7} Yahweh, the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.
^{140:8} Yahweh, don't grant the desires of the wicked. Don't let their evil plans succeed, or they will become proud.
Selah.
^{140:9} As for the head of those who surround me, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
^{140:10} Let burning coals fall on them. Let them be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, from where they never rise.
^{140:11} An evil speaker won't be established in the earth. Evil will hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
^{140:12} I know that Yahweh will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the needy.

- ^{138:6} For though Yahweh is high, yet he looks after the lowly;
but the proud, he knows from afar.
- ^{138:7} Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will revive me.
You will stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies.
Your right hand will save me.
- ^{138:8} Yahweh will fulfill that which concerns me;
your loving kindness, Yahweh, endures forever.
Don't forsake the works of your own hands.

[16] v138:1. The word *elohim*, used here, usually means "God," but can also mean "gods," "princes," or "angels."

Psalms 139

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

- ^{139:1} Yahweh, you have searched me,
and you know me.
- ^{139:2} You know my sitting down and my rising up.
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ^{139:3} You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ^{139:4} For there is not a word on my tongue,
but, behold, Yahweh, you know it altogether.
- ^{139:5} You hem me in behind and before.
You laid your hand on me.
- ^{139:6} This knowledge is beyond me.
It's lofty.
I can't attain it.
- ^{139:7} Where could I go from your Spirit?
Or where could I flee from your presence?
- ^{139:8} If I ascend up into heaven, you are there.
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there!
- ^{139:9} If I take the wings of the dawn,
and settle in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- ^{139:10} Even there your hand will lead me,
and your right hand will hold me.
- ^{139:11} If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me;
the light around me will be night;"
- ^{139:12} even the darkness doesn't hide from you,
but the night shines as the day.
The darkness is like light to you.
- ^{139:13} For you formed my inmost being.
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ^{139:14} I will give thanks to you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Your works are wonderful.
My soul knows that very well.
- ^{139:15} My frame wasn't hidden from you,
when I was made in secret,
woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ^{139:16} Your eyes saw my body.
In your book they were all written,

Most High, possessor of heaven and earth: ^{14:20} and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

Abram gave him a tenth of all.

^{14:21} The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, and take the goods to yourself."

^{14:22} Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to Yahweh, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, ^{14:23} that I will not take a thread nor a sandal strap nor anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ^{14:24} I will accept nothing from you except that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their portion."

Genesis 15

^{15:1} After these things the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

^{15:2} Abram said, "Lord Yahweh, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and he who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ^{15:3} Abram said, "Behold, to me you have given no seed: and, behold, one born in my house is my heir."

^{15:4} Behold, the word of Yahweh came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir, but he who will come forth out of your own body will be your heir." ^{15:5} Yahweh brought him outside, and said, "Look now toward the sky, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "So shall your seed be." ^{15:6} He believed in Yahweh; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness. ^{15:7} He said to him, "I am Yahweh who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it."

^{15:8} He said, "Lord Yahweh, how will I know that I will inherit it?"

^{15:9} He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ^{15:10} He brought him all of these, and divided them in the middle, and laid each half opposite the other; but he didn't divide the birds. ^{15:11} The birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

^{15:12} When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. Now terror and great darkness fell on him. ^{15:13} He said to Abram, "Know for sure that your seed will live as foreigners in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them. They will afflict them four hundred years. ^{15:14} I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve. Afterward they will come out with great wealth, ^{15:15} but you will go to your fathers in peace. You will be buried in a good old age. ^{15:16} In the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full." ^{15:17} It came to pass that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ^{15:18} In that day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your seed I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: ^{15:19} the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ^{15:20} the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ^{15:21} the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Genesis 16

^{16:1} Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. ^{16:2} Sarai said to Abram, "See now, Yahweh has restrained me from bearing. Please go in to my handmaid. It may be that I will obtain children by her." Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ^{16:3} Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. ^{16:4} He went in to Hagar, and she conceived. When she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ^{16:5} Sarai said to Abram, "This wrong is your fault. I gave my handmaid into your bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. Yahweh judge between me and you."

^{16:6} But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your hand. Do to her whatever is good in your eyes." Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her face.

^{16:7} The angel of Yahweh found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. ^{16:8} He said, "Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, where did you come from? Where are you going?"

She said, "I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai."

^{16:9} The angel of Yahweh said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands." ^{16:10} The angel of Yahweh said to her, "I will greatly multiply your seed, that they will not be numbered for multitude." ^{16:11} The angel of Yahweh said to her, "Behold, you are with child, and will bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because Yahweh has heard your affliction." ^{16:12} He will be like a wild donkey among men. His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him. He will live opposite all of his brothers."

^{16:13} She called the name of Yahweh who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees," for she said, "Have I even stayed alive after seeing him?" ^{16:14} Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. [4] Behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

^{16:15} Hagar bore a son for Abram. Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ^{16:16} Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

[4] v16:14. Beer Lahai Roi means "well of the one who lives and sees me."

Genesis 17

^{17:1} When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me, and be blameless. ^{17:2} I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

^{17:3} Abram fell on his face. God talked with him, saying, ^{17:4} "As for me, behold, my covenant is with you. You will be the father of a multitude of nations. ^{17:5} Neither will your name any more be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ^{17:6} I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you. Kings will come out of you. ^{17:7} I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout

^{136:25} Who gives food to every creature;
for his loving kindness endures forever.
^{136:26} Oh give thanks to the God of heaven;
for his loving kindness endures forever.

[14] v136:13. or, Sea of Reeds

[15] v136:15. or, Sea of Reeds

Psalms 137

^{137:1} By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down.
Yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
^{137:2} On the willows in its midst,
we hung up our harps.
^{137:3} For there, those who led us captive asked us for songs.
Those who tormented us demanded songs of joy:
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
^{137:4} How can we sing Yahweh's song in a foreign land?
^{137:5} If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill.
^{137:6} Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I don't remember you;
if I don't prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.
^{137:7} Remember, Yahweh, against the children of Edom,
the day of Jerusalem;
who said, "Raze it!
Raze it even to its foundation!"
^{137:8} Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,
he will be happy who rewards you,
as you have served us.
^{137:9} Happy shall he be,
who takes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

Psalms 138

By David.

^{138:1} I will give you thanks with my whole heart.
Before the gods[16], I will sing praises to you.
^{138:2} I will bow down toward your holy temple,
and give thanks to your Name for your loving kindness and for your truth;
for you have exalted your Name and your Word above all.
^{138:3} In the day that I called, you answered me.
You encouraged me with strength in my soul.
^{138:4} All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, Yahweh,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
^{138:5} Yes, they will sing of the ways of Yahweh;
for great is Yahweh's glory.

Praise Yah!

Psalms 136

136:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;
 for his loving kindness endures forever.
 136:2 Give thanks to the God of gods;
 for his loving kindness endures forever.
 136:3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:4 To him who alone does great wonders;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:5 To him who by understanding made the heavens;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:6 To him who spread out the earth above the waters;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:7 To him who made the great lights;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:8 The sun to rule by day;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:9 The moon and stars to rule by night;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:10 To him who struck down the Egyptian firstborn;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:11 And brought out Israel from among them;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:13 To him who divided the Red Sea[14] apart;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:14 And made Israel to pass through its midst;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea[15];
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:16 To him who led his people through the wilderness;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:17 To him who struck great kings;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:18 And killed mighty kings;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:19 Sihon king of the Amorites;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:20 Og king of Bashan;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:21 And gave their land as an inheritance;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:22 Even a heritage to Israel his servant;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:
 136:23 Who remembered us in our low estate;
 for his loving kindness endures forever;
 136:24 And has delivered us from our adversaries;
 for his loving kindness endures forever:

their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. ^{17:8} I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land where you are traveling, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. I will be their God."

^{17:9} God said to Abraham, "As for you, you will keep my covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations. ^{17:10} This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you. Every male among you shall be circumcised. ^{17:11} You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin. It will be a token of the covenant between me and you. ^{17:12} He who is eight days old will be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your seed. ^{17:13} He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised. My covenant will be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ^{17:14} The uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant."

^{17:15} God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name will be Sarah. ^{17:16} I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. Yes, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations. Kings of peoples will come from her."

^{17:17} Then Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to him who is one hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth?" ^{17:18} Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

^{17:19} God said, "No, but Sarah, your wife, will bear you a son. You shall call his name Isaac.[5] I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. ^{17:20} As for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He will become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ^{17:21} But my covenant I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year."

^{17:22} When he finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ^{17:23} Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house, and all who were bought with his money; every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the same day, as God had said to him. ^{17:24} Abraham was ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ^{17:25} Ishmael, his son, was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ^{17:26} In the same day both Abraham and Ishmael, his son, were circumcised. ^{17:27} All the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

[5] v17:19. Isaac means "he laughs."

Genesis 18

^{18:1} Yahweh appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. ^{18:2} He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood opposite him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the

tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, ^{18:3} and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please don't go away from your servant. ^{18:4} Now let a little water be fetched, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ^{18:5} I will get a morsel of bread so you can refresh your heart. After that you may go your way, now that you have come to your servant."

They said, "Very well, do as you have said."

^{18:6} Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly make ready three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes." ^{18:7} Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to dress it. ^{18:8} He took butter, milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them. He stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

^{18:9} They said to him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?"

He said, "See, in the tent."

^{18:10} He said, "I will certainly return to you when the season comes round. Behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."

Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. ^{18:11} Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age. It had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ^{18:12} Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

^{18:13} Yahweh said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Will I really bear a child, yet I am old?' ^{18:14} Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes round, and Sarah will have a son."

^{18:15} Then Sarah denied, saying, "I didn't laugh," for she was afraid.

He said, "No, but you did laugh."

^{18:16} The men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. ^{18:17} Yahweh said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do, ^{18:18} seeing that Abraham has surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? ^{18:19} For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him." ^{18:20} Yahweh said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, ^{18:21} I will go down now, and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports which have come to me. If not, I will know."

^{18:22} The men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before Yahweh. ^{18:23} Abraham drew near, and said, "Will you consume the righteous with the wicked? ^{18:24} What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it? ^{18:25} Be it far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be like the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn't the Judge of all the earth do right?"

^{18:26} Yahweh said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake." ^{18:27} Abraham answered, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, who am but dust and ashes. ^{18:28} What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?"

who stand by night in Yahweh's house!
^{134:2} Lift up your hands in the sanctuary.
Praise Yahweh!
^{134:3} May Yahweh bless you from Zion;
even he who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 135

^{135:1} Praise Yah!
Praise the name of Yahweh!
Praise him, you servants of Yahweh,
^{135:2} you who stand in the house of Yahweh,
in the courts of our God's house.
^{135:3} Praise Yah, for Yahweh is good.
Sing praises to his name, for that is pleasant.
^{135:4} For Yah has chosen Jacob for himself;
Israel for his own possession.
^{135:5} For I know that Yahweh is great,
that our Lord is above all gods.
^{135:6} Whatever Yahweh pleased, that he has done,
in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;
^{135:7} who causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth;
who makes lightnings with the rain;
who brings forth the wind out of his treasures;
^{135:8} Who struck the firstborn of Egypt,
both of man and animal;
^{135:9} Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, Egypt,
on Pharaoh, and on all his servants;
^{135:10} who struck many nations,
and killed mighty kings,
^{135:11} Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
^{135:12} and gave their land for a heritage,
a heritage to Israel, his people.
^{135:13} Your name, Yahweh, endures forever;
your renown, Yahweh, throughout all generations.
^{135:14} For Yahweh will judge his people,
and have compassion on his servants.
^{135:15} The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.
^{135:16} They have mouths, but they can't speak.
They have eyes, but they can't see.
^{135:17} They have ears, but they can't hear;
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
^{135:18} Those who make them will be like them;
yes, everyone who trusts in them.
^{135:19} House of Israel, praise Yahweh!
House of Aaron, praise Yahweh!
^{135:20} House of Levi, praise Yahweh!
You who fear Yahweh, praise Yahweh!
^{135:21} Blessed be Yahweh from Zion,
Who dwells at Jerusalem.

^{132:6} Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah.
We found it in the field of Jaar:
^{132:7} "We will go into his dwelling place.
We will worship at his footstool.
^{132:8} Arise, Yahweh, into your resting place;
you, and the ark of your strength.
^{132:9} Let your priest be clothed with righteousness.
Let your saints shout for joy!"
^{132:10} For your servant David's sake,
don't turn away the face of your anointed one.
^{132:11} Yahweh has sworn to David in truth.
He will not turn from it:
"I will set the fruit of your body on your throne.
^{132:12} If your children will keep my covenant,
my testimony that I will teach them,
their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
^{132:13} For Yahweh has chosen Zion.
He has desired it for his habitation.
^{132:14} "This is my resting place forever.
Here I will live, for I have desired it.
^{132:15} I will abundantly bless her provision.
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
^{132:16} Her priests I will also clothe with salvation.
Her saints will shout aloud for joy.
^{132:17} There I will make the horn of David to bud.
I have ordained a lamp for my anointed.
^{132:18} I will clothe his enemies with shame,
but on himself, his crown will be resplendent."

Psalms 133

A Song of Ascents. By David.

^{133:1} See how good and how pleasant it is
for brothers to live together in unity!
^{133:2} It is like the precious oil on the head,
that ran down on the beard,
even Aaron's beard;
that came down on the edge of his robes;
^{133:3} like the dew of Hermon,
that comes down on the hills of Zion:
for there Yahweh gives the blessing,
even life forevermore.

Psalms 134

A Song of Ascents.

^{134:1} Look! Praise Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh,

He said, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

^{18:29} He spoke to him yet again, and said, "What if there are forty found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the forty's sake."

^{18:30} He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?"

He said, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

^{18:31} He said, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake."

^{18:32} He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the ten's sake."

^{18:33} Yahweh went his way, as soon as he had finished communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19

^{19:1} The two angels came to Sodom at evening. Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face to the earth, ^{19:2} and he said, "See now, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, stay all night, wash your feet, and you will rise up early, and go on your way."

They said, "No, but we will stay in the street all night."

^{19:3} He urged them greatly, and they came in with him, and entered into his house. He made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ^{19:4} But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. ^{19:5} They called to Lot, and said to him, "Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them."

^{19:6} Lot went out to them to the door, and shut the door after him. ^{19:7} He said, "Please, my brothers, don't act so wickedly. ^{19:8} See now, I have two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them what seems good to you. Only don't do anything to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof."

^{19:9} They said, "Stand back!" They said, "This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now will we deal worse with you, than with them!" They pressed hard on the man Lot, and drew near to break the door. ^{19:10} But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. ^{19:11} They struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

^{19:12} The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, bring them out of the place: ^{19:13} for we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before Yahweh that Yahweh has sent us to destroy it."

^{19:14} Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up! Get out of this place, for Yahweh will destroy the city."

But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking. ^{19:15} When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, "Get up! Take your wife, and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city." ^{19:16} But he lingered; and the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, Yahweh being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city. ^{19:17} It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, "Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed!"

^{19:18} Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my lord. ^{19:19} See now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life. I can't escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me, and I die. ^{19:20} See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (isn't it a little one?), and my soul will live."

^{19:21} He said to him, "Behold, I have granted your request concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. ^{19:22} Hurry, escape there, for I can't do anything until you get there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.^[6]

^{19:23} The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ^{19:24} Then Yahweh rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulfur and fire from Yahweh out of the sky. ^{19:25} He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground. ^{19:26} But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

^{19:27} Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Yahweh. ^{19:28} He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and looked, and saw that the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace.

^{19:29} It happened, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

^{19:30} Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to live in Zoar. He lived in a cave with his two daughters. ^{19:31} The firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. ^{19:32} Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve our father's seed." ^{19:33} They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she arose. ^{19:34} It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine again, tonight. You go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve our father's seed." ^{19:35} They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and lay with him. He didn't know when she lay down, nor when she got up. ^{19:36} Thus both of Lot's daughters were with child by their father. ^{19:37} The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. ^{19:38} The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben

Psalms 130

A Song of Ascents.

^{130:1} Out of the depths I have cried to you, Yahweh.
^{130:2} Lord, hear my voice.
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions.
^{130:3} If you, Yah, kept a record of sins,
 Lord, who could stand?
^{130:4} But there is forgiveness with you,
 therefore you are feared.
^{130:5} I wait for Yahweh.
 My soul waits.
 I hope in his word.
^{130:6} My soul longs for the Lord more than watchmen long for the morning;
 more than watchmen for the morning.
^{130:7} Israel, hope in Yahweh,
 for with Yahweh there is loving kindness.
 With him is abundant redemption.
^{130:8} He will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalms 131

A Song of Ascents. By David.

^{131:1} Yahweh, my heart isn't haughty, nor my eyes lofty;
 nor do I concern myself with great matters,
 or things too wonderful for me.
^{131:2} Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul,
 like a weaned child with his mother,
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.
^{131:3} Israel, hope in Yahweh,
 from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalms 132

A Song of Ascents.

^{132:1} Yahweh, remember David and all his affliction,
^{132:2} how he swore to Yahweh,
 and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
^{132:3} "Surely I will not come into the structure of my house,
 nor go up into my bed;
^{132:4} I will not give sleep to my eyes,
 or slumber to my eyelids;
^{132:5} until I find out a place for Yahweh,
 a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

The fruit of the womb is his reward.
^{127:4} As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
 so are the children of youth.
^{127:5} Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.
 They won't be disappointed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128

A Song of Ascents.

^{128:1} Blessed is everyone who fears Yahweh,
 who walks in his ways.
^{128:2} For you will eat the labor of your hands.
 You will be happy, and it will be well with you.
^{128:3} Your wife will be as a fruitful vine,
 in the innermost parts of your house;
 your children like olive plants,
 around your table.
^{128:4} Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears Yahweh.
^{128:5} May Yahweh bless you out of Zion,
 and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
^{128:6} Yes, may you see your children's children.
 Peace be upon Israel.

Psalms 129

A Song of Ascents.

^{129:1} Many times they have afflicted me from my youth up.
 Let Israel now say,
^{129:2} many times they have afflicted me from my youth up,
 yet they have not prevailed against me.
^{129:3} The plowers plowed on my back.
 They made their furrows long.
^{129:4} Yahweh is righteous.
 He has cut apart the cords of the wicked.
^{129:5} Let them be disappointed and turned backward,
 all those who hate Zion.
^{129:6} Let them be as the grass on the housetops,
 which withers before it grows up;
^{129:7} with which the reaper doesn't fill his hand,
 nor he who binds sheaves, his bosom.
^{129:8} Neither do those who go by say,
 "The blessing of Yahweh be on you.
 We bless you in the name of Yahweh."

Ammi. He is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.

[6] v19:22. Zoar means "little."

Genesis 20

^{20:1} Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the South, and lived
 between Kadesh and Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar. ^{20:2} Abraham said
 about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took
 Sarah. ^{20:3} But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him,
 "Behold, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken. For
 she is a man's wife."

^{20:4} Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said, "Lord, will you kill even a
 righteous nation? ^{20:5} Didn't he tell me, 'She is my sister?' She, even she herself,
 said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my
 hands have I done this."

^{20:6} God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your
 heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me.
 Therefore I didn't allow you to touch her. ^{20:7} Now therefore, restore the man's
 wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. If you
 don't restore her, know for sure that you will die, you, and all who are yours."

^{20:8} Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all
 these things in their ear. The men were very scared. ^{20:9} Then Abimelech called
 Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned
 against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You
 have done deeds to me that ought not to be done!" ^{20:10} Abimelech said to
 Abraham, "What did you see, that you have done this thing?"

^{20:11} Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this
 place. They will kill me for my wife's sake.' ^{20:12} Besides, she is indeed my sister,
 the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she
 became my wife. ^{20:13} It happened, when God caused me to wander from my
 father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to
 me. Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

^{20:14} Abimelech took sheep and cattle, male servants and female servants, and
 gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah, his wife, to him. ^{20:15} Abimelech
 said, "Behold, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases you." ^{20:16} To Sarah
 he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Behold,
 it is for you a covering of the eyes to all that are with you. In front of all you
 are vindicated."

^{20:17} Abraham prayed to God. God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his
 female servants, and they bore children. ^{20:18} For Yahweh had closed up tight all
 the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 21

^{21:1} Yahweh visited Sarah as he had said, and Yahweh did to Sarah as he had
 spoken. ^{21:2} Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set
 time of which God had spoken to him. ^{21:3} Abraham called his son who was born

to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.[7] ^{21:4} Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ^{21:5} Abraham was one hundred years old when his son, Isaac, was born to him. ^{21:6} Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me." ^{21:7} She said, "Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

^{21:8} The child grew, and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ^{21:9} Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. ^{21:10} Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this handmaid and her son! For the son of this handmaid will not be heir with my son, Isaac."

^{21:11} The thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. ^{21:12} God said to Abraham, "Don't let it be grievous in your sight because of the boy, and because of your handmaid. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For from Isaac will your seed be called. ^{21:13} I will also make a nation of the son of the handmaid, because he is your seed." ^{21:14} Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder; and gave her the child, and sent her away. She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. ^{21:15} The water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ^{21:16} She went and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a bow shot away. For she said, "Don't let me see the death of the child." She sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. ^{21:17} God heard the voice of the boy.

The angel of God called to Hagar out of the sky, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Don't be afraid. For God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ^{21:18} Get up, lift up the boy, and hold him in your hand. For I will make him a great nation."

^{21:19} God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, filled the bottle with water, and gave the boy drink. ^{21:20} God was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. ^{21:21} He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

^{21:22} It happened at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, "God is with you in all that you do. ^{21:23} Now, therefore, swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. But according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have lived as a foreigner."

^{21:24} Abraham said, "I will swear." ^{21:25} Abraham complained to Abimelech because of a water well, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. ^{21:26} Abimelech said, "I don't know who has done this thing. Neither did you tell me, neither did I hear of it, until today."

^{21:27} Abraham took sheep and cattle, and gave them to Abimelech. Those two made a covenant. ^{21:28} Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. ^{21:29} Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves mean?"

^{21:30} He said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well." ^{21:31} Therefore he called that place Beersheba,[8] because they both swore there. ^{21:32} So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech rose up with Phicol, the captain of his army, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. ^{21:33} Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and called there on the name of Yahweh, the Everlasting God. ^{21:34} Abraham lived as a foreigner in the land of the Philistines many days.

Psalms 125

A Song of Ascents.

^{125:1} Those who trust in Yahweh are as Mount Zion,
which can't be moved, but remains forever.
^{125:2} As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so Yahweh surrounds his people from this time forth and forevermore.
^{125:3} For the scepter of wickedness won't remain over the allotment of the
righteous;
so that the righteous won't use their hands to do evil.
^{125:4} Do good, Yahweh, to those who are good,
to those who are upright in their hearts.
^{125:5} But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
Yahweh will lead them away with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be on Israel.

Psalms 126

A Song of Ascents.

^{126:1} When Yahweh brought back those who returned to Zion,
we were like those who dream.
^{126:2} Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"Yahweh has done great things for them."
^{126:3} Yahweh has done great things for us,
and we are glad.
^{126:4} Restore our fortunes again, Yahweh,
like the streams in the Negev.
^{126:5} Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.
^{126:6} He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,
will certainly come again with joy, carrying his sheaves.

Psalms 127

A Song of Ascents. By Solomon.


^{127:1} Unless Yahweh builds the house,
they labor in vain who build it.
Unless Yahweh watches over the city,
the watchman guards it in vain.
^{127:2} It is vain for you to rise up early,
to stay up late,
eating the bread of toil;
for he gives sleep to his loved ones.
^{127:3} Behold, children are a heritage of Yahweh.

God does not withhold your good, but neither does [God] force any good upon you. Instead, you must cultivate within yourself the equivalent of what you desire to be made manifest in your life, whether it is peace, joy, prosperity, health, advancement, or whatever good you seek.

First, know that it is your birthright to claim your good.
Second, prepare for that good by building the

equivalent of the good you seek into your own consciousness.
Third, be grateful for the good you seek even before you receive it.

As you practice these steps, you will have peace and prosperity within the walls of your own consciousness.
 Affirm now with feeling: I prepare for my good by being grateful for it now.
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Psalms 123

A Song of Ascents.

- ^{123:1} To you I do lift up my eyes,
 you who sit in the heavens.
^{123:2} Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
 as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress;
 so our eyes look to Yahweh, our God,
 until he has mercy on us.
^{123:3} Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us,
 for we have endured much contempt.
^{123:4} Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease,
 with the contempt of the proud.

Psalms 124

A Song of Ascents. By David.

- ^{124:1} If it had not been Yahweh who was on our side,
 let Israel now say,
^{124:2} if it had not been Yahweh who was on our side,
 when men rose up against us;
^{124:3} then they would have swallowed us up alive,
 when their wrath was kindled against us;
^{124:4} then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
 the stream would have gone over our soul;
^{124:5} then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.
^{124:6} Blessed be Yahweh,
 who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
^{124:7} Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare.
 The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
^{124:8} Our help is in the name of Yahweh,
 who made heaven and earth.

[7] v21:3. Isaac means "He laughs."

[8] v21:31. Beersheba can mean "well of the oath" or "well of seven."

Genesis 22

^{22:1} It happened after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

He said, "Here I am."

^{22:2} He said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, even Isaac, and go into the land of Moriah. Offer him there for a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will tell you of."

^{22:3} Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which God had told him. ^{22:4} On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place far off. ^{22:5} Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go yonder. We will worship, and come back to you." ^{22:6} Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. He took in his hand the fire and the knife. They both went together. ^{22:7} Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?"

He said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

^{22:8} Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they both went together. ^{22:9} They came to the place which God had told him of. Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, on the wood. ^{22:10} Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to kill his son.

^{22:11} The angel of Yahweh called to him out of the sky, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

He said, "Here I am."

^{22:12} He said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

^{22:13} Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and saw that behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ^{22:14} Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh Will Provide[9]. As it is said to this day, "On Yahweh's mountain, it will be provided."

^{22:15} The angel of Yahweh called to Abraham a second time out of the sky, ^{22:16} and said, "I have sworn by myself, says Yahweh, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ^{22:17} that I will bless you

greatly, and I will multiply your seed greatly like the stars of the heavens, and like the sand which is on the seashore. Your seed will possess the gate of his enemies.
^{22:18} In your seed will all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

^{22:19} So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba. Abraham lived at Beersheba.

^{22:20} It happened after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah, she also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ^{22:21} Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ^{22:22} Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." ^{22:23} Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ^{22:24} His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

[9] v22:14. or, Yahweh-Jireh, or, Yahweh-Seeing

Genesis 23

^{23:1} Sarah lived one hundred twenty-seven years. This was the length of Sarah's life.
^{23:2} Sarah died in Kiriath Arba (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan. Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. ^{23:3} Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke to the children of Heth, saying, ^{23:4} "I am a stranger and a foreigner living with you. Give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

^{23:5} The children of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, ^{23:6} "Hear us, my lord. You are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the best of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb. Bury your dead."

^{23:7} Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. ^{23:8} He talked with them, saying, "If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, ^{23:9} that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is in the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me among you for a possession of a burying-place."

^{23:10} Now Ephron was sitting in the middle of the children of Heth. Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of Heth, even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying, ^{23:11} "No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the children of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead."

^{23:12} Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. ^{23:13} He spoke to Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, "But if you will, please hear me. I will give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there."

^{23:14} Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, ^{23:15} "My lord, listen to me. What is a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver between me and you? Therefore bury your dead."

^{23:16} Abraham listened to Ephron. Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the audience of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver,

Psalms 121

A Song of Ascents.

^{121:1} I will lift up my eyes to the hills.
 Where does my help come from?
^{121:2} My help comes from Yahweh,
 who made heaven and earth.
^{121:3} He will not allow your foot to be moved.
 He who keeps you will not slumber.
^{121:4} Behold, he who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
^{121:5} Yahweh is your keeper.
 Yahweh is your shade on your right hand.
^{121:6} The sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
^{121:7} Yahweh will keep you from all evil.
 He will keep your soul.
^{121:8} Yahweh will keep your going out and your coming in,
 from this time forth, and forevermore.

Psalms 122

Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem

A Song of Ascents. By David.

^{122:1} I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let's go to Yahweh's house!"
^{122:2} Our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem;
^{122:3} Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is compact together;
^{122:4} where the tribes go up, even Yah's tribes,
 according to an ordinance for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.
^{122:5} For there are set thrones for judgment,
 the thrones of David's house.
^{122:6} Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
 Those who love you will prosper.
^{122:7} Peace be within your walls, ¹
 and prosperity within your palaces.
^{122:8} For my brothers' and companions' sakes,
 I will now say, "Peace be within you."
^{122:9} For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God,
 I will seek your good.

1. *Peace within your walls.* When you want peace of mind get away from things, counseled Emmet Fox, and dwell upon the Presence of God instead.

Your palace is your own consciousness. The walls spoken of in this Bible verse are invis-

ible, but just as real as any stone wall. Your walls are your convictions of Truth which protect you from the negative suggestions that are broadcast all around you. Have a conviction of peace, entertain ideas of peace, seek to be a peace giver to your world.

I love your law.
^{119:164} Seven times a day, I praise you,
 because of your righteous ordinances.
^{119:165} Those who love your law have great peace.
 Nothing causes them to stumble.
^{119:166} I have hoped for your salvation, Yahweh.
 I have done your commandments.
^{119:167} My soul has observed your testimonies.
 I love them exceedingly.
^{119:168} I have obeyed your precepts and your testimonies,
 for all my ways are before you.
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^{119:169} Let my cry come before you, Yahweh.
 Give me understanding according to your word.
^{119:170} Let my supplication come before you.
 Deliver me according to your word.
^{119:171} Let my lips utter praise,
 for you teach me your statutes.
^{119:172} Let my tongue sing of your word,
 for all your commandments are righteousness.
^{119:173} Let your hand be ready to help me,
 for I have chosen your precepts.
^{119:174} I have longed for your salvation, Yahweh.
 Your law is my delight.
^{119:175} Let my soul live, that I may praise you.
 Let your ordinances help me.
^{119:176} I have gone astray like a lost sheep.
 Seek your servant, for I don't forget your commandments.

Psalms 120

A Song of Ascents.

^{120:1} In my distress, I cried to Yahweh.
 He answered me.
^{120:2} Deliver my soul, Yahweh, from lying lips,
 from a deceitful tongue.
^{120:3} What will be given to you, and what will be done more to you,
 you deceitful tongue?
^{120:4} Sharp arrows of the mighty,
 with coals of juniper.
^{120:5} Woe is me, that I live in Meshech,
 that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
^{120:6} My soul has had her dwelling too long
 with him who hates peace.
^{120:7} I am for peace,
 but when I speak, they are for war.

according to the current merchants' standard.

^{23:17} So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all of its borders, were deeded ^{23:18} to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city. ^{23:19} After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. ^{23:20} The field, and the cave that is in it, were deeded to Abraham for a possession of a burying place by the children of Heth.

Genesis 24

^{24:1} Abraham was old, and well stricken in age. Yahweh had blessed Abraham in all things. ^{24:2} Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please put your hand under my thigh. ^{24:3} I will make you swear by Yahweh, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live. ^{24:4} But you shall go to my country, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

^{24:5} The servant said to him, "What if the woman isn't willing to follow me to this land? Must I bring your son again to the land you came from?"

^{24:6} Abraham said to him, "Beware that you don't bring my son there again. ^{24:7} Yahweh, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, 'I will give this land to your seed[10].' He will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ^{24:8} If the woman isn't willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this my oath. Only you shall not bring my son there again."

^{24:9} The servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. ^{24:10} The servant took ten camels, of his master's camels, and departed, having a variety of good things of his master's with him. He arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. ^{24:11} He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. ^{24:12} He said, "Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ^{24:13} Behold, I am standing by the spring of water. The daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ^{24:14} Let it happen, that the young lady to whom I will say, 'Please let down your pitcher, that I may drink,' and she will say, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink,'--let her be the one you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

^{24:15} It happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher on her shoulder. ^{24:16} The young lady was very beautiful to look at, a virgin, neither had any man known her. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and came up. ^{24:17} The servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please give me a drink, a little water from your pitcher."

^{24:18} She said, "Drink, my lord." She hurried, and let down her pitcher on her

hand, and gave him drink. ^{24:19} When she had done giving him drink, she said, "I will also draw for your camels, until they have done drinking." ^{24:20} She hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw, and drew for all his camels.

^{24:21} The man looked steadfastly at her, remaining silent, to know whether Yahweh had made his journey prosperous or not. ^{24:22} It happened, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold, ^{24:23} and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?"

^{24:24} She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." ^{24:25} She said moreover to him, "We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in."

^{24:26} The man bowed his head, and worshiped Yahweh. ^{24:27} He said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my master. As for me, Yahweh has led me in the way to the house of my master's relatives."

^{24:28} The young lady ran, and told her mother's house about these words. ^{24:29} Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. ^{24:30} It happened, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This is what the man said to me," that he came to the man. Behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. ^{24:31} He said, "Come in, you blessed of Yahweh. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels."

^{24:32} The man came into the house, and he unloaded the camels. He gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ^{24:33} Food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my message."

He said, "Speak on."

^{24:34} He said, "I am Abraham's servant. ^{24:35} Yahweh has blessed my master greatly. He has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, and camels and donkeys. ^{24:36} Sarah, my master's wife, bore a son to my master when she was old. He has given all that he has to him. ^{24:37} My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, ^{24:38} but you shall go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.' ^{24:39} I said to my master, 'What if the woman will not follow me?' ^{24:40} He said to me, 'Yahweh, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son of my relatives, and of my father's house. ^{24:41} Then will you be clear from my oath, when you come to my relatives. If they don't give her to you, you shall be clear from my oath.' ^{24:42} I came this day to the spring, and said, 'Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, if now you do prosper my way which I go-- ^{24:43} behold, I am standing by this spring of water. Let it happen, that the maiden who comes forth to draw, to whom I will say, 'Give me, I pray you, a little water from your pitcher to drink,' ^{24:44} and she will tell me, 'Drink, and I will also draw for your camels,'--let her be the woman whom Yahweh has appointed for my master's son. ^{24:45} Before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder. She went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ^{24:46} She hurried and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink.' So I drank, and she made the camels drink also. ^{24:47} I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' I put the ring on her nose, and the

^{119:137} You are righteous, Yahweh.
Your judgments are upright.
^{119:138} You have commanded your statutes in righteousness.
They are fully trustworthy.
^{119:139} My zeal wears me out,
because my enemies ignore your words.
^{119:140} Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.
^{119:141} I am small and despised.
I don't forget your precepts.
^{119:142} Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness.
Your law is truth.
^{119:143} Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me.
Your commandments are my delight.
^{119:144} Your testimonies are righteous forever.
Give me understanding, that I may live.

KUF

^{119:145} I have called with my whole heart.
Answer me, Yahweh!
I will keep your statutes.
^{119:146} I have called to you. Save me!
I will obey your statutes.
^{119:147} I rise before dawn and cry for help.
I put my hope in your words.
^{119:148} My eyes stay open through the night watches,
that I might meditate on your word.
^{119:149} Hear my voice according to your loving kindness.
Revive me, Yahweh, according to your ordinances.
^{119:150} They draw near who follow after wickedness.
They are far from your law.
^{119:151} You are near, Yahweh.
All your commandments are truth.
^{119:152} Of old I have known from your testimonies,
that you have founded them forever.

RESH

^{119:153} Consider my affliction, and deliver me,
for I don't forget your law.
^{119:154} Plead my cause, and redeem me!
Revive me according to your promise.
^{119:155} Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they don't seek your statutes.
^{119:156} Great are your tender mercies, Yahweh.
Revive me according to your ordinances.
^{119:157} Many are my persecutors and my adversaries.
I haven't swerved from your testimonies.
^{119:158} I look at the faithless with loathing,
because they don't observe your word.
^{119:159} Consider how I love your precepts.
Revive me, Yahweh, according to your loving kindness.
^{119:160} All of your words are truth.
Every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.

SIN AND SHIN

^{119:161} Princes have persecuted me without a cause,
but my heart stands in awe of your words.
^{119:162} I rejoice at your word,
as one who finds great spoil.
^{119:163} I hate and abhor falsehood.

yet I haven't gone astray from your precepts.
 119:111 I have taken your testimonies as a heritage forever,
 for they are the joy of my heart.
 119:112 I have set my heart to perform your statutes forever,
 even to the end.
 SAMEKH
 119:113 I hate double-minded men,
 but I love your law.
 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield.
 I hope in your word.
 119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers,
 that I may keep the commandments of my God.
 119:116 Uphold me according to your word, that I may live.
 Let me not be ashamed of my hope.
 119:117 Hold me up, and I will be safe,
 and will have respect for your statutes continually.
 119:118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes,
 for their deceit is in vain.
 119:119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross.
 Therefore I love your testimonies.
 119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of you.
 I am afraid of your judgments.
 AYIN
 119:121 I have done what is just and righteous.
 Don't leave me to my oppressors.
 119:122 Ensure your servant's well-being.
 Don't let the proud oppress me.
 119:123 My eyes fail looking for your salvation,
 for your righteous word.
 119:124 Deal with your servant according to your loving kindness.
 Teach me your statutes.
 119:125 I am your servant. Give me understanding,
 that I may know your testimonies.
 119:126 It is time to act, Yahweh,
 for they break your law.
 119:127 Therefore I love your commandments more than gold,
 yes, more than pure gold.
 119:128 Therefore I consider all of your precepts to be right.
 I hate every false way.
 PEY
 119:129 Your testimonies are wonderful,
 therefore my soul keeps them.
 119:130 The entrance of your words gives light.
 It gives understanding to the simple.
 119:131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,
 for I longed for your commandments.
 119:132 Turn to me, and have mercy on me,
 as you always do to those who love your name.
 119:133 Establish my footsteps in your word.
 Don't let any iniquity have dominion over me.
 119:134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
 so I will observe your precepts.
 119:135 Make your face shine on your servant.
 Teach me your statutes.
 119:136 Streams of tears run down my eyes,
 because they don't observe your law.
 TZADI

bracelets on her hands. ^{24:48} I bowed my head, and worshiped Yahweh, and
 blessed Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right
 way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son. ^{24:49} Now if you will deal
 kindly and truly with my master, tell me. If not, tell me, that I may turn to the
 right hand, or to the left."

^{24:50} Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing proceeds from Yahweh. We
 can't speak to you bad or good. ^{24:51} Behold, Rebekah is before you. Take her,
 and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as Yahweh has spoken."

^{24:52} It happened that when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed
 himself down to the earth to Yahweh. ^{24:53} The servant brought forth jewels of
 silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also
 gave precious things to her brother and her mother. ^{24:54} They ate and drank, he
 and the men who were with him, and stayed all night. They rose up in the
 morning, and he said, "Send me away to my master."

^{24:55} Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young lady stay with us a few
 days, at least ten. After that she will go."

^{24:56} He said to them, "Don't hinder me, seeing Yahweh has prospered my way.
 Send me away that I may go to my master."

^{24:57} They said, "We will call the young lady, and ask her." ^{24:58} They called
 Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?"

She said, "I will go."

^{24:59} They sent away Rebekah, their sister, with her nurse, Abraham's servant,
 and his men. ^{24:60} They blessed Rebekah, and said to her, "Our sister, may you
 be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the
 gate of those who hate them."

^{24:61} Rebekah arose with her ladies. They rode on the camels, and followed the
 man. The servant took Rebekah, and went his way. ^{24:62} Isaac came from the
 way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he lived in the land of the South. ^{24:63} Isaac went out
 to meditate in the field at the evening. He lifted up his eyes, and saw, and,
 behold, there were camels coming. ^{24:64} Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when
 she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel. ^{24:65} She said to the servant,
 "Who is the man who is walking in the field to meet us?"

The servant said, "It is my master."

She took her veil, and covered herself. ^{24:66} The servant told Isaac all the things
 that he had done. ^{24:67} Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took
 Rebekah, and she became his wife. He loved her. Isaac was comforted after his
 mother's death.

[10] v24:7. or, offspring

Genesis 25

^{25:1} Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. ^{25:2} She bore him
 Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ^{25:3} Jokshan became the

father of Sheba, and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ^{25:4} The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ^{25:5} Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac, ^{25:6} but to the sons of Abraham's concubines, Abraham gave gifts. He sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, to the east country. ^{25:7} These are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred seventy-five years. ^{25:8} Abraham gave up the spirit, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ^{25:9} Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre, ^{25:10} the field which Abraham purchased of the children of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife. ^{25:11} It happened after the death of Abraham that God blessed Isaac, his son. Isaac lived by Beer Lahai Roi.

^{25:12} Now this is the history of the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham. ^{25:13} These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to the order of their birth: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam. ^{25:14} Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ^{25:15} Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ^{25:16} These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments: twelve princes, according to their nations. ^{25:17} These are the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred thirty-seven years. He gave up the spirit and died, and was gathered to his people. ^{25:18} They lived from Havilah to Shur that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria. He lived opposite all his relatives.

^{25:19} This is the history of the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham became the father of Isaac. ^{25:20} Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to be his wife. ^{25:21} Isaac entreated Yahweh for his wife, because she was barren. Yahweh was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ^{25:22} The children struggled together within her. She said, "If it be so, why do I live?" She went to inquire of Yahweh. ^{25:23} Yahweh said to her,

Two nations are in your womb.
Two peoples will be separated from your body.
The one people will be stronger than the other people.
The elder will serve the younger.

^{25:24} When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ^{25:25} The first came out red all over, like a hairy garment. They named him Esau. ^{25:26} After that, his brother came out, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel. He was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

^{25:27} The boys grew. Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field. Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ^{25:28} Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate his venison. Rebekah loved Jacob. ^{25:29} Jacob boiled stew. Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ^{25:30} Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom.

^{25:31} Jacob said, "First, sell me your birthright."

^{25:32} Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die. What good is the birthright to me?"

^{25:33} Jacob said, "Swear to me first."

He swore to him. He sold his birthright to Jacob. ^{25:34} Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils. He ate and drank, rose up, and went his way. So Esau despised his birthright.

I don't forget your statutes.
^{119:84} How many are the days of your servant?
When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me?
^{119:85} The proud have dug pits for me,
contrary to your law.
^{119:86} All of your commandments are faithful.
They persecute me wrongfully.
Help me!
^{119:87} They had almost wiped me from the earth,
but I didn't forsake your precepts.
^{119:88} Preserve my life according to your loving kindness,
so I will obey the statutes of your mouth.

LAMED

^{119:89} Yahweh, your word is settled in heaven forever.
^{119:90} Your faithfulness is to all generations.
You have established the earth, and it remains.
^{119:91} Your laws remain to this day,
for all things serve you.
^{119:92} Unless your law had been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
^{119:93} I will never forget your precepts,
for with them, you have revived me.
^{119:94} I am yours.
Save me, for I have sought your precepts.
^{119:95} The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me.
I will consider your statutes.
^{119:96} I have seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commands are boundless.

MEM

^{119:97} How I love your law!
It is my meditation all day.
^{119:98} Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
for your commandments are always with me.
^{119:99} I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
^{119:100} I understand more than the aged,
because I have kept your precepts.
^{119:101} I have kept my feet from every evil way,
that I might observe your word.
^{119:102} I have not turned aside from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
^{119:103} How sweet are your promises to my taste,
more than honey to my mouth!
^{119:104} Through your precepts, I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

NUN

^{119:105} Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light for my path.
^{119:106} I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
that I will obey your righteous ordinances.
^{119:107} I am afflicted very much.
Revive me, Yahweh, according to your word.
^{119:108} Accept, I beg you, the willing offerings of my mouth.
Yahweh, teach me your ordinances.
^{119:109} My soul is continually in my hand,
yet I won't forget your law.
^{119:110} The wicked have laid a snare for me,

CHET

^{119:57} Yahweh is my portion.
I promised to obey your words.
^{119:58} I sought your favor with my whole heart.
Be merciful to me according to your word.
^{119:59} I considered my ways,
and turned my steps to your statutes.
^{119:60} I will hurry, and not delay,
to obey your commandments.
^{119:61} The ropes of the wicked bind me,
but I won't forget your law.
^{119:62} At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you,
because of your righteous ordinances.
^{119:63} I am a friend of all those who fear you,
of those who observe your precepts.
^{119:64} The earth is full of your loving kindness, Yahweh.
Teach me your statutes.

TET

^{119:65} Do good to your servant,
according to your word, Yahweh.
^{119:66} Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
^{119:67} Before I was afflicted, I went astray;
but now I observe your word.
^{119:68} You are good, and do good.
Teach me your statutes.
^{119:69} The proud have smeared a lie upon me.
With my whole heart, I will keep your precepts.
^{119:70} Their heart is as callous as the fat,
but I delight in your law.
^{119:71} It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I may learn your statutes.
^{119:72} The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

YUD

^{119:73} Your hands have made me and formed me.
Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
^{119:74} Those who fear you will see me and be glad,
because I have put my hope in your word.
^{119:75} Yahweh, I know that your judgments are righteous,
that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
^{119:76} Please let your loving kindness be for my comfort,
according to your word to your servant.
^{119:77} Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.
^{119:78} Let the proud be disappointed, for they have overthrown me wrongfully.
I will meditate on your precepts.
^{119:79} Let those who fear you turn to me.
They will know your statutes.
^{119:80} Let my heart be blameless toward your decrees,
that I may not be disappointed.

KAF

^{119:81} My soul faints for your salvation.
I hope in your word.
^{119:82} My eyes fail for your word.
I say, "When will you comfort me?"
^{119:83} For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke.

Genesis 26

^{26:1} There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. ^{26:2} Yahweh appeared to him, and said, "Don't go down into Egypt. Live in the land I will tell you about. ^{26:3} Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you. For to you, and to your seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ^{26:4} I will multiply your seed as the stars of the sky, and will give to your seed all these lands. In your seed will all the nations of the earth be blessed, ^{26:5} because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my requirements, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

^{26:6} Isaac lived in Gerar. ^{26:7} The men of the place asked him about his wife. He said, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say, "My wife," lest, he thought, "the men of the place might kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to look at." ^{26:8} It happened, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was caressing Rebekah, his wife. ^{26:9} Abimelech called Isaac, and said, "Behold, surely she is your wife. Why did you say, 'She is my sister?'"

Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die because of her.'"

^{26:10} Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us!"

^{26:11} Abimelech commanded all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife will surely be put to death."

^{26:12} Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year one hundred times what he planted. Yahweh blessed him. ^{26:13} The man grew great, and grew more and more until he became very great. ^{26:14} He had possessions of flocks, possessions of herds, and a great household. The Philistines envied him. ^{26:15} Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. ^{26:16} Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go from us, for you are much mightier than we."

^{26:17} Isaac departed from there, encamped in the valley of Gerar, and lived there.

^{26:18} Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father. For the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. He called their names after the names by which his father had called them. ^{26:19} Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. ^{26:20} The herdsmen of Gerar argued with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." He called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. ^{26:21} They dug another well, and they argued over that, also. He called its name Sitnah. ^{26:22} He left that place, and dug another well. They didn't argue over that one. He called it Rehoboth. He said, "For now Yahweh has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

^{26:23} He went up from there to Beersheba. ^{26:24} Yahweh appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Don't be afraid, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your seed for my servant Abraham's sake."

^{26:25} He built an altar there, and called on the name of Yahweh, and pitched his

tent there. There Isaac's servants dug a well.

^{26:26} Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the captain of his army. ^{26:27} Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

^{26:28} They said, "We saw plainly that Yahweh was with you. We said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you, ^{26:29} that you will do us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace.' You are now the blessed of Yahweh."

^{26:30} He made them a feast, and they ate and drank. ^{26:31} They rose up some time in the morning, and swore one to another. Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. ^{26:32} It happened the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water." ^{26:33} He called it Shibah.[11] Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba[12] to this day.

^{26:34} When Esau was forty years old, he took as wife Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite. ^{26:35} They grieved Isaac's and Rebekah's spirits.

[11] v26:33. Shibah means "oath" or "seven."

[12] v26:33. Beersheba means "well of the oath" or "well of the seven"

Genesis 27

^{27:1} It happened, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, "My son?"

He said to him, "Here I am."

^{27:2} He said, "See now, I am old. I don't know the day of my death. ^{27:3} Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and take me venison. ^{27:4} Make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat, and that my soul may bless you before I die."

^{27:5} Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. ^{27:6} Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, ^{27:7} 'Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless you before Yahweh before my death.' ^{27:8} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you. ^{27:9} Go now to the flock, and get me from there two good kids of the goats. I will make them savory food for your father, such as he loves. ^{27:10} You shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

^{27:11} Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ^{27:12} What if my father touches me? I will seem to him as a deceiver, and I would bring a curse on myself, and not a blessing."

^{27:13} His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son. Only obey my voice, and go get them for me."

^{119:30} I have chosen the way of truth.
I have set your ordinances before me.

^{119:31} I cling to your statutes, Yahweh.
Don't let me be disappointed.

^{119:32} I run in the path of your commandments,
for you have set my heart free.

HEY

^{119:33} Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your statutes.
I will keep them to the end.

^{119:34} Give me understanding, and I will keep your law.
Yes, I will obey it with my whole heart.

^{119:35} Direct me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in them.

^{119:36} Turn my heart toward your statutes,
not toward selfish gain.

^{119:37} Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things.
Revive me in your ways.

^{119:38} Fulfill your promise to your servant,
that you may be feared.

^{119:39} Take away my disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

^{119:40} Behold, I long for your precepts!
Revive me in your righteousness.

WAW

^{119:41} Let your loving kindness also come to me, Yahweh,
your salvation, according to your word.

^{119:42} So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me,
for I trust in your word.

^{119:43} Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth,
for I put my hope in your ordinances.

^{119:44} So I will obey your law continually,
forever and ever.

^{119:45} I will walk in liberty,
for I have sought your precepts.

^{119:46} I will also speak of your statutes before kings,
and will not be disappointed.

^{119:47} I will delight myself in your commandments,
because I love them.

^{119:48} I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love.
I will meditate on your statutes.

ZAYIN

^{119:49} Remember your word to your servant,
because you gave me hope.

^{119:50} This is my comfort in my affliction,
for your word has revived me.

^{119:51} The arrogant mock me excessively,
but I don't swerve from your law.

^{119:52} I remember your ordinances of old, Yahweh,
and have comforted myself.

^{119:53} Indignation has taken hold on me,
because of the wicked who forsake your law.

^{119:54} Your statutes have been my songs,
in the house where I live.

^{119:55} I have remembered your name, Yahweh, in the night,
and I obey your law.

^{119:56} This is my way,
that I keep your precepts.

who seek him with their whole heart.
 119:3 Yes, they do nothing wrong.
 They walk in his ways.
 119:4 You have commanded your precepts,
 that we should fully obey them.
 119:5 Oh that my ways were steadfast
 to obey your statutes!
 119:6 Then I wouldn't be disappointed,
 when I consider all of your commandments.
 119:7 I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart,
 when I learn your righteous judgments.
 119:8 I will observe your statutes.
 Don't utterly forsake me.
 BET
 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
 By living according to your word.
 119:10 With my whole heart, I have sought you.
 Don't let me wander from your commandments.
 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart,
 that I might not sin against you.
 119:12 Blessed are you, Yahweh.
 Teach me your statutes.
 119:13 With my lips,
 I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth.
 119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies,
 as much as in all riches.
 119:15 I will meditate on your precepts,
 and consider your ways.
 119:16 I will delight myself in your statutes.
 I will not forget your word.
 GIMEL
 119:17 Do good to your servant.
 I will live and I will obey your word.
 119:18 Open my eyes,
 that I may see wondrous things out of your law.
 119:19 I am a stranger on the earth.
 Don't hide your commandments from me.
 119:20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.
 119:21 You have rebuked the proud who are cursed,
 who wander from your commandments.
 119:22 Take reproach and contempt away from me,
 for I have kept your statutes.
 119:23 Though princes sit and slander me,
 your servant will meditate on your statutes.
 119:24 Indeed your statutes are my delight,
 and my counselors.
 DALED
 119:25 My soul is laid low in the dust.
 Revive me according to your word!
 119:26 I declared my ways, and you answered me.
 Teach me your statutes.
 119:27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts!
 Then I will meditate on your wondrous works.
 119:28 My soul is weary with sorrow:
 strengthen me according to your word.
 119:29 Keep me from the way of deceit.
 Grant me your law graciously!

27:14 He went, and got them, and brought them to his mother. His mother made
 savory food, such as his father loved. 27:15 Rebekah took the good clothes of
 Esau, her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob,
 her younger son. 27:16 She put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands,
 and on the smooth of his neck. 27:17 She gave the savory food and the bread,
 which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

27:18 He came to his father, and said, "My father?"

He said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

27:19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done what you
 asked me to do. Please arise, sit and eat of my venison, that your soul may
 bless me."

27:20 Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?"

He said, "Because Yahweh your God gave me success."

27:21 Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son,
 whether you are really my son Esau or not."

27:22 Jacob went near to Isaac his father. He felt him, and said, "The voice is
 Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 27:23 He didn't recognize
 him, because his hands were hairy, like his brother, Esau's hands. So he blessed
 him. 27:24 He said, "Are you really my son Esau?"

He said, "I am."

27:25 He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my
 soul may bless you."

He brought it near to him, and he ate. He brought him wine, and he drank. 27:26
 His father Isaac said to him, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son." 27:27 He
 came near, and kissed him. He smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed
 him, and said,

"Behold, the smell of my son
 is as the smell of a field which Yahweh has blessed.

27:28 God give you of the dew of the sky,
 of the fatness of the earth,
 and plenty of grain and new wine.

27:29 Let peoples serve you,
 and nations bow down to you.
 Be lord over your brothers.
 Let your mother's sons bow down to you.
 Cursed be everyone who curses you.
 Blessed be everyone who blesses you."

27:30 It happened, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob
 had just gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother
 came in from his hunting. 27:31 He also made savory food, and brought it to his
 father. He said to his father, "Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison,
 that your soul may bless me."

27:32 Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?"

He said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

^{27:33} Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who, then, is he who has taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, he will be blessed."

^{27:34} When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, my father."

^{27:35} He said, "Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your blessing."

^{27:36} He said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright. See, now he has taken away my blessing." He said, "Haven't you reserved a blessing for me?"

^{27:37} Isaac answered Esau, "Behold, I have made him your lord, and all his brothers have I given to him for servants. With grain and new wine have I sustained him. What then will I do for you, my son?"

^{27:38} Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, my father." Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

^{27:39} Isaac his father answered him,

"Behold, of the fatness of the earth will be your dwelling,
and of the dew of the sky from above.

^{27:40} By your sword will you live, and you will serve your brother.
It will happen, when you will break loose,
that you shall shake his yoke from off your neck."

^{27:41} Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him. Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand. Then I will kill my brother Jacob."

^{27:42} The words of Esau, her elder son, were told to Rebekah. She sent and called Jacob, her younger son, and said to him, "Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you." ^{27:43} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban, my brother, in Haran. ^{27:44} Stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away; ^{27:45} until your brother's anger turn away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send, and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

^{27:46} Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good will my life do me?"

Genesis 28

^{28:1} Isaac called Jacob, blessed him, and commanded him, "You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan." ^{28:2} Arise, go to Paddan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father. Take a wife from there from the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. ^{28:3} May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples, ^{28:4} and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your seed with you, that you may inherit the land where you travel, which God gave to Abraham."

Therefore I will look in triumph at those who hate me.

^{118:8} It is better to take refuge in Yahweh,
than to put confidence in man.

^{118:9} It is better to take refuge in Yahweh,
than to put confidence in princes.

^{118:10} All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of Yahweh, I cut them off.

^{118:11} They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me.
In the name of Yahweh I indeed cut them off.

^{118:12} They surrounded me like bees.
They are quenched like the burning thorns.
In the name of Yahweh I cut them off.

^{118:13} You pushed me back hard, to make me fall,
but Yahweh helped me.

^{118:14} Yah is my strength and song.
He has become my salvation.

^{118:15} The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous.
"The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.

^{118:16} The right hand of Yahweh is exalted!
The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly!"

^{118:17} I will not die, but live,
and declare Yah's works.

^{118:18} Yah has punished me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

^{118:19} Open to me the gates of righteousness.
I will enter into them.
I will give thanks to Yah.

^{118:20} This is the gate of Yahweh;
the righteous will enter into it.

^{118:21} I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me,
and have become my salvation.

^{118:22} The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.
^{118:23} This is Yahweh's doing.
It is marvelous in our eyes.

^{118:24} This is the day that Yahweh has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

^{118:25} Save us now, we beg you, Yahweh!
Yahweh, we beg you, send prosperity now.

^{118:26} Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!
We have blessed you out of the house of Yahweh.

^{118:27} Yahweh is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.

^{118:28} You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.
You are my God, I will exalt you.

^{118:29} Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,
for his loving kindness endures forever.

Psalms 119

ALEPH

^{119:1} Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to Yahweh's law.

^{119:2} Blessed are those who keep his statutes,

for Yahweh has dealt bountifully with you.
 116:8 For you have delivered my soul from death,
 my eyes from tears,
 and my feet from falling.
 116:9 I will walk before Yahweh in the land of the living.
 116:10 I believed, therefore I said,
 "I was greatly afflicted."
 116:11 I said in my haste,
 "All men are liars."
 116:12 What will I give to Yahweh for all his benefits toward me?
 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of Yahweh.
 116:14 I will pay my vows to Yahweh,
 yes, in the presence of all his people.
 116:15 Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his saints.
 116:16 Yahweh, truly I am your servant.
 I am your servant, the son of your handmaid.
 You have freed me from my chains.
 116:17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 and will call on the name of Yahweh.
 116:18 I will pay my vows to Yahweh,
 yes, in the presence of all his people,
 116:19 in the courts of Yahweh's house,
 in the midst of you, Jerusalem.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 117

117:1 Praise Yahweh, all you nations!
 Extol him, all you peoples!
 117:2 For his loving kindness is great toward us.
 Yahweh's faithfulness endures forever.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 118

118:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,
 for his loving kindness endures forever.
 118:2 Let Israel now say
 that his loving kindness endures forever.
 118:3 Let the house of Aaron now say
 that his loving kindness endures forever.
 118:4 Now let those who fear Yahweh say
 that his loving kindness endures forever.
 118:5 Out of my distress, I called on Yah.
 Yah answered me with freedom.
 118:6 Yahweh is on my side. I will not be afraid.
 What can man do to me?
 118:7 Yahweh is on my side among those who help me.

28:5 Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Paddan Aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, Rebekah's brother, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

28:6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram, to take him a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, "You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan," 28:7 and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan Aram. 28:8 Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan didn't please Isaac, his father. 28:9 Esau went to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

28:10 Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 28:11 He came to a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 28:12 He dreamed. Behold, a stairway set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. Behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 28:13 Behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, "I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed. 28:14 Your seed will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed. 28:15 Behold, I am with you, and will keep you, wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken of to you."

28:16 Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, "Surely Yahweh is in this place, and I didn't know it." 28:17 He was afraid, and said, "How dreadful is this place! This is none other than God's house, and this is the gate of heaven."

28:18 Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil on its top. 28:19 He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. 28:20 Jacob vowed a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and clothing to put on, 28:21 so that I come again to my father's house in peace, and Yahweh will be my God, 28:22 then this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, will be God's house. Of all that you will give me I will surely give the tenth to you."

Genesis 29

29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the east. 29:2 He looked, and behold, a well in the field, and, behold, three flocks of sheep lying there by it. For out of that well they watered the flocks. The stone on the well's mouth was large. 29:3 There all the flocks were gathered. They rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again on the well's mouth in its place. 29:4 Jacob said to them, "My relatives, where are you from?"

They said, "We are from Haran."

29:5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, the son of Nahor?"

They said, "We know him."

^{29:6} He said to them, "Is it well with him?"

They said, "It is well. See, Rachel, his daughter, is coming with the sheep."

^{29:7} He said, "Behold, it is still the middle of the day, not time to gather the livestock together. Water the sheep, and go and feed them."

^{29:8} They said, "We can't, until all the flocks are gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth. Then we water the sheep."

^{29:9} While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she kept them. ^{29:10} It happened, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ^{29:11} Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. ^{29:12} Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son. She ran and told her father.

^{29:13} It happened, when Laban heard the news of Jacob, his sister's son, that he ran to meet Jacob, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things. ^{29:14} Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. He lived with him for a month. ^{29:15} Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what will your wages be?"

^{29:16} Laban had two daughters. The name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ^{29:17} Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and attractive. ^{29:18} Jacob loved Rachel. He said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter."

^{29:19} Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

^{29:20} Jacob served seven years for Rachel. They seemed to him but a few days, for the love he had for her.

^{29:21} Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her."

^{29:22} Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. ^{29:23} It happened in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him. He went in to her. ^{29:24} Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid to his daughter Leah for a handmaid. ^{29:25} It happened in the morning that, behold, it was Leah. He said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Didn't I serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"

^{29:26} Laban said, "It is not done so in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. ^{29:27} Fulfill the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you will serve with me yet seven other years."

^{29:28} Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. He gave him Rachel his daughter as wife. ^{29:29} Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah, his handmaid, to be her handmaid. ^{29:30} He went in also to Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

^{29:31} Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ^{29:32} Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she named him Reuben. For she said, "Because Yahweh has looked at my affliction. For now my husband will love

"Where is their God, now?"
^{115:3} But our God is in the heavens.
 He does whatever he pleases.
^{115:4} Their idols are silver and gold,
 the work of men's hands.
^{115:5} They have mouths, but they don't speak.
 They have eyes, but they don't see.
^{115:6} They have ears, but they don't hear.
 They have noses, but they don't smell.
^{115:7} They have hands, but they don't feel.
 They have feet, but they don't walk,
 neither do they speak through their throat.
^{115:8} Those who make them will be like them;
 yes, everyone who trusts in them.
^{115:9} Israel, trust in Yahweh!
 He is their help and their shield.
^{115:10} House of Aaron, trust in Yahweh!
 He is their help and their shield.
^{115:11} You who fear Yahweh, trust in Yahweh!
 He is their help and their shield.
^{115:12} Yahweh remembers us. He will bless us.
 He will bless the house of Israel.
 He will bless the house of Aaron.
^{115:13} He will bless those who fear Yahweh,
 both small and great.
^{115:14} May Yahweh increase you more and more,
 you and your children.
^{115:15} Blessed are you by Yahweh,
 who made heaven and earth.
^{115:16} The heavens are the heavens of Yahweh;
 but the earth has he given to the children of men.
^{115:17} The dead don't praise Yah,
 neither any who go down into silence;
^{115:18} But we will bless Yah,
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 116

^{116:1} I love Yahweh, because he listens to my voice,
 and my cries for mercy.
^{116:2} Because he has turned his ear to me,
 therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
^{116:3} The cords of death surrounded me,
 the pains of Sheol got a hold of me.
 I found trouble and sorrow.
^{116:4} Then I called on the name of Yahweh:
 "Yahweh, I beg you, deliver my soul."
^{116:5} Yahweh is Gracious and righteous.
 Yes, our God is merciful.
^{116:6} Yahweh preserves the simple.
 I was brought low, and he saved me.
^{116:7} Return to your rest, my soul,

Psalms 113

113:1 Praise Yah!
 Praise, you servants of Yahweh,
 praise the name of Yahweh.
 113:2 Blessed be the name of Yahweh,
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 113:3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
 Yahweh's name is to be praised.
 113:4 Yahweh is high above all nations,
 his glory above the heavens.
 113:5 Who is like Yahweh, our God,
 who has his seat on high,
 113:6 Who stoops down to see in heaven and in the earth?
 113:7 He raises up the poor out of the dust.
 Lifts up the needy from the ash heap;
 113:8 that he may set him with princes,
 even with the princes of his people.
 113:9 He settles the barren woman in her home,
 as a joyful mother of children.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 114

114:1 When Israel went forth out of Egypt,
 the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language;
 114:2 Judah became his sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.
 114:3 The sea saw it, and fled.
 The Jordan was driven back.
 114:4 The mountains skipped like rams,
 the little hills like lambs.
 114:5 What was it, you sea, that you fled?
 You Jordan, that you turned back?
 114:6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams;
 you little hills, like lambs?
 114:7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
 114:8 who turned the rock into a pool of water,
 the flint into a spring of waters.

Psalms 115

115:1 Not to us, Yahweh, not to us,
 but to your name give glory,
 for your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.
 115:2 Why should the nations say,

me." ^{29:33} She conceived again, and bore a son, and said, "Because Yahweh has heard that I am hated, he has therefore given me this son also." She named him Simeon. ^{29:34} She conceived again, and bore a son. Said, "Now this time will my husband be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore was his name called Levi. ^{29:35} She conceived again, and bore a son. She said, "This time will I praise Yahweh." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

Genesis 30

^{30:1} When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I will die."

^{30:2} Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

^{30:3} She said, "Behold, my maid Bilhah. Go in to her, that she may bear on my knees, and I also may obtain children by her." ^{30:4} She gave him Bilhah her handmaid as wife, and Jacob went in to her. ^{30:5} Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. ^{30:6} Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son." Therefore called she his name Dan. ^{30:7} Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid, conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. ^{30:8} Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed." She named him Naphtali.

^{30:9} When Leah saw that she had finished bearing, she took Zilpah, her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ^{30:10} Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, bore Jacob a son. ^{30:11} Leah said, "How fortunate!" She named him Gad. ^{30:12} Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, bore Jacob a second son. ^{30:13} Leah said, "Happy am I, for the daughters will call me happy." She named him Asher.

^{30:14} Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother, Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

^{30:15} She said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes, also?"

Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

^{30:16} Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, "You must come in to me; for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes."

He lay with her that night. ^{30:17} God listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob a fifth son. ^{30:18} Leah said, "God has given me my hire, because I gave my handmaid to my husband." She named him Issachar. ^{30:19} Leah conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob. ^{30:20} Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good dowry. Now my husband will live with me, because I have borne him six sons." She named him Zebulun. ^{30:21} Afterwards, she bore a daughter, and named her Dinah.

^{30:22} God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and opened her womb.

^{30:23} She conceived, bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach." ^{30:24} She named him Joseph,[13] saying, "May Yahweh add another son to me."

^{30:25} It happened, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. ^{30:26} Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service with which I have served you."

^{30:27} Laban said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay here, for I have divined that Yahweh has blessed me for your sake." ^{30:28} He said, "Appoint me your wages, and I will give it."

^{30:29} He said to him, "You know how I have served you, and how your livestock have fared with me. ^{30:30} For it was little which you had before I came, and it has increased to a multitude. Yahweh has blessed you wherever I turned. Now when will I provide for my own house also?"

^{30:31} He said, "What shall I give you?"

Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it. ^{30:32} I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats. This will be my hire. ^{30:33} So my righteousness will answer for me hereafter, when you come concerning my hire that is before you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that might be with me, will be counted stolen."

^{30:34} Laban said, "Behold, I desire it to be according to your word."

^{30:35} That day, he removed the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons. ^{30:36} He set three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

^{30:37} Jacob took to himself rods of fresh poplar, almond, plane tree, peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. ^{30:38} He set the rods which he had peeled opposite the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs where the flocks came to drink. They conceived when they came to drink. ^{30:39} The flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted. ^{30:40} Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the streaked and all the black in the flock of Laban: and he put his own droves apart, and didn't put them into Laban's flock. ^{30:41} It happened, whenever the stronger of the flock conceived, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; ^{30:42} but when the flock were feeble, he didn't put them in. So the feeble were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. ^{30:43} The man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

[13] v30:24. Joseph means "may he add."

Genesis 31

^{31:1} He heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was

^{111:3} His work is honor and majesty.
His righteousness endures forever.
^{111:4} He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered.
Yahweh is gracious and merciful.
^{111:5} He has given food to those who fear him.
He always remembers his covenant.
^{111:6} He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
^{111:7} The works of his hands are truth and justice.
All his precepts are sure.
^{111:8} They are established forever and ever.
They are done in truth and uprightness.
^{111:9} He has sent redemption to his people.
He has ordained his covenant forever.
His name is holy and awesome!
^{111:10} The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.
All those who do his work have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

[12] v111:1. Psalm 111 is an acrostic poem, with each verse after the initial "Praise Yah!" starting with a letter of the alphabet (ordered from Alef to Tav).

Psalms 112

^{112:1} Praise Yah![13]
Blessed is the man who fears Yahweh,
who delights greatly in his commandments.
^{112:2} His seed will be mighty in the land.
The generation of the upright will be blessed.
^{112:3} Wealth and riches are in his house.
His righteousness endures forever.
^{112:4} Light dawns in the darkness for the upright,
gracious, merciful, and righteous.
^{112:5} It is well with the man who deals graciously and lends.
He will maintain his cause in judgment.
^{112:6} For he will never be shaken.
The righteous will be remembered forever.
^{112:7} He will not be afraid of evil news.
His heart is steadfast, trusting in Yahweh.
^{112:8} His heart is established.
He will not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries.
^{112:9} He has dispersed, he has given to the poor.
His righteousness endures forever.
His horn will be exalted with honor.
^{112:10} The wicked will see it, and be grieved.
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away.
The desire of the wicked will perish.

[13] v112:1. Psalm 112 is an acrostic poem, with each verse after the initial "Praise Yah!" starting with a letter of the alphabet (ordered from Alef to Tav).

109:22 for I am poor and needy.
My heart is wounded within me.

109:23 I fade away like an evening shadow.
I am shaken off like a locust.

109:24 My knees are weak through fasting.
My body is thin and lacks fat.

109:25 I have also become a reproach to them.
When they see me, they shake their head.

109:26 Help me, Yahweh, my God.
Save me according to your loving kindness;

109:27 that they may know that this is your hand;
that you, Yahweh, have done it.

109:28 They may curse, but you bless.
When they arise, they will be shamed,
but your servant shall rejoice.

109:29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor.
Let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

109:30 I will give great thanks to Yahweh with my mouth.
Yes, I will praise him among the multitude.

109:31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy,
to save him from those who judge his soul.

Psalms 110

A Psalm by David.

110:1 Yahweh says to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool for your feet."

110:2 Yahweh will send forth the rod of your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of your enemies.

110:3 Your people offer themselves willingly in the day of your power, in holy array.
Out of the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth.

110:4 Yahweh has sworn, and will not change his mind:
"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."

110:5 The Lord is at your right hand.
He will crush kings in the day of his wrath.

110:6 He will judge among the nations.
He will heap up dead bodies.
He will crush the ruler of the whole earth.

110:7 He will drink of the brook in the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Psalms 111

111:1 Praise Yah! [12]
I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart,
in the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

111:2 Yahweh's works are great,
pondered by all those who delight in them.

our father's. From that which was our father's, has he gotten all this wealth."
31:2 Jacob saw the expression on Laban's face, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. 31:3 Yahweh said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers, and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

31:4 Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock, 31:5 and said to them, "I see the expression on your father's face, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. 31:6 You know that I have served your father with all of my strength. 31:7 Your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times, but God didn't allow him to hurt me. 31:8 If he said this, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the flock bore speckled. If he said this, 'The streaked will be your wages,' then all the flock bore streaked. 31:9 Thus God has taken away your father's livestock, and given them to me. 31:10 It happened during mating season that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which leaped on the flock were streaked, speckled, and grizzled. 31:11 The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.' 31:12 He said, 'Now lift up your eyes, and behold, all the male goats which leap on the flock are streaked, speckled, and grizzled, for I have seen all that Laban does to you. 31:13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you vowed a vow to me. Now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your birth.'"

31:14 Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 31:15 Aren't we accounted by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and has also quite devoured our money. 31:16 For all the riches which God has taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

31:17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives on the camels, 31:18 and he took away all his livestock, and all his possessions which he had gathered, including the livestock which he had gained in Paddan Aram, to go to Isaac his father, to the land of Canaan. 31:19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the teraphim [14] that were her father's.

31:20 Jacob deceived Laban the Syrian, in that he didn't tell him that he was running away. 31:21 So he fled with all that he had. He rose up, passed over the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gilead.

31:22 Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. 31:23 He took his relatives with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey. He overtook him in the mountain of Gilead. 31:24 God came to Laban, the Syrian, in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Take heed to yourself that you don't speak to Jacob either good or bad."

31:25 Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain, and Laban with his relatives encamped in the mountain of Gilead. 31:26 Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have deceived me, and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword? 31:27 Why did you flee secretly, and deceive me, and didn't tell me, that I might have sent you away with mirth and with songs, with tambourine and with harp; 31:28 and didn't allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now have you done foolishly. 31:29 It is in the power of my hand to hurt you, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Take heed to yourself that you don't speak to Jacob either good or bad.' 31:30 Now, you want to be gone, because you greatly longed for your father's house, but why have you stolen my gods?"

31:31 Jacob answered Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Lest you should take your daughters from me by force.' 31:32 Anyone you find your gods with

shall not live. Before our relatives, discern what is yours with me, and take it." For Jacob didn't know that Rachel had stolen them.

^{31:33} Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two female servants; but he didn't find them. He went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. ^{31:34} Now Rachel had taken the teraphim, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. Laban felt about all the tent, but didn't find them. ^{31:35} She said to her father, "Don't let my lord be angry that I can't rise up before you; for the manner of women is on me." He searched, but didn't find the teraphim.

^{31:36} Jacob was angry, and argued with Laban. Jacob answered Laban, "What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me? ^{31:37} Now that you have felt around in all my stuff, what have you found of all your household stuff? Set it here before my relatives and your relatives, that they may judge between us two. ^{31:38} These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not cast their young, and I haven't eaten the rams of your flocks. ^{31:39} That which was torn of animals, I didn't bring to you. I bore its loss. Of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. ^{31:40} This was my situation: in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from my eyes. ^{31:41} These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. ^{31:42} Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."

^{31:43} Laban answered Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine: and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? ^{31:44} Now come, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be for a witness between me and you."

^{31:45} Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. ^{31:46} Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones." They took stones, and made a heap. They ate there by the heap. ^{31:47} Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha,[15] but Jacob called it Galeed.[16] ^{31:48} Laban said, "This heap is witness between me and you this day." Therefore it was named Galeed ^{31:49} and Mizpah, for he said, "Yahweh watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another. ^{31:50} If you afflict my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; behold, God is witness between me and you." ^{31:51} Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap, and see the pillar, which I have set between me and you. ^{31:52} May this heap be a witness, and the pillar be a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. ^{31:53} The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." Then Jacob swore by the fear of his father, Isaac. ^{31:54} Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his relatives to eat bread. They ate bread, and stayed all night in the mountain. ^{31:55} Early in the morning, Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. Laban departed and returned to his place.

[14] v31:19. teraphim were household idols that may have been associated with inheritance rights to the household property.

[15] v31:47. "Jegar Sahadutha" means "Witness Heap" in Aramaic.

[16] v31:47. "Galeed" means "Witness Heap" in Hebrew.

^{108:12} Give us help against the enemy,
for the help of man is vain.
^{108:13} Through God, we will do valiantly.
For it is he who will tread down our enemies.

Psalms 109

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

^{109:1} God of my praise, don't remain silent,
^{109:2} for they have opened the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit
against me.
They have spoken to me with a lying tongue.
^{109:3} They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
and fought against me without a cause.
^{109:4} In return for my love, they are my adversaries;
but I am in prayer.
^{109:5} They have rewarded me evil for good,
and hatred for my love.
^{109:6} Set a wicked man over him.
Let an adversary stand at his right hand.
^{109:7} When he is judged, let him come forth guilty.
Let his prayer be turned into sin.
^{109:8} Let his days be few.
Let another take his office.
^{109:9} Let his children be fatherless,
and his wife a widow.
^{109:10} Let his children be wandering beggars.
Let them be sought from their ruins.
^{109:11} Let the creditor seize all that he has.
Let strangers plunder the fruit of his labor.
^{109:12} Let there be none to extend kindness to him,
neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.
^{109:13} Let his posterity be cut off.
In the generation following let their name be blotted out.
^{109:14} Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by Yahweh.
Don't let the sin of his mother be blotted out.
^{109:15} Let them be before Yahweh continually,
that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth;
^{109:16} because he didn't remember to show kindness,
but persecuted the poor and needy man,
the broken in heart, to kill them.
^{109:17} Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him.
He didn't delight in blessing, and it was far from him.
^{109:18} He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment.
It came into his inward parts like water,
like oil into his bones.
^{109:19} Let it be to him as the clothing with which he covers himself,
for the belt that is always around him.
^{109:20} This is the reward of my adversaries from Yahweh,
of those who speak evil against my soul.
^{109:21} But deal with me, Yahweh the Lord, for your name's sake,
because your loving kindness is good, deliver me;

^{107:32} Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
and praise him in the seat of the elders.

^{107:33} He turns rivers into a desert,
water springs into a thirsty ground,
^{107:34} and a fruitful land into a salt waste,
for the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

^{107:35} He turns a desert into a pool of water,
and a dry land into water springs.

^{107:36} There he makes the hungry live,
that they may prepare a city to live in,
^{107:37} sow fields, plant vineyards,
and reap the fruits of increase.

^{107:38} He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly.
He doesn't allow their livestock to decrease.

^{107:39} Again, they are diminished and bowed down
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.

^{107:40} He pours contempt on princes,
and causes them to wander in a trackless waste.

^{107:41} Yet he lifts the needy out of their affliction,
and increases their families like a flock.

^{107:42} The upright will see it, and be glad.
All the wicked will shut their mouths.

^{107:43} Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things.
They will consider the loving kindnesses of Yahweh.

Psalms 108

A Song. A Psalm by David.

^{108:1} My heart is steadfast, God.
I will sing and I will make music with my soul.

^{108:2} Wake up, harp and lyre!
I will wake up the dawn.

^{108:3} I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations.
I will sing praises to you among the peoples.

^{108:4} For your loving kindness is great above the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

^{108:5} Be exalted, God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth.

^{108:6} That your beloved may be delivered,
save with your right hand, and answer us.

^{108:7} God has spoken from his sanctuary: "In triumph,
I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

^{108:8} Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine.
Ephraim also is my helmet.
Judah is my scepter.

^{108:9} Moab is my wash pot.
I will toss my sandal on Edom.
I will shout over Philistia."

^{108:10} Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who has led me to Edom?

^{108:11} Haven't you rejected us, God?
You don't go forth, God, with our armies.

Genesis 32

^{32:1} Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ^{32:2} When he saw them, Jacob said, "This is God's army." He called the name of that place Mahanaim.

^{32:3} Jacob sent messengers in front of him to Esau, his brother, to the land of Seir, the field of Edom. ^{32:4} He commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall tell my lord, Esau: 'This is what your servant, Jacob, says. I have lived as a foreigner with Laban, and stayed until now. ^{32:5} I have cattle, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'"^{32:6} The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau. Not only that, but he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him."^{32:7} Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; ^{32:8} and he said, "If Esau comes to the one company, and strikes it, then the company which is left will escape."^{32:9} Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, Yahweh, who said to me, 'Return to your country, and to your relatives, and I will do you good,' ^{32:10} I am not worthy of the least of all the loving kindnesses, and of all the truth, which you have shown to your servant; for with just my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. ^{32:11} Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and strike me, and the mothers with the children. ^{32:12} You said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which can't be numbered because there are so many.'"

^{32:13} He lodged there that night, and took from that which he had with him, a present for Esau, his brother: ^{32:14} two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ^{32:15} thirty milk camels and their colts, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. ^{32:16} He delivered them into the hands of his servants, every herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put a space between herd and herd."^{32:17} He commanded the foremost, saying, "When Esau, my brother, meets you, and asks you, saying, 'Whose are you? Where are you going? Whose are these before you?' ^{32:18} Then you shall say, 'They are your servant, Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord, Esau. Behold, he also is behind us.'"^{32:19} He commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the herds, saying, "This is how you shall speak to Esau, when you find him. ^{32:20} You shall say, 'Not only that, but behold, your servant, Jacob, is behind us.'"^{32:21} For, he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face. Perhaps he will accept me."

^{32:21} So the present passed over before him, and he himself lodged that night in the camp.

^{32:22} He rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. ^{32:23} He took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. ^{32:24} Jacob was left alone, and wrestled with a man there until the breaking of the day. ^{32:25} When he saw that he didn't prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled. ^{32:26} The man said, "Let me go, for the day breaks."

Jacob said, "I won't let you go, unless you bless me."

^{32:27} He said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob." ^{32:28} He said, "Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have fought with God and with men, and have prevailed."

^{32:29} Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why is it that you ask what my name is?" He blessed him there.

^{32:30} Jacob called the name of the place Peniel[17]: for, he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." ^{32:31} The sun rose on him as he passed over Peniel, and he limped because of his thigh. ^{32:32} Therefore the children of Israel don't eat the sinew of the hip, which is on the hollow of the thigh, to this day, because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

[17] v32:30. Peniel means "face of God."

Genesis 33

^{33:1} Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau was coming, and with him four hundred men. He divided the children between Leah, Rachel, and the two handmaids. ^{33:2} He put the handmaids and their children in front, Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph at the rear. ^{33:3} He himself passed over in front of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

^{33:4} Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, fell on his neck, kissed him, and they wept. ^{33:5} He lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, "Who are these with you?"

He said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." ^{33:6} Then the handmaids came near with their children, and they bowed themselves. ^{33:7} Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves. After them, Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

^{33:8} Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?"

Jacob said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

^{33:9} Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; let that which you have be yours."

^{33:10} Jacob said, "Please, no, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present at my hand, because I have seen your face, as one sees the face of God, and you were pleased with me. ^{33:11} Please take the gift that I brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." He urged him, and he took it.

^{33:12} Esau said, "Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you."

^{33:13} Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender, and that the flocks and herds with me have their young, and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. ^{33:14} Please let my lord pass over before his servant, and I will lead on gently, according to the pace of the livestock that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord to Seir."

^{33:15} Esau said, "Let me now leave with you some of the folk who are with me."

^{107:4} They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way.
They found no city to live in.
^{107:5} Hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted in them.
^{107:6} Then they cried to Yahweh in their trouble,
and he delivered them out of their distresses,
^{107:7} he led them also by a straight way,
that they might go to a city to live in.
^{107:8} Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness,
for his wonderful works to the children of men!
^{107:9} For he satisfies the longing soul.
He fills the hungry soul with good.
^{107:10} Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
being bound in affliction and iron,
^{107:11} because they rebelled against the words of God,
and condemned the counsel of the Most High.
^{107:12} Therefore he brought down their heart with labor.
They fell down, and there was none to help.
^{107:13} Then they cried to Yahweh in their trouble,
and he saved them out of their distresses.
^{107:14} He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and broke their bonds in sunder.
^{107:15} Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness,
for his wonderful works to the children of men!
^{107:16} For he has broken the gates of brass,
and cut through bars of iron.
^{107:17} Fools are afflicted because of their disobedience,
and because of their iniquities.
^{107:18} Their soul abhors all kinds of food.
They draw near to the gates of death.
^{107:19} Then they cry to Yahweh in their trouble,
he saves them out of their distresses.
^{107:20} He sends his word, and heals them,
and delivers them from their graves.
^{107:21} Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness,
for his wonderful works to the children of men!
^{107:22} Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare his works with singing.
^{107:23} Those who go down to the sea in ships,
who do business in great waters;
^{107:24} These see Yahweh's works,
and his wonders in the deep.
^{107:25} For he commands, and raises the stormy wind,
which lifts up its waves.
^{107:26} They mount up to the sky; they go down again to the depths.
Their soul melts away because of trouble.
^{107:27} They reel back and forth, and stagger like a drunken man,
and are at their wits' end.
^{107:28} Then they cry to Yahweh in their trouble,
and he brings them out of their distress.
^{107:29} He makes the storm a calm,
so that its waves are still.
^{107:30} Then they are glad because it is calm,
so he brings them to their desired haven.
^{107:31} Let them praise Yahweh for his loving kindness,
for his wonderful works for the children of men!

and learned their works.
^{106:36} They served their idols,
 which became a snare to them.
^{106:37} Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.
^{106:38} They shed innocent blood,
 even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,
 whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan.
 The land was polluted with blood.
^{106:39} Thus were they defiled with their works,
 and prostituted themselves in their deeds.
^{106:40} Therefore Yahweh burned with anger against his people.
 He abhorred his inheritance.
^{106:41} He gave them into the hand of the nations.
 Those who hated them ruled over them.
^{106:42} Their enemies also oppressed them.
 They were brought into subjection under their hand.
^{106:43} Many times he delivered them,
 but they were rebellious in their counsel,
 and were brought low in their iniquity.
^{106:44} Nevertheless he regarded their distress,
 when he heard their cry.
^{106:45} He remembered for them his covenant,
 and repented according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.
^{106:46} He made them also to be pitied
 by all those who carried them captive.
^{106:47} Save us, Yahweh, our God,
 gather us from among the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name,
 to triumph in your praise!
^{106:48} Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,
 from everlasting even to everlasting!
 Let all the people say, "Amen."
 Praise Yah!

[9] v106:7. or, Sea of Reeds

[10] v106:9. or, Sea of Reeds

[11] v106:22. or, Sea of Reeds

BOOK FIVE

Psalms 107

^{107:1} Give thanks to Yahweh,
 for he is good,
 for his loving kindness endures forever.
^{107:2} Let the redeemed by Yahweh say so,
 whom he has redeemed from the hand of the adversary,
^{107:3} And gathered out of the lands,
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.

He said, "Why? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

^{33:16} So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. ^{33:17} Jacob traveled to Succoth, built himself a house, and made shelters for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.[18]

^{33:18} Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan Aram; and encamped before the city. ^{33:19} He bought the parcel of ground where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money. ^{33:20} He erected an altar there, and called it El Elohe Israel.[19]

[18] v33:17. succoth means shelters or booths.

[19] v33:20. El Elohe Israel means "God, the God of Israel" or "The God of Israel is mighty."

Genesis 34

^{34:1} Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ^{34:2} Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her. He took her, lay with her, and humbled her. ^{34:3} His soul joined to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young lady, and spoke kindly to the young lady. ^{34:4} Shechem spoke to his father, Hamor, saying, "Get me this young lady as a wife."

^{34:5} Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter; and his sons were with his livestock in the field. Jacob held his peace until they came. ^{34:6} Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to talk with him. ^{34:7} The sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it. The men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had done folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; a which thing ought not to be done. ^{34:8} Hamor talked with them, saying, "The soul of my son, Shechem, longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. ^{34:9} Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. ^{34:10} You shall dwell with us, and the land will be before you. Live and trade in it, and get possessions in it."

^{34:11} Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you will tell me I will give. ^{34:12} Ask me a great amount for a dowry, and I will give whatever you ask of me, but give me the young lady as a wife."

^{34:13} The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit, and spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister, ^{34:14} and said to them, "We can't do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; for that is a reproach to us. ^{34:15} Only on this condition will we consent to you. If you will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised; ^{34:16} then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. ^{34:17} But if you will not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our sister,[20] and we will be gone."

^{34:18} Their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. ^{34:19} The young man didn't wait to do this thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter, and he was honored above all the house of his father. ^{34:20} Hamor and Shechem, his

son, came to the gate of their city, and talked with the men of their city, saying,
^{34:21} "These men are peaceful with us. Therefore let them live in the land and trade
 in it. For behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us
 for wives, and let us give them our daughters. ^{34:22} Only on this condition will the
 men consent to us to live with us, to become one people, if every male among us is
 circumcised, as they are circumcised. ^{34:23} Won't their livestock and their possessions
 and all their animals be ours? Only let us give our consent to them, and they will
 dwell with us."

^{34:24} All who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor, and to Shechem his
 son; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. ^{34:25} It
 happened on the third day, when they were sore, that two of Jacob's sons, Simeon
 and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword, came upon the unsuspecting city,
 and killed all the males. ^{34:26} They killed Hamor and Shechem, his son, with the edge
 of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went away. ^{34:27} Jacob's
 sons came on the dead, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their
 sister. ^{34:28} They took their flocks, their herds, their donkeys, that which was in the
 city, that which was in the field, ^{34:29} and all their wealth. They took captive all
 their little ones and their wives, and took as plunder everything that was in the
 house. ^{34:30} Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me, to make me
 odious to the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites. I am
 few in number. They will gather themselves together against me and strike me, and
 I will be destroyed, I and my house."

^{34:31} They said, "Should he deal with our sister as with a prostitute?"

[20] v34:17. Hebrew has, literally, "daughter"

Genesis 35

^{35:1} God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there. Make there an altar to
 God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

^{35:2} Then Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, "Put away the
 foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, change your garments. ^{35:3} Let us
 arise, and go up to Bethel. I will make there an altar to God, who answered me in
 the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went."

^{35:4} They gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the rings
 which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

^{35:5} They traveled, and a terror of God was on the cities that were around them, and
 they didn't pursue the sons of Jacob. ^{35:6} So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel),
 which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. ^{35:7} He
 built an altar there, and called the place El Beth El; because there God was
 revealed to him, when he fled from the face of his brother. ^{35:8} Deborah, Rebekah's
 nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; and its name was
 called Allon Bacuth.

^{35:9} God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan Aram, and blessed
 him. ^{35:10} God said to him, "Your name is Jacob. Your name shall not be Jacob any
 more, but your name will be Israel." He named him Israel. ^{35:11} God said to him, "I am
 God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations will be
 from you, and kings will come out of your body. ^{35:12} The land which I gave to
 Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, and to your seed after you will I give the

but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea[9].
^{106:8} Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
 that he might make his mighty power known.
^{106:9} He rebuked the Red Sea[10] also, and it was dried up;
 so he led them through the depths, as through a desert.
^{106:10} He saved them from the hand of him who hated them,
 and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
^{106:11} The waters covered their adversaries.
 There was not one of them left.
^{106:12} Then they believed his words.
 They sang his praise.
^{106:13} They soon forgot his works.
 They didn't wait for his counsel,
^{106:14} but gave in to craving in the desert,
 and tested God in the wasteland.
^{106:15} He gave them their request,
 but sent leanness into their soul.
^{106:16} They envied Moses also in the camp,
 and Aaron, Yahweh's saint.
^{106:17} The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
 and covered the company of Abiram.
^{106:18} A fire was kindled in their company.
 The flame burned up the wicked.
^{106:19} They made a calf in Horeb,
 and worshiped a molten image.
^{106:20} Thus they exchanged their glory
 for an image of a bull that eats grass.
^{106:21} They forgot God, their Savior,
 who had done great things in Egypt,
^{106:22} Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
 and awesome things by the Red Sea[11].
^{106:23} Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
 had Moses, his chosen, not stood before him in the breach,
 to turn away his wrath, so that he wouldn't destroy them.
^{106:24} Yes, they despised the pleasant land.
 They didn't believe his word,
^{106:25} but murmured in their tents,
 and didn't listen to Yahweh's voice.
^{106:26} Therefore he swore to them
 that he would overthrow them in the wilderness,
^{106:27} that he would overthrow their seed among the nations,
 and scatter them in the lands.
^{106:28} They joined themselves also to Baal Peor,
 and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
^{106:29} Thus they provoked him to anger with their deeds.
 The plague broke in on them.
^{106:30} Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment,
 so the plague was stopped.
^{106:31} That was credited to him for righteousness,
 for all generations to come.
^{106:32} They angered him also at the waters of Meribah,
 so that Moses was troubled for their sakes;
^{106:33} because they were rebellious against his spirit,
 he spoke rashly with his lips.
^{106:34} They didn't destroy the peoples,
 as Yahweh commanded them,
^{106:35} but mixed themselves with the nations,

^{105:30} Their land swarmed with frogs,
 even in the chambers of their kings.
^{105:31} He spoke, and swarms of flies came,
 and lice in all their borders.
^{105:32} He gave them hail for rain,
 with lightning in their land.
^{105:33} He struck their vines and also their fig trees,
 and shattered the trees of their country.
^{105:34} He spoke, and the locusts came,
 and the grasshoppers, without number,
^{105:35} ate up every plant in their land;
 and ate up the fruit of their ground.
^{105:36} He struck also all the firstborn in their land,
 the first fruits of all their manhood.
^{105:37} He brought them forth with silver and gold.
 There was not one feeble person among his tribes.
^{105:38} Egypt was glad when they departed,
 for the fear of them had fallen on them.
^{105:39} He spread a cloud for a covering,
 fire to give light in the night.
^{105:40} They asked, and he brought quails,
 and satisfied them with the bread of the sky.
^{105:41} He opened the rock, and waters gushed out.
 They ran as a river in the dry places.
^{105:42} For he remembered his holy word,
 and Abraham, his servant.
^{105:43} He brought forth his people with joy,
 his chosen with singing.
^{105:44} He gave them the lands of the nations.
 They took the labor of the peoples in possession,
^{105:45} that they might keep his statutes,
 and observe his laws.
 Praise Yah!

Psalms 106

^{106:1} Praise Yahweh!
 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,
 for his loving kindness endures forever.
^{106:2} Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh,
 or fully declare all his praise?
^{106:3} Blessed are those who keep justice.
 Blessed is one who does what is right at all times.
^{106:4} Remember me, Yahweh, with the favor that you show to your people.
 Visit me with your salvation,
^{106:5} that I may see the prosperity of your chosen,
 that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
 that I may glory with your inheritance.
^{106:6} We have sinned with our fathers.
 We have committed iniquity.
 We have done wickedly.
^{106:7} Our fathers didn't understand your wonders in Egypt.
 They didn't remember the multitude of your loving kindnesses,

land."

^{35:13} God went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. ^{35:14} Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spoke with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it, and poured oil on it. ^{35:15} Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him "Bethel."

^{35:16} They traveled from Bethel. There was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and Rachel travailed. She had hard labor. ^{35:17} When she was in hard labor, the midwife said to her, "Don't be afraid, for now you will have another son."

^{35:18} It happened, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Benoni,[21] but his father named him Benjamin.[22] ^{35:19} Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath (the same is Bethlehem). ^{35:20} Jacob set up a pillar on her grave. The same is the Pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. ^{35:21} Israel traveled, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Eder. ^{35:22} It happened, while Israel lived in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. ^{35:23} The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. ^{35:24} The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. ^{35:25} The sons of Bilhah (Rachel's handmaid): Dan and Naphtali. ^{35:26} The sons of Zilpah (Leah's handmaid): Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram. ^{35:27} Jacob came to Isaac his father, to Mamre, to Kiriath Arba (which is Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac lived as foreigners.

^{35:28} The days of Isaac were one hundred eighty years. ^{35:29} Isaac gave up the spirit, and died, and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

[21] v35:18. "Benoni" means "son of my trouble."

[22] v35:18. "Benjamin" means "son of my right hand."

Genesis 36

^{36:1} Now this is the history of the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). ^{36:2} Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon, the Hittite; and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, the Hivite; ^{36:3} and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. ^{36:4} Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz. Basemath bore Reuel. ^{36:5} Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan. ^{36:6} Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, with his livestock, all his animals, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan, and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. ^{36:7} For their substance was too great for them to dwell together, and the land of their travels couldn't bear them because of their livestock. ^{36:8} Esau lived in the hill country of Seir. Esau is Edom.

^{36:9} This is the history of the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir: ^{36:10} these are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz, the son of Adah, the wife of Esau; and Reuel, the son of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

^{36:11} The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. ^{36:12} Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. ^{36:13} These are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. ^{36:14} These were the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

^{36:15} These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, ^{36:16} chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek: these are the chiefs who came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. ^{36:17} These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these are the chiefs who came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. ^{36:18} These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah: these are the chiefs who came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. ^{36:19} These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

^{36:20} These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, ^{36:21} Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These are the chiefs who came of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. ^{36:22} The children of Lotan were Hori and Heman. Lotan's sister was Timna. ^{36:23} These are the children of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ^{36:24} These are the children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the donkeys of Zibeon his father. ^{36:25} These are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah. ^{36:26} These are the children of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. ^{36:27} These are the children of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. ^{36:28} These are the children of Dishan: Uz and Aran. ^{36:29} These are the chiefs who came of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, ^{36:30} chief Dishon, chief Ezer, and chief Dishan: these are the chiefs who came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

^{36:31} These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel. ^{36:32} Bela, the son of Beor, reigned in Edom. The name of his city was Dinhabah. ^{36:33} Bela died, and Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his place. ^{36:34} Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. ^{36:35} Husham died, and Hadad, the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith. ^{36:36} Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. ^{36:37} Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the river, reigned in his place. ^{36:38} Shaul died, and Baal Hanan, the son of Achbor reigned in his place. ^{36:39} Baal Hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place. The name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

^{36:40} These are the names of the chiefs who came from Esau, according to their families, after their places, and by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, ^{36:41} chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, ^{36:42} chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, ^{36:43} chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau, the father of the Edomites.

Genesis 37

^{37:1} Jacob lived in the land of his father's travels, in the land of Canaan. ^{37:2} This is

^{105:2} Sing to him, sing praises to him!
Tell of all his marvelous works.
^{105:3} Glory in his holy name.
Let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.
^{105:4} Seek Yahweh and his strength.
Seek his face forever more.
^{105:5} Remember his marvelous works that he has done;
his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
^{105:6} you seed of Abraham, his servant,
you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
^{105:7} He is Yahweh, our God.
His judgments are in all the earth.
^{105:8} He has remembered his covenant forever,
the word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
^{105:9} the covenant which he made with Abraham,
his oath to Isaac,
^{105:10} and confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute;
to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
^{105:11} saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,
the lot of your inheritance;"
^{105:12} when they were but a few men in number,
yes, very few, and foreigners in it.
^{105:13} They went about from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people.
^{105:14} He allowed no one to do them wrong.
Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,
^{105:15} "Don't touch my anointed ones!
Do my prophets no harm!"
^{105:16} He called for a famine on the land.
He destroyed the food supplies.
^{105:17} He sent a man before them.
Joseph was sold for a slave.
^{105:18} They bruised his feet with shackles.
His neck was locked in irons,
^{105:19} until the time that his word happened,
and Yahweh's word proved him true.
^{105:20} The king sent and freed him;
even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.
^{105:21} He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all of his possessions;
^{105:22} to discipline his princes at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.
^{105:23} Israel also came into Egypt.
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
^{105:24} He increased his people greatly,
and made them stronger than their adversaries.
^{105:25} He turned their heart to hate his people,
to conspire against his servants.
^{105:26} He sent Moses, his servant,
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
^{105:27} They performed miracles among them,
and wonders in the land of Ham.
^{105:28} He sent darkness, and made it dark.
They didn't rebel against his words.
^{105:29} He turned their waters into blood,
and killed their fish.

oil to make his face to shine,
and bread that strengthens man's heart.
104:16 Yahweh's trees are well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
104:17 where the birds make their nests.
The stork makes its home in the fir trees.
104:18 The high mountains are for the wild goats.
The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons.
The sun knows when to set.
104:20 You make darkness, and it is night,
in which all the animals of the forest prowl.
104:21 The young lions roar after their prey,
and seek their food from God.
104:22 The sun rises, and they steal away,
and lay down in their dens.
104:23 Man goes forth to his work,
to his labor until the evening.
104:24 Yahweh, how many are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
104:25 There is the sea, great and wide,
in which are innumerable living things,
both small and large animals.
104:26 There the ships go,
and leviathan, whom you formed to play there.
104:27 These all wait for you,
that you may give them their food in due season.
104:28 You give to them; they gather.
You open your hand; they are satisfied with good.
104:29 You hide your face: they are troubled;
you take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust.
104:30 You send forth your Spirit: they are created.
You renew the face of the ground.
104:31 Let the glory of Yahweh endure forever.
Let Yahweh rejoice in his works.
104:32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles.
He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
104:33 I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live.
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
104:34 Let your meditation be sweet to him.
I will rejoice in Yahweh.
104:35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth.
Let the wicked be no more.
Bless Yahweh, my soul.
Praise Yah!

[8] v104:4. or, angels

Psalms 105

105:1 Give thanks to Yahweh! Call on his name!
Make his doings known among the peoples.

the history of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. Joseph brought an evil report of them to their father.
37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age, and he made him a coat of many colors. 37:4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him, and couldn't speak peaceably to him.

37:5 Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him all the more. 37:6 He said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 37:7 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves came around, and bowed down to my sheaf."

37:8 His brothers said to him, "Will you indeed reign over us? Or will you indeed have dominion over us?" They hated him all the more for his dreams and for his words. 37:9 He dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said, "Behold, I have dreamed yet another dream: and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me." 37:10 He told it to his father and to his brothers. His father rebuked him, and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Will I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves down to you to the earth?" 37:11 His brothers envied him, but his father kept this saying in mind.

37:12 His brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 37:13 Israel said to Joseph, "Aren't your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." He said to him, "Here I am."

37:14 He said to him, "Go now, see whether it is well with your brothers, and well with the flock; and bring me word again." So he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 37:15 A certain man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

37:16 He said, "I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are feeding the flock."

37:17 The man said, "They have left here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'"

Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. 37:18 They saw him afar off, and before he came near to them, they conspired against him to kill him. 37:19 They said one to another, "Behold, this dreamer comes. 37:20 Come now therefore, and let's kill him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, 'An evil animal has devoured him.' We will see what will become of his dreams."

37:21 Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, "Let's not take his life." 37:22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"--that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 37:23 It happened, when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him; 37:24 and they took him, and threw him into the pit. The pit was empty. There was no water in it.

37:25 They sat down to eat bread, and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 37:26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 37:27 Come, and let's sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not let our hand be

on him; for he is our brother, our flesh." His brothers listened to him. ^{37:28} Midianites who were merchants passed by, and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. They brought Joseph into Egypt.

^{37:29} Reuben returned to the pit; and saw that Joseph wasn't in the pit; and he tore his clothes. ^{37:30} He returned to his brothers, and said, "The child is no more; and I, where will I go?" ^{37:31} They took Joseph's coat, and killed a male goat, and dipped the coat in the blood. ^{37:32} They took the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, "We have found this. Examine it, now, whether it is your son's coat or not."

^{37:33} He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's coat. An evil animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces." ^{37:34} Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. ^{37:35} All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. He said, "For I will go down to Sheol[23] to my son mourning." His father wept for him. ^{37:36} The Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard.

[23] v37:35. Sheol is the place of the dead.

Genesis 38

^{38:1} It happened at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and visited a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. ^{38:2} Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her, and went in to her. ^{38:3} She conceived, and bore a son; and he named him Er. ^{38:4} She conceived again, and bore a son; and she named him Onan. ^{38:5} She yet again bore a son, and named him Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bore him. ^{38:6} Judah took a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. ^{38:7} Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Yahweh. Yahweh killed him. ^{38:8} Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and raise up seed to your brother." ^{38:9} Onan knew that the seed wouldn't be his; and it happened, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. ^{38:10} The thing which he did was evil in the sight of Yahweh, and he killed him also. ^{38:11} Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, until Shelah, my son, is grown up;" for he said, "Lest he also die, like his brothers." Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

^{38:12} After many days, Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died. Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheepshearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah, the Adullamite. ^{38:13} It was told Tamar, saying, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." ^{38:14} She took off of her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she wasn't given to him as a wife. ^{38:15} When Judah saw her, he thought that she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ^{38:16} He turned to her by the way, and said, "Please come, let me come in to you," for he didn't know that she was his daughter-in-law.

She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

^{38:17} He said, "I will send you a kid of the goats from the flock."

^{103:16} For the wind passes over it, and it is gone.
Its place remembers it no more.
^{103:17} But Yahweh's loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him,
his righteousness to children's children;
^{103:18} to those who keep his covenant,
to those who remember to obey his precepts.
^{103:19} Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens.
His kingdom rules over all.
^{103:20} Praise Yahweh, you angels of his,
who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word,
obeying the voice of his word.
^{103:21} Praise Yahweh, all you armies of his,
you servants of his, who do his pleasure.
^{103:22} Praise Yahweh, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion.
Praise Yahweh, my soul!

Psalms 104

^{104:1} Bless Yahweh, my soul.
Yahweh, my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty.
^{104:2} He covers himself with light as with a garment.
He stretches out the heavens like a curtain.
^{104:3} He lays the beams of his chambers in the waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot.
He walks on the wings of the wind.
^{104:4} He makes his messengers[8] winds;
his servants flames of fire.
^{104:5} He laid the foundations of the earth,
that it should not be moved forever.
^{104:6} You covered it with the deep as with a cloak.
The waters stood above the mountains.
^{104:7} At your rebuke they fled.
At the voice of your thunder they hurried away.
^{104:8} The mountains rose,
the valleys sank down,
to the place which you had assigned to them.
^{104:9} You have set a boundary that they may not pass over;
that they don't turn again to cover the earth.
^{104:10} He sends forth springs into the valleys.
They run among the mountains.
^{104:11} They give drink to every animal of the field.
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
^{104:12} The birds of the sky nest by them.
They sing among the branches.
^{104:13} He waters the mountains from his chambers.
The earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
^{104:14} He causes the grass to grow for the livestock,
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
^{104:15} wine that makes glad the heart of man,

to free those who are condemned to death;
^{102:21} that men may declare the name of Yahweh in Zion,
 and his praise in Jerusalem;
^{102:22} when the peoples are gathered together,
 the kingdoms, to serve Yahweh.
^{102:23} He weakened my strength along the course.
 He shortened my days.
^{102:24} I said, "My God, don't take me away in the midst of my days.
 Your years are throughout all generations.
^{102:25} Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth.
 The heavens are the work of your hands.
^{102:26} They will perish, but you will endure.
 Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment.
 You will change them like a cloak, and they will be changed.
^{102:27} But you are the same.
 Your years will have no end.
^{102:28} The children of your servants will continue.
 Their seed will be established before you."

Psalms 103

By David.

^{103:1} Praise Yahweh, my soul!
 All that is within me, praise his holy name!
^{103:2} Praise Yahweh, my soul,
 and don't forget all his benefits;
^{103:3} who forgives all your sins;
 who heals all your diseases;
^{103:4} who redeems your life from destruction;
 who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;
^{103:5} who satisfies your desire with good things,
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
^{103:6} Yahweh executes righteous acts,
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
^{103:7} He made known his ways to Moses,
 his deeds to the children of Israel.
^{103:8} Yahweh is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.
^{103:9} He will not always accuse;
 neither will he stay angry forever.
^{103:10} He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor repaid us for our iniquities.
^{103:11} For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him.
^{103:12} As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
^{103:13} Like a father has compassion on his children,
 so Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him.
^{103:14} For he knows how we are made.
 He remembers that we are dust.
^{103:15} As for man, his days are like grass.
 As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

She said, "Will you give me a pledge, until you send it?"

^{38:18} He said, "What pledge will I give you?"

She said, "Your signet and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand."

He gave them to her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him. ^{38:19} She arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. ^{38:20} Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, but he didn't find her. ^{38:21} Then he asked the men of her place, saying, "Where is the prostitute, that was at Enaim by the road?"

They said, "There has been no prostitute here."

^{38:22} He returned to Judah, and said, "I haven't found her; and also the men of the place said, 'There has been no prostitute here.'" ^{38:23} Judah said, "Let her keep it, lest we be shamed. Behold, I sent this kid, and you haven't found her."

^{38:24} It happened about three months later, that it was told Judah, saying, "Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has played the prostitute; and moreover, behold, she is with child by prostitution."

Judah said, "Bring her forth, and let her be burnt." ^{38:25} When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man, whose these are, I am with child." She also said, "Please discern whose are these--the signet, and the cords, and the staff."

^{38:26} Judah acknowledged them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, because I didn't give her to Shelah, my son."

He knew her again no more. ^{38:27} It happened in the time of her travail, that behold, twins were in her womb. ^{38:28} When she travailed, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This came out first." ^{38:29} It happened, as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out, and she said, "Why have you made a breach for yourself?" Therefore his name was called Perez.[24] ^{38:30} Afterward his brother came out, that had the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.[25]

[24] v38:29. Perez means "breaking out."

[25] v38:30. Zerah means "scarlet" or "brightness."

Genesis 39

^{39:1} Joseph was brought down to Egypt. Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites that had brought him down there. ^{39:2} Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. He was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ^{39:3} His master saw that Yahweh was with him, and that Yahweh made all that he did prosper in his hand. ^{39:4} Joseph found favor in his sight. He ministered to him, and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. ^{39:5} It happened from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Yahweh blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and

the blessing of Yahweh was on all that he had, in the house and in the field. ^{39:6} He left all that he had in Joseph's hand. He didn't concern himself with anything, except for the food which he ate.

Joseph was well-built and handsome. ^{39:7} It happened after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph; and she said, "Lie with me."

^{39:8} But he refused, and said to his master's wife, "Behold, my master doesn't know what is with me in the house, and he has put all that he has into my hand. ^{39:9} He isn't greater in this house than I, neither has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

^{39:10} As she spoke to Joseph day by day, he didn't listen to her, to lie by her, or to be with her. ^{39:11} About this time, he went into the house to do his work, and there were none of the men of the house inside. ^{39:12} She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!"

He left his garment in her hand, and ran outside. ^{39:13} When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had run outside, ^{39:14} she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, "Behold, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. ^{39:15} It happened, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and ran outside." ^{39:16} She laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. ^{39:17} She spoke to him according to these words, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me, ^{39:18} and it happened, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and ran outside."

^{39:19} It happened, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your servant did to me," that his wrath was kindled. ^{39:20} Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound, and he was there in custody. ^{39:21} But Yahweh was with Joseph, and showed kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ^{39:22} The keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever they did there, he was responsible for it. ^{39:23} The keeper of the prison didn't look after anything that was under his hand, because Yahweh was with him; and that which he did, Yahweh made it prosper.

Genesis 40

^{40:1} It happened after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord, the king of Egypt. ^{40:2} Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. ^{40:3} He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. ^{40:4} The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he took care of them. They stayed in prison many days. ^{40:5} They both dreamed a dream, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. ^{40:6} Joseph came in to them in the morning, and saw them, and saw that they were sad. ^{40:7} He asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"

^{40:8} They said to him, "We have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can

that they may dwell with me.
He who walks in a perfect way,
he will serve me.

^{101:7} He who practices deceit won't dwell within my house.
He who speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes.
^{101:8} Morning by morning, I will destroy all the wicked of the land;
to cut off all the workers of iniquity from Yahweh's city.

Psalms 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before Yahweh.

^{102:1} Hear my prayer, Yahweh!
Let my cry come to you.
^{102:2} Don't hide your face from me in the day of my distress.
Turn your ear to me.
Answer me quickly in the day when I call.
^{102:3} For my days consume away like smoke.
My bones are burned as a firebrand.
^{102:4} My heart is blighted like grass, and withered,
for I forget to eat my bread.
^{102:5} By reason of the voice of my groaning,
my bones stick to my skin.
^{102:6} I am like a pelican of the wilderness.
I have become as an owl of the waste places.
^{102:7} I watch, and have become like a sparrow that is alone on the housetop.
^{102:8} My enemies reproach me all day.
Those who are mad at me use my name as a curse.
^{102:9} For I have eaten ashes like bread,
and mixed my drink with tears,
^{102:10} Because of your indignation and your wrath,
for you have taken me up, and thrown me away.
^{102:11} My days are like a long shadow.
I have withered like grass.
^{102:12} But you, Yahweh, will abide forever;
your renown endures to all generations.
^{102:13} You will arise and have mercy on Zion;
for it is time to have pity on her.
Yes, the set time has come.
^{102:14} For your servants take pleasure in her stones,
and have pity on her dust.
^{102:15} So the nations will fear the name of Yahweh;
all the kings of the earth your glory.
^{102:16} For Yahweh has built up Zion.
He has appeared in his glory.
^{102:17} He has responded to the prayer of the destitute,
and has not despised their prayer.
^{102:18} This will be written for the generation to come.
A people which will be created will praise Yah.
^{102:19} For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary.
From heaven, Yahweh saw the earth;
^{102:20} to hear the groans of the prisoner;

Worship at his footstool.
He is Holy!

^{99:6} Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel among those who call on his name;
they called on Yahweh, and he answered them.

^{99:7} He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.
They kept his testimonies,
the statute that he gave them.

^{99:8} You answered them, Yahweh our God.
You are a God who forgave them,
although you took vengeance for their doings.

^{99:9} Exalt Yahweh, our God.
Worship at his holy hill,
for Yahweh, our God, is holy!

Psalms 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

^{100:1} Shout for joy to Yahweh, all you lands!

^{100:2} Serve Yahweh with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.

^{100:3} Know that Yahweh, he is God.
It is he who has made us, and we are his.
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

^{100:4} Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, and bless his name.

^{100:5} For Yahweh is good.
His loving kindness endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 101

A Psalm by David.

^{101:1} I will sing of loving kindness and justice.
To you, Yahweh, I will sing praises.

^{101:2} I will be careful to live a blameless life.
When will you come to me?
I will walk within my house with a blameless heart.

^{101:3} I will set no vile thing before my eyes.
I hate the deeds of faithless men.
They will not cling to me.

^{101:4} A perverse heart will be far from me.
I will have nothing to do with evil.

^{101:5} I will silence whoever secretly slanders his neighbor.
I won't tolerate one who is haughty and conceited.

^{101:6} My eyes will be on the faithful of the land,

interpret it."

Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me."

^{40:9} The chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, a vine was in front of me, ^{40:10} and in the vine were three branches. It was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. ^{40:11} Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

^{40:12} Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ^{40:13} Within three more days, Pharaoh will lift up your head, and restore you to your office. You will give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, the way you did when you were his cupbearer. ^{40:14} But remember me when it will be well with you, and show kindness, please, to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house. ^{40:15} For indeed, I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."

^{40:16} When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and behold, three baskets of white bread were on my head. ^{40:17} In the uppermost basket there was all kinds of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

^{40:18} Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation. The three baskets are three days. ^{40:19} Within three more days, Pharaoh will lift up your head from off you, and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from off you." ^{40:20} It happened the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants, and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ^{40:21} He restored the chief cupbearer to his position again, and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand; ^{40:22} but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ^{40:23} Yet the chief cupbearer didn't remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Genesis 41

^{41:1} It happened at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and behold, he stood by the river. ^{41:2} Behold, there came up out of the river seven cattle, sleek and fat, and they fed in the marsh grass. ^{41:3} Behold, seven other cattle came up after them out of the river, ugly and thin, and stood by the other cattle on the brink of the river. ^{41:4} The ugly and thin cattle ate up the seven sleek and fat cattle. So Pharaoh awoke. ^{41:5} He slept and dreamed a second time: and behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, healthy and good. ^{41:6} Behold, seven heads of grain, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. ^{41:7} The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. ^{41:8} It happened in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all of Egypt's magicians and wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

^{41:9} Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I remember my faults today. ^{41:10} Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker. ^{41:11} We dreamed a

dream in one night, I and he. We dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. ^{41:12} There was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard, and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams. To each man according to his dream he interpreted. ^{41:13} It happened, as he interpreted to us, so it was: he restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

^{41:14} Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon. He shaved himself, changed his clothing, and came in to Pharaoh. ^{41:15} Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

^{41:16} Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It isn't in me. God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

^{41:17} Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I stood on the brink of the river: ^{41:18} and behold, there came up out of the river seven cattle, fat and sleek. They fed in the marsh grass, ^{41:19} and behold, seven other cattle came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for ugliness. ^{41:20} The thin and ugly cattle ate up the first seven fat cattle, ^{41:21} and when they had eaten them up, it couldn't be known that they had eaten them, but they were still ugly, as at the beginning. So I awoke. ^{41:22} I saw in my dream, and behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, full and good: ^{41:23} and behold, seven heads of grain, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. ^{41:24} The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

^{41:25} Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dream of Pharaoh is one. What God is about to do he has declared to Pharaoh. ^{41:26} The seven good cattle are seven years; and the seven good heads of grain are seven years. The dream is one. ^{41:27} The seven thin and ugly cattle that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty heads of grain blasted with the east wind; they will be seven years of famine. ^{41:28} That is the thing which I spoke to Pharaoh. What God is about to do he has shown to Pharaoh. ^{41:29} Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. ^{41:30} There will arise after them seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ^{41:31} and the plenty will not be known in the land by reason of that famine which follows; for it will be very grievous. ^{41:32} The dream was doubled to Pharaoh, because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass."

^{41:33} "Now therefore let Pharaoh look for a discreet and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ^{41:34} Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt's produce in the seven plenteous years. ^{41:35} Let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ^{41:36} The food will be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which will be in the land of Egypt; that the land not perish through the famine."

^{41:37} The thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

^{41:38} Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" ^{41:39} Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Because God has shown you all of this, there is none so discreet and wise as you. ^{41:40} You shall be over my house, and according to your word will all my people be ruled. Only in the throne I will be greater than you." ^{41:41} Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." ^{41:42} Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in robes of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck, ^{41:43} and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had. They cried before him, "Bow the knee!" He set him over all the land of Egypt. ^{41:44} Pharaoh said

You are exalted far above all gods.
^{97:10} You who love Yahweh, hate evil.
He preserves the souls of his saints.
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
^{97:11} Light is sown for the righteous,
and gladness for the upright in heart.
^{97:12} Be glad in Yahweh, you righteous people!
Give thanks to his holy Name.

Psalms 98

A Psalm.

^{98:1} Sing to Yahweh a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand, and his holy arm, have worked salvation for him.
^{98:2} Yahweh has made known his salvation.
He has openly shown his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
^{98:3} He has remembered his loving kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
^{98:4} Make a joyful noise to Yahweh, all the earth!
Burst out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises!
^{98:5} Sing praises to Yahweh with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of melody.
^{98:6} With trumpets and sound of the ram's horn,
make a joyful noise before the King, Yahweh.
^{98:7} Let the sea roar with its fullness;
the world, and those who dwell therein.
^{98:8} Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing for joy together.
^{98:9} Let them sing before Yahweh,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Psalms 99

^{99:1} Yahweh reigns! Let the peoples tremble.
He sits enthroned among the cherubim.
Let the earth be moved.
^{99:2} Yahweh is great in Zion.
He is high above all the peoples.
^{99:3} Let them praise your great and awesome name.
He is Holy!
^{99:4} The King's strength also loves justice.
You do establish equity.
You execute justice and righteousness in Jacob.
^{99:5} Exalt Yahweh our God.

Sing to Yahweh, all the earth.
 96:2 Sing to Yahweh!
 Bless his name!
 Proclaim his salvation from day to day!
 96:3 Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvelous works among all the peoples.
 96:4 For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised!
 He is to be feared above all gods.
 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
 but Yahweh made the heavens.
 96:6 Honor and majesty are before him.
 Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 96:7 Ascribe to Yahweh, you families of nations,
 ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.
 96:8 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name.
 Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 96:9 Worship Yahweh in holy array.
 Tremble before him, all the earth.
 96:10 Say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns."
 The world is also established.
 It can't be moved.
 He will judge the peoples with equity.
 96:11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
 Let the sea roar, and its fullness!
 96:12 Let the field and all that is in it exult!
 Then all the trees of the woods shall sing for joy
 96:13 before Yahweh; for he comes,
 for he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 the peoples with his truth.

Psalms 97

97:1 Yahweh reigns!
 Let the earth rejoice!
 Let the multitude of islands be glad!
 97:2 Clouds and darkness are around him.
 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
 97:3 A fire goes before him,
 and burns up his adversaries on every side.
 97:4 His lightning lights up the world.
 The earth sees, and trembles.
 97:5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Yahweh,
 at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 97:6 The heavens declare his righteousness.
 All the peoples have seen his glory.
 97:7 Let all them be shamed who serve engraved images,
 who boast in their idols.
 Worship him, all you gods!
 97:8 Zion heard and was glad.
 The daughters of Judah rejoiced,
 because of your judgments, Yahweh.
 97:9 For you, Yahweh, are most high above all the earth.

to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt." ^{41:45} Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of On as a wife. Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

^{41:46} Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. ^{41:47} In the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth abundantly. ^{41:48} He gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was around every city, he laid up in the same. ^{41:49} Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped counting, for it was without number. ^{41:50} To Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of On, bore to him. ^{41:51} Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, [26] "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house." ^{41:52} The name of the second, he called Ephraim [27]: "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

^{41:53} The seven years of plenty, that were in the land of Egypt, came to an end.

^{41:54} The seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ^{41:55} When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do." ^{41:56} The famine was over all the surface of the earth. Joseph opened all the store houses, and sold to the Egyptians. The famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ^{41:57} All countries came into Egypt, to Joseph, to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

[26] v41:51. "Manasseh" sounds like the Hebrew for "forget."

[27] v41:52. "Ephraim" sounds like the Hebrew for "twice fruitful."

Genesis 42

^{42:1} Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" ^{42:2} He said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy for us from there, so that we may live, and not die." ^{42:3} Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ^{42:4} But Jacob didn't send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers; for he said, "Lest perhaps harm happen to him." ^{42:5} The sons of Israel came to buy among those who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. ^{42:6} Joseph was the governor over the land. It was he who sold to all the people of the land. Joseph's brothers came, and bowed themselves down to him with their faces to the earth. ^{42:7} Joseph saw his brothers, and he recognized them, but acted like a stranger to them, and spoke roughly with them. He said to them, "Where did you come from?"

They said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

^{42:8} Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him. ^{42:9} Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land."

^{42:10} They said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

^{42:11} We are all one man's sons; we are honest men. Your servants are not spies."

^{42:12} He said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land."

^{42:13} They said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."

^{42:14} Joseph said to them, "It is like I told you, saying, 'You are spies.' ^{42:15} By this you shall be tested. By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go forth from here, unless your youngest brother comes here. ^{42:16} Send one of you, and let him get your brother, and you shall be bound, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you, or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies." ^{42:17} He put them all together into custody for three days.

^{42:18} Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this, and live, for I fear God. ^{42:19} If you are honest men, then let one of your brothers be bound in your prison; but you go, carry grain for the famine of your houses. ^{42:20} Bring your youngest brother to me; so will your words be verified, and you won't die."

They did so. ^{42:21} They said one to another, "We are certainly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us, and we wouldn't listen. Therefore this distress has come upon us." ^{42:22} Reuben answered them, saying, "Didn't I tell you, saying, 'Don't sin against the child,' and you wouldn't listen? Therefore also, behold, his blood is required." ^{42:23} They didn't know that Joseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between them. ^{42:24} He turned himself away from them, and wept. Then he returned to them, and spoke to them, and took Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. ^{42:25} Then Joseph gave a command to fill their bags with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them food for the way. So it was done to them.

^{42:26} They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there. ^{42:27} As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey food in the lodging place, he saw his money. Behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. ^{42:28} He said to his brothers, "My money is restored! Behold, it is in my sack!" Their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?" ^{42:29} They came to Jacob their father, to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had happened to them, saying, ^{42:30} "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. ^{42:31} We said to him, 'We are honest men. We are no spies. ^{42:32} We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.' ^{42:33} The man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I will know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way. ^{42:34} Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men. So I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.'"

^{42:35} It happened as they emptied their sacks, that behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. ^{42:36} Jacob, their father, said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children! Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin away. All these things are against me."

^{42:37} Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons, if I don't bring him to you. Entrust him to my care, and I will bring him to you again."

^{42:38} He said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left. If harm happens to him along the way in which you go, then you will bring

^{94:16} Who will rise up for me against the wicked?
Who will stand up for me against the evil-doers?

^{94:17} Unless Yahweh had been my help,
my soul would have soon lived in silence.

^{94:18} When I said, "My foot is slipping!"
Your loving kindness, Yahweh, held me up.

^{94:19} In the multitude of my thoughts within me,
your comforts delight my soul.

^{94:20} Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with you,
which brings about mischief by statute?

^{94:21} They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
and condemn the innocent blood.

^{94:22} But Yahweh has been my high tower,
my God, the rock of my refuge.

^{94:23} He has brought on them their own iniquity,
and will cut them off in their own wickedness.
Yahweh, our God, will cut them off.

Psalms 95

^{95:1} Oh come, let's sing to Yahweh.
Let's shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

^{95:2} Let's come before his presence with thanksgiving.
Let's extol him with songs!

^{95:3} For Yahweh is a great God,
a great King above all gods.

^{95:4} In his hand are the deep places of the earth.
The heights of the mountains are also his.

^{95:5} The sea is his, and he made it.
His hands formed the dry land.

^{95:6} Oh come, let's worship and bow down.
Let's kneel before Yahweh, our Maker,

^{95:7} for he is our God.
We are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep in his care.

^{95:8} Today, oh that you would hear his voice!
Don't harden your heart, as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the wilderness,

^{95:9} when your fathers tempted me,
tested me, and saw my work.

^{95:10} Forty long years I was grieved with that generation,
and said, "It is a people that errs in their heart.
They have not known my ways."

^{95:11} Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They won't enter into my rest."

Psalms 96

^{96:1} Sing to Yahweh a new song!

Psalms 93

^{93:1} Yahweh reigns!
 He is clothed with majesty!
 Yahweh is armed with strength.
 The world also is established.
 It can't be moved.

^{93:2} Your throne is established from long ago.
 You are from everlasting.

^{93:3} The floods have lifted up, Yahweh,
 the floods have lifted up their voice.
 The floods lift up their waves.

^{93:4} Above the voices of many waters,
 the mighty breakers of the sea,
 Yahweh on high is mighty.

^{93:5} Your statutes stand firm.
 Holiness adorns your house,
 Yahweh, forevermore.

Psalms 94

^{94:1} Yahweh, you God to whom vengeance belongs,
 you God to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth.

^{94:2} Rise up, you judge of the earth.
 Pay back the proud what they deserve.

^{94:3} Yahweh, how long will the wicked,
 how long will the wicked triumph?

^{94:4} They pour out arrogant words.
 All the evil-doers boast.

^{94:5} They break your people in pieces, Yahweh,
 and afflict your heritage.

^{94:6} They kill the widow and the alien,
 and murder the fatherless.

^{94:7} They say, "Yah will not see,
 neither will Jacob's God consider."

^{94:8} Consider, you senseless among the people;
 you fools, when will you be wise?

^{94:9} He who implanted the ear, won't he hear?
 He who formed the eye, won't he see?

^{94:10} He who disciplines the nations, won't he punish?
 He who teaches man knows.

^{94:11} Yahweh knows the thoughts of man,
 that they are futile.

^{94:12} Blessed is the man whom you discipline, Yah,
 and teach out of your law;

^{94:13} that you may give him rest from the days of adversity,
 until the pit is dug for the wicked.

^{94:14} For Yahweh won't reject his people,
 neither will he forsake his inheritance.

^{94:15} For judgment will return to righteousness.
 All the upright in heart shall follow it.

down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

Genesis 43

^{43:1} The famine was severe in the land. ^{43:2} It happened, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little more food."

^{43:3} Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.' ^{43:4} If you'll send our brother with us, we'll go down and buy you food, ^{43:5} but if you'll not send him, we'll not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'"

^{43:6} Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly, telling the man that you had another brother?"

^{43:7} They said, "The man asked directly concerning ourselves, and concerning our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' We just answered his questions. Is there any way we could know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

^{43:8} Judah said to Israel, his father, "Send the boy with me, and we'll get up and go, so that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, and also our little ones. ^{43:9} I'll be collateral for him. From my hand will you require him. If I don't bring him to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever, ^{43:10} for if we hadn't delayed, surely we would have returned a second time by now."

^{43:11} Their father, Israel, said to them, "If it must be so, then do this. Take from the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry down a present for the man, a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts, and almonds; ^{43:12} and take double money in your hand, and take back the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. ^{43:13} Take your brother also, get up, and return to the man. ^{43:14} May God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

^{43:15} The men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and got up, went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. ^{43:16} When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and butcher an animal, and make ready; for the men will dine with me at noon."

^{43:17} The man did as Joseph commanded, and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. ^{43:18} The men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time, we're brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, attack us, and seize us as slaves, along with our donkeys." ^{43:19} They came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke to him at the door of the house, ^{43:20} and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. ^{43:21} When we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks, and behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. We have brought it back in our hand. ^{43:22} We have brought down other

money in our hand to buy food. We don't know who put our money in our sacks."

^{43:23} He said, "Peace be to you. Don't be afraid. Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your money." He brought Simeon out to them. ^{43:24} The man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet. He gave their donkeys fodder. ^{43:25} They made ready the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

^{43:26} When Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves down to him to the earth. ^{43:27} He asked them of their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he yet alive?"

^{43:28} They said, "Your servant, our father, is well. He is still alive." They bowed the head, and did homage. ^{43:29} He lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin, his brother, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" He said, "God be gracious to you, my son." ^{43:30} Joseph hurried, for his heart yearned over his brother; and he sought a place to weep. He entered into his room, and wept there. ^{43:31} He washed his face, and came out. He controlled himself, and said, "Serve the meal."

^{43:32} They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians, that ate with him, by themselves, because the Egyptians don't eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. ^{43:33} They sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth, and the men marveled one with another. ^{43:34} He sent portions to them from before him, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. They drank, and were merry with him.

Genesis 44

^{44:1} He commanded the steward of his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. ^{44:2} Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, with his grain money." He did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. ^{44:3} As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. ^{44:4} When they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men. When you overtake them, ask them, 'Why have you rewarded evil for good?' ^{44:5} Isn't this that from which my lord drinks, and by which he indeed divines? You have done evil in so doing." ^{44:6} He overtook them, and he spoke these words to them.

^{44:7} They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! ^{44:8} Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan. How then should we steal silver or gold out of your lord's house? ^{44:9} With whoever of your servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondservants."

^{44:10} He said, "Now also let it be according to your words: he with whom it is found will be my bondservant; and you will be blameless."

^{44:11} Then they hurried, and every man took his sack down to the ground, and every man opened his sack. ^{44:12} He searched, beginning with the eldest, and ending at the

and the Most High your dwelling place,
^{91:10} no evil shall happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
^{91:11} For he will put his angels in charge of you,
to guard you in all your ways.
^{91:12} They will bear you up in their hands,
so that you won't dash your foot against a stone.
^{91:13} You will tread on the lion and cobra.
You will trample the young lion and the serpent underfoot.
^{91:14} "Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him.
I will set him on high, because he has known my name.
^{91:15} He will call on me, and I will answer him.
I will be with him in trouble.
I will deliver him, and honor him.
^{91:16} I will satisfy him with long life,
and show him my salvation."

Psalms 92

A Psalm. A song for the Sabbath day.

^{92:1} It is a good thing to give thanks to Yahweh,
to sing praises to your name, Most High;
^{92:2} to proclaim your loving kindness in the morning,
and your faithfulness every night,
^{92:3} with the ten-stringed lute, with the harp,
and with the melody of the lyre.
^{92:4} For you, Yahweh, have made me glad through your work.
I will triumph in the works of your hands.
^{92:5} How great are your works, Yahweh!
Your thoughts are very deep.
^{92:6} A senseless man doesn't know,
neither does a fool understand this:
^{92:7} though the wicked spring up as the grass,
and all the evil-doers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.
^{92:8} But you, Yahweh, are on high forevermore.
^{92:9} For, behold, your enemies, Yahweh,
for, behold, your enemies shall perish.
All the evil-doers will be scattered.
^{92:10} But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox.
I am anointed with fresh oil.
^{92:11} My eye has also seen my enemies.
My ears have heard of the wicked enemies who rise up against me.
^{92:12} The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.
He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
^{92:13} They are planted in Yahweh's house.
They will flourish in our God's courts.
^{92:14} They will still bring forth fruit in old age.
They will be full of sap and green,
^{92:15} to show that Yahweh is upright.
He is my rock,
and there is no unrighteousness in him.

like a watch in the night.
 90:5 You sweep them away as they sleep.
 In the morning they sprout like new grass.
 90:6 In the morning it sprouts and springs up.
 By evening, it is withered and dry.
 90:7 For we are consumed in your anger.
 We are troubled in your wrath.
 90:8 You have set our iniquities before you,
 our secret sins in the light of your presence.
 90:9 For all our days have passed away in your wrath.
 We bring our years to an end as a sigh.
 90:10 The days of our years are seventy,
 or even by reason of strength eighty years;
 yet their pride is but labor and sorrow,
 for it passes quickly, and we fly away.
 90:11 Who knows the power of your anger,
 your wrath according to the fear that is due to you?
 90:12 So teach us to number our days,
 that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
 90:13 Relent, Yahweh!
 How long?
 Have compassion on your servants!
 90:14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loving kindness,
 that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
 90:15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
 for as many years as we have seen evil.
 90:16 Let your work appear to your servants;
 your glory to their children.
 90:17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us;
 establish the work of our hands for us;
 yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalms 91

91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
 91:2 I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
 my God, in whom I trust."
 91:3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler,
 and from the deadly pestilence.
 91:4 He will cover you with his feathers.
 Under his wings you will take refuge.
 His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.
 91:5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;
 91:6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
 nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday.
 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side,
 and ten thousand at your right hand;
 but it will not come near you.
 91:8 You will only look with your eyes,
 and see the recompense of the wicked.
 91:9 Because you have made Yahweh your refuge,

youngest. The cup was found in Benjamin's sack. ^{44:13} Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and returned to the city.

^{44:14} Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there. They fell on the ground before him. ^{44:15} Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Don't you know that such a man as I can indeed divine?"

^{44:16} Judah said, "What will we tell my lord? What will we speak? Or how will we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants. Behold, we are my lord's bondservants, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found."

^{44:17} He said, "Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup is found, he will be my bondservant; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

^{44:18} Then Judah came near to him, and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and don't let your anger burn against your servant; for you are even as Pharaoh." ^{44:19} My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, or a brother?' ^{44:20} We said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loves him.' ^{44:21} You said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' ^{44:22} We said to my lord, 'The boy can't leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' ^{44:23} You said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will see my face no more.' ^{44:24} It happened when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ^{44:25} Our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food.' ^{44:26} We said, 'We can't go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down: for we may not see the man's face, unless our youngest brother is with us.' ^{44:27} Your servant, my father, said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons: ^{44:28} and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn in pieces;" and I haven't seen him since. ^{44:29} If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.' ^{44:30} Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the boy's life; ^{44:31} it will happen, when he sees that the boy is no more, that he will die. Your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant, our father, with sorrow to Sheol. ^{44:32} For your servant became collateral for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I don't bring him to you, then I will bear the blame to my father forever.' ^{44:33} Now therefore, please let your servant stay instead of the boy, a bondservant to my lord; and let the boy go up with his brothers. ^{44:34} For how will I go up to my father, if the boy isn't with me?--lest I see the evil that will come on my father."

Genesis 45

^{45:1} Then Joseph couldn't control himself before all those who stood before him, and he cried, "Cause every man to go out from me!" No one else stood with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ^{45:2} He wept aloud. The Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. ^{45:3} Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Does my father still live?"

His brothers couldn't answer him; for they were terrified at his presence. ^{45:4} Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please."

They came near. "He said, I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ^{45:5} Now don't be grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ^{45:6} For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are yet five years, in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ^{45:7} God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance. ^{45:8} So now it wasn't you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ^{45:9} Hurry, and go up to my father, and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Don't wait. ^{45:10} You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be near to me, you, your children, your children's children, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ^{45:11} There I will nourish you; for there are yet five years of famine; lest you come to poverty, you, and your household, and all that you have.'" ^{45:12} Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ^{45:13} You shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. You shall hurry and bring my father down here." ^{45:14} He fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ^{45:15} He kissed all his brothers, and wept on them. After that his brothers talked with him.

^{45:16} The report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." It pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. ^{45:17} Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this. Load your animals, and go, travel to the land of Canaan. ^{45:18} Take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.'" ^{45:19} Now you are commanded: do this. Take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ^{45:20} Also, don't concern yourselves about your belongings, for the good of all of the land of Egypt is yours."

^{45:21} The sons of Israel did so. Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. ^{45:22} He gave each one of them changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing. ^{45:23} To his father, he sent after this manner: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. ^{45:24} So he sent his brothers away, and they departed. He said to them, "See that you don't quarrel on the way."

^{45:25} They went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father. ^{45:26} They told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." His heart fainted, for he didn't believe them. ^{45:27} They told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them. When he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob, their father, revived. ^{45:28} Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Genesis 46

^{46:1} Israel traveled with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac. ^{46:2} God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

He said, "Here I am."

^{46:3} He said, "I am God, the God of your father. Don't be afraid to go down into Egypt, for there I will make of you a great nation. ^{46:4} I will go down with you into

his throne like the sun before me.
^{89:37} It will be established forever like the moon,
 the faithful witness in the sky."
 Selah.
^{89:38} But you have rejected and spurned.
 You have been angry with your anointed.
^{89:39} You have renounced the covenant of your servant.
 You have defiled his crown in the dust.
^{89:40} You have broken down all his hedges.
 You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
^{89:41} All who pass by the way rob him.
 He has become a reproach to his neighbors.
^{89:42} You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries.
 You have made all of his enemies rejoice.
^{89:43} Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword,
 and haven't supported him in battle.
^{89:44} You have ended his splendor,
 and thrown his throne down to the ground.
^{89:45} You have shortened the days of his youth.
 You have covered him with shame.
 Selah.
^{89:46} How long, Yahweh?
 Will you hide yourself forever?
 Will your wrath burn like fire?
^{89:47} Remember how short my time is!
 For what vanity have you created all the children of men!
^{89:48} What man is he who shall live and not see death,
 who shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?
 Selah.
^{89:49} Lord, where are your former loving kindnesses,
 which you swore to David in your faithfulness?
^{89:50} Remember, Lord, the reproach of your servants,
 how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the mighty peoples,
^{89:51} With which your enemies have mocked, Yahweh,
 with which they have mocked the footsteps of your anointed one.
^{89:52} Blessed be Yahweh forevermore.
 Amen, and Amen.

BOOK FOUR

Psalms 90

A Prayer by Moses, the man of God.

^{90:1} Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations.
^{90:2} Before the mountains were brought forth,
 before you had formed the earth and the world,
 even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
^{90:3} You turn man to destruction, saying,
 "Return, you children of men."
^{90:4} For a thousand years in your sight are just like yesterday when it is past,

When its waves rise up, you calm them.
 89:10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain.
 You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
 89:11 The heavens are yours.
 The earth also is yours;
 the world and its fullness.
 You have founded them.
 89:12 The north and the south, you have created them.
 Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.
 89:13 You have a mighty arm.
 Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted.
 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
 Loving kindness and truth go before your face.
 89:15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you.
 They walk in the light of your presence, Yahweh.
 89:16 In your name they rejoice all day.
 In your righteousness, they are exalted.
 89:17 For you are the glory of their strength.
 In your favor, our horn will be exalted.
 89:18 For our shield belongs to Yahweh;
 our king to the Holy One of Israel.
 89:19 Then you spoke in vision to your saints,
 and said, "I have bestowed strength on the warrior.
 I have exalted a young man from the people.
 89:20 I have found David, my servant.
 I have anointed him with my holy oil,
 89:21 with whom my hand shall be established.
 My arm will also strengthen him.
 89:22 No enemy will tax him.
 No wicked man will oppress him.
 89:23 I will beat down his adversaries before him,
 and strike those who hate him.
 89:24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him.
 In my name, his horn will be exalted.
 89:25 I will set his hand also on the sea,
 and his right hand on the rivers.
 89:26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father,
 my God, and the rock of my salvation!'
 89:27 I will also appoint him my firstborn,
 the highest of the kings of the earth.
 89:28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forevermore.
 My covenant will stand firm with him.
 89:29 I will also make his seed endure forever,
 and his throne as the days of heaven.
 89:30 If his children forsake my law,
 and don't walk in my ordinances;
 89:31 if they break my statutes,
 and don't keep my commandments;
 89:32 then I will punish their sin with the rod,
 and their iniquity with stripes.
 89:33 But I will not completely take my loving kindness from him,
 nor allow my faithfulness to fail.
 89:34 I will not break my covenant,
 nor alter what my lips have uttered.
 89:35 Once have I sworn by my holiness,
 I will not lie to David.
 89:36 His seed will endure forever,

Egypt. I will also surely bring you up again. Joseph will close your eyes."

46:5 Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob, their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 46:6 They took their livestock, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt--Jacob, and all his seed with him, 46:7 his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and he brought all his seed with him into Egypt.

46:8 These are the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 46:9 The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 46:10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. 46:11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 46:12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. 46:13 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Iob, and Shimron. 46:14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. 46:15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three. 46:16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. 46:17 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel. 46:18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah, his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob, even sixteen souls. 46:19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 46:20 To Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him. 46:21 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huphim, and Ard. 46:22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. 46:23 The son of Dan: Hushim. 46:24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. 46:25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob: all the souls were seven. 46:26 All the souls who came with Jacob into Egypt, who were his direct descendants, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty-six. 46:27 The sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, were seventy.

46:28 He sent Judah before him to Joseph, to show the way before him to Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. 46:29 Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel, his father, in Goshen. He presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 46:30 Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

46:31 Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's house, "I will go up, and speak with Pharaoh, and will tell him, 'My brothers, and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. 46:32 These men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.' 46:33 It will happen, when Pharaoh summons you, and will say, 'What is your occupation?' 46:34 that you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers:' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

Genesis 47

^{47:1} Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks, their herds, and all that they own, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen." ^{47:2} From among his brothers he took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. ^{47:3} Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?"

They said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers." ^{47:4} They said to Pharaoh, "We have come to live as foreigners in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks. For the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen."

^{47:5} Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you." ^{47:6} The land of Egypt is before you. Make your father and your brothers dwell in the best of the land. Let them dwell in the land of Goshen. If you know any able men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."

^{47:7} Joseph brought in Jacob, his father, and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ^{47:8} Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many are the days of the years of your life?"

^{47:9} Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." ^{47:10} Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

^{47:11} Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ^{47:12} Joseph nourished his father, his brothers, and all of his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

^{47:13} There was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. ^{47:14} Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. ^{47:15} When the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For our money fails."

^{47:16} Joseph said, "Give me your livestock; and I will give you food for your livestock, if your money is gone."

^{47:17} They brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the donkeys: and he fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock for that year. ^{47:18} When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord how our money is all spent, and the herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands." ^{47:19} Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land won't be desolate."

^{47:20} So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was severe on them, and the land became Pharaoh's. ^{47:21} As for the people, he moved them to the cities from one end of the

in the darkest depths.
^{88:7} Your wrath lies heavily on me.
You have afflicted me with all your waves.
Selah.
^{88:8} You have taken my friends from me.
You have made me an abomination to them.
I am confined, and I can't escape.
^{88:9} My eyes are dim from grief.
I have called on you daily, Yahweh.
I have spread out my hands to you.
^{88:10} Do you show wonders to the dead?
Do the dead rise up and praise you?
Selah.
^{88:11} Is your loving kindness declared in the grave?
Or your faithfulness in Destruction?
^{88:12} Are your wonders made known in the dark?
Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
^{88:13} But to you, Yahweh, I have cried.
In the morning, my prayer comes before you.
^{88:14} Yahweh, why do you reject my soul?
Why do you hide your face from me?
^{88:15} I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up.
While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted.
^{88:16} Your fierce wrath has gone over me.
Your terrors have cut me off.
^{88:17} They came around me like water all day long.
They completely engulfed me.
^{88:18} You have put lover and friend far from me,
and my friends into darkness.

Psalms 89

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite.

^{89:1} I will sing of the loving kindness of Yahweh forever.
With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
^{89:2} I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever.
You established the heavens.
Your faithfulness is in them."
^{89:3} "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David, my servant,
^{89:4} 'I will establish your seed forever,
and build up your throne to all generations.'"
Selah.
^{89:5} The heavens will praise your wonders, Yahweh;
your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
^{89:6} For who in the skies can be compared to Yahweh?
Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like Yahweh,
^{89:7} a very awesome God in the council of the holy ones,
to be feared above all those who are around him?
^{89:8} Yahweh, God of Armies, who is a mighty one, like you?
Yah, your faithfulness is around you.
^{89:9} You rule the pride of the sea.

and they don't hold regard for you before them.
^{86:15} But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God,
 slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth.
^{86:16} Turn to me, and have mercy on me!
 Give your strength to your servant.
 Save the son of your handmaid.
^{86:17} Show me a sign of your goodness,
 that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed,
 because you, Yahweh, have helped me, and comforted me.

Psalms 87

A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song.

^{87:1} His foundation is in the holy mountains.
^{87:2} Yahweh loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
^{87:3} Glorious things are spoken about you, city of God.
 Selah.
^{87:4} I will record Rahab^[7] and Babylon among those who acknowledge me.
 Behold, Philistia, Tyre, and also Ethiopia:
 "This one was born there."
^{87:5} Yes, of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one was born in her;"
 the Most High himself will establish her.
^{87:6} Yahweh will count, when he writes up the peoples,
 "This one was born there."
 Selah.
^{87:7} Those who sing as well as those who dance say,
 "All my springs are in you."

[7] v87:4. Rahab is a reference to Egypt.

Psalms 88

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite.

^{88:1} Yahweh, the God of my salvation,
 I have cried day and night before you.
^{88:2} Let my prayer enter into your presence.
 Turn your ear to my cry.
^{88:3} For my soul is full of troubles.
 My life draws near to Sheol.
^{88:4} I am counted among those who go down into the pit.
 I am like a man who has no help,
 set apart among the dead,
 like the slain who lie in the grave,
 whom you remember no more.
 They are cut off from your hand.
^{88:6} You have laid me in the lowest pit,

border of Egypt even to the other end of it. ^{47:22} Only he didn't buy the land of the priests, for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them. That is why they didn't sell their land. ^{47:23} Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Behold, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. ^{47:24} It will happen at the harvests, that you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four parts will be your own, for seed of the field, for your food, for them of your households, and for food for your little ones."

^{47:25} They said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."

^{47:26} Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth. Only the land of the priests alone didn't become Pharaoh's.

^{47:27} Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they got themselves possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.
^{47:28} Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred forty-seven years. ^{47:29} The time drew near that Israel must die, and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please don't bury me in Egypt, ^{47:30} but when I sleep with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying place."

He said, "I will do as you have said."

^{47:31} He said, "Swear to me," and he swore to him. Israel bowed himself on the bed's head.

Genesis 48

^{48:1} It happened after these things, that someone said to Joseph, "Behold, your father is sick." He took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ^{48:2} Someone told Jacob, and said, "Behold, your son Joseph comes to you," and Israel strengthened himself, and sat on the bed. ^{48:3} Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, ^{48:4} and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.' ^{48:5} Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, will be mine. ^{48:6} Your issue, who you become the father of after them, will be yours. They will be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ^{48:7} As for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and I buried her there in the way to Ephrath (the same is Bethlehem)."

^{48:8} Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?"

^{48:9} Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here."

He said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." ^{48:10} Now the eyes of

Israel were dim for age, so that he couldn't see. He brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. ^{48:11} Israel said to Joseph, "I didn't think I would see your face, and behold, God has let me see your seed also." ^{48:12} Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ^{48:13} Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him. ^{48:14} Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn. ^{48:15} He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, ^{48:16} the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads, and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. Let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

^{48:17} When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. He held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ^{48:18} Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

^{48:19} His father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a people, and he also will be great. However, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his seed will become a multitude of nations." ^{48:20} He blessed them that day, saying, "In you will Israel bless, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh'" He set Ephraim before Manasseh. ^{48:21} Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you, and bring you again to the land of your fathers. ^{48:22} Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow."

Genesis 49

^{49:1} Jacob called to his sons, and said: "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which will happen to you in the days to come.

^{49:2} Assemble yourselves, and hear, you sons of Jacob.
Listen to Israel, your father.

^{49:3} "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength;
excelling in dignity, and excelling in power.

^{49:4} Boiling over as water, you shall not excel;
because you went up to your father's bed,
then defiled it. He went up to my couch.

^{49:5} "Simeon and Levi are brothers.
Their swords are weapons of violence.

^{49:6} My soul, don't come into their council.
My glory, don't be united to their assembly;
for in their anger they killed men.
In their self-will they hamstrung cattle.

^{49:7} Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce;
and their wrath, for it was cruel.
I will divide them in Jacob,
and scatter them in Israel.

^{49:8} "Judah, your brothers will praise you.
Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies.
Your father's sons will bow down before you.

^{49:9} Judah is a lion's cub.

^{85:5} Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you draw out your anger to all generations?

^{85:6} Won't you revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

^{85:7} Show us your loving kindness, Yahweh.
Grant us your salvation.

^{85:8} I will hear what God, Yahweh, will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, his saints;
but let them not turn again to folly.

^{85:9} Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

^{85:10} Mercy and truth meet together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

^{85:11} Truth springs out of the earth.
Righteousness has looked down from heaven.

^{85:12} Yes, Yahweh will give that which is good.
Our land will yield its increase.

^{85:13} Righteousness goes before him,
And prepares the way for his steps.

Psalms 86

A Prayer by David.

^{86:1} Hear, Yahweh, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

^{86:2} Preserve my soul, for I am godly.
You, my God, save your servant who trusts in you.

^{86:3} Be merciful to me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

^{86:4} Bring joy to the soul of your servant,
for to you, Lord, do I lift up my soul.

^{86:5} For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive;
abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.

^{86:6} Hear, Yahweh, my prayer.
Listen to the voice of my petitions.

^{86:7} In the day of my trouble I will call on you,
for you will answer me.

^{86:8} There is no one like you among the gods, Lord,
nor any deeds like your deeds.

^{86:9} All nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord.
They shall glorify your name.

^{86:10} For you are great, and do wondrous things.
You are God alone.

^{86:11} Teach me your way, Yahweh.
I will walk in your truth.
Make my heart undivided to fear your name.

^{86:12} I will praise you, Lord my God, with my whole heart.
I will glorify your name forevermore.

^{86:13} For your loving kindness is great toward me.
You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.

^{86:14} God, the proud have risen up against me.
A company of violent men have sought after my soul,

are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms 84

For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

^{84:1} How lovely are your dwellings,
Yahweh of Armies!
^{84:2} My soul longs, and even faints for the courts of Yahweh.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
^{84:3} Yes, the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young,
near your altars, Yahweh of Armies, my King, and my God.
^{84:4} Blessed are those who dwell in your house.
They are always praising you.
Selah.
^{84:5} Blessed are those whose strength is in you;
who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage.
^{84:6} Passing through the valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs.
Yes, the autumn rain covers it with blessings.
^{84:7} They go from strength to strength.
Everyone of them appears before God in Zion.
^{84:8} Yahweh, God of Armies, hear my prayer.
Listen, God of Jacob.
Selah.
^{84:9} Behold, God our shield,
look at the face of your anointed.
^{84:10} For a day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
^{84:11} For Yahweh God is a sun and a shield.
Yahweh will give grace and glory.
He withholds no good thing from those who walk blamelessly.
^{84:12} Yahweh of Armies,
blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Psalms 85

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

^{85:1} Yahweh, you have been favorable to your land.
You have restored the fortunes of Jacob.
^{85:2} You have forgiven the iniquity of your people.
You have covered all their sin.
Selah.
^{85:3} You have taken away all your wrath.
You have turned from the fierceness of your anger.
^{85:4} Turn us, God of our salvation,
and cause your indignation toward us to cease.

From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down, he crouched as a lion,
as a lioness.
Who will rouse him up?
^{49:10} The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he comes to whom it belongs.
To him will the obedience of the peoples be.
^{49:11} Binding his foal to the vine,
his donkey's colt to the choice vine;
he has washed his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.
^{49:12} His eyes will be red with wine,
his teeth white with milk.
^{49:13} "Zebulun will dwell at the haven of the sea.
He will be for a haven of ships.
His border will be on Sidon.
^{49:14} "Issachar is a strong donkey,
lying down between the saddlebags.
^{49:15} He saw a resting place, that it was good,
the land, that it was pleasant.
He bows his shoulder to the burden,
and becomes a servant doing forced labor.
^{49:16} "Dan will judge his people,
as one of the tribes of Israel.
^{49:17} Dan will be a serpent in the way,
an adder in the path,
That bites the horse's heels,
so that his rider falls backward.
^{49:18} I have waited for your salvation, Yahweh.
^{49:19} "A troop will press on Gad,
but he will press on their heel.
^{49:20} "Asher's food will be rich.
He will yield royal dainties.
^{49:21} "Naphtali is a doe set free,
who bears beautiful fawns.
^{49:22} "Joseph is a fruitful vine,
a fruitful vine by a spring.
His branches run over the wall.
^{49:23} The archers have sorely grieved him,
shot at him, and persecute him:
^{49:24} But his bow remained strong.
The arms of his hands were made strong,
by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob,
(from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel),
^{49:25} even by the God of your father, who will help you;
by the Almighty, who will bless you,
with blessings of heaven above,
blessings of the deep that lies below,
blessings of the breasts, and of the womb.
^{49:26} The blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of your
ancestors,
above the boundaries of the ancient hills.
They will be on the head of Joseph,
on the crown of the head of him who is separated from his brothers.
^{49:27} "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf.
In the morning he will devour the prey.
At evening he will divide the spoil."

^{49:28} All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father spoke to them and blessed them. He blessed everyone according to his blessing. ^{49:29} He instructed them, and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ^{49:30} in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite as a burial place. ^{49:31} There they buried Abraham and Sarah, his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah, his wife, and there I buried Leah: ^{49:32} the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth." ^{49:33} When Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the spirit, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 50

^{50:1} Joseph fell on his father's face, wept on him, and kissed him. ^{50:2} Joseph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father; and the physicians embalmed Israel. ^{50:3} Forty days were fulfilled for him, for that is how many the days it takes to embalm. The Egyptians wept for him for seventy days.

^{50:4} When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ^{50:5} 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am dying. Bury me in my grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come again.'"

^{50:6} Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury your father, just like he made you swear."

^{50:7} Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, all the elders of the land of Egypt, ^{50:8} all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. ^{50:9} There went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company. ^{50:10} They came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and sore lamentation. He mourned for his father seven days. ^{50:11} When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore, its name was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. ^{50:12} His sons did to him just as he commanded them, ^{50:13} for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, for a possession of a burial site, from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. ^{50:14} Joseph returned into Egypt--he, and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

^{50:15} When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully pay us back for all of the evil which we did to him." ^{50:16} They sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father commanded before he died, saying, ^{50:17} 'You shall tell Joseph, "Now please forgive the disobedience of your brothers, and their sin, because they did evil to you." Now, please forgive the disobedience of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ^{50:18} His brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." ^{50:19} Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ^{50:20} As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive. ^{50:21} Now therefore don't be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted

Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.
^{82:4} Rescue the weak and needy.
 Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked."
^{82:5} They don't know, neither do they understand.
 They walk back and forth in darkness.
 All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
^{82:6} I said, "You are gods,
 all of you are sons of the Most High.
^{82:7} Nevertheless you shall die like men,
 and fall like one of the rulers."
^{82:8} Arise, God, judge the earth,
 for you inherit all of the nations.

Psalms 83

A song. A Psalm by Asaph.

^{83:1} God, don't keep silent.
 Don't keep silent,
 and don't be still, God.
^{83:2} For, behold, your enemies are stirred up.
 Those who hate you have lifted up their heads.
^{83:3} They conspire with cunning against your people.
 They plot against your cherished ones.
^{83:4} "Come," they say, "and let's destroy them as a nation,
 that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."
^{83:5} For they have conspired together with one mind.
 They form an alliance against you.
^{83:6} The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
 Moab, and the Hagrites;
^{83:7} Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;
 Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
^{83:8} Assyria also is joined with them.
 They have helped the children of Lot.
 Selah.
^{83:9} Do to them as you did to Midian,
 as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;
^{83:10} who perished at Endor,
 who became as dung for the earth.
^{83:11} Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;
 yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;
^{83:12} who said, "Let us take possession of God's pasturelands."
^{83:13} My God, make them like tumbleweed;
 like chaff before the wind.
^{83:14} As the fire that burns the forest,
 as the flame that sets the mountains on fire,
^{83:15} so pursue them with your tempest,
 and terrify them with your storm.
^{83:16} Fill their faces with confusion,
 that they may seek your name, Yahweh.
^{83:17} Let them be disappointed and dismayed forever.
 Yes, let them be confounded and perish;
^{83:18} that they may know that you alone, whose name is Yahweh,

Psalms 81

For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. By Asaph.

- 81:1 Sing aloud to God, our strength!
Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob!
- 81:2 Raise a song, and bring here the tambourine,
the pleasant lyre with the harp.
- 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 81:4 For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 81:5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony,
when he went out over the land of Egypt,
I heard a language that I didn't know.
- 81:6 "I removed his shoulder from the burden.
His hands were freed from the basket.
- 81:7 You called in trouble, and I delivered you.
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.
I tested you at the waters of Meribah."
Selah.
- 81:8 "Hear, my people, and I will testify to you,
Israel, if you would listen to me!
- 81:9 There shall be no strange god in you,
neither shall you worship any foreign god.
- 81:10 I am Yahweh, your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 81:11 But my people didn't listen to my voice.
Israel desired none of me.
- 81:12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their hearts,
that they might walk in their own counsels.
- 81:13 Oh that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 81:14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 81:15 The haters of Yahweh would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.
- 81:16 But he would have also fed them with the finest of the wheat.
I will satisfy you with honey out of the rock."

Psalms 82

A Psalm by Asaph.

- 82:1 God presides in the great assembly.
He judges among the gods.
- 82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show partiality to the wicked?"
Selah.
- 82:3 "Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless.

them, and spoke kindly to them.

^{50:22} Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's house. Joseph lived one hundred ten years. ^{50:23} Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees. ^{50:24} Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying, but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ^{50:25} Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." ^{50:26} So Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old, and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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Introduction to Psalms

BOOK ONE

Psalms 1

- 1:1 Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the way of sinners,
nor sit in the seat of scoffers;
1:2 but his delight is in Yahweh's law.
On his law he meditates day and night.
1:3 He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water,
that brings forth its fruit in its season,
whose leaf also does not wither.
Whatever he does shall prosper.
1:4 The wicked are not so,
but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
1:5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
1:6 For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Psalms 2

- 2:1 Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot a vain thing?
2:2 The kings of the earth take a stand,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against Yahweh, and against his Anointed,[1] saying,
2:3 "Let's break their bonds apart,
and cast their cords from us."
2:4 He who sits in the heavens will laugh.
The Lord will have them in derision.
2:5 Then he will speak to them in his anger,
and terrify them in his wrath:

will give you thanks forever.
We will praise you forever, to all generations.

Psalms 80

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." A Psalm by Asaph.

- 80:1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock,
you who sit above the cherubim, shine forth.
80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might!
Come to save us!
80:3 Turn us again, God.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.
80:4 Yahweh God of Armies,
How long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?
80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in large measure.
80:6 You make us a source of contention to our neighbors.
Our enemies laugh among themselves.
80:7 Turn us again, God of Armies.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.
80:8 You brought a vine out of Egypt.
You drove out the nations, and planted it.
80:9 You cleared the ground for it.
It took deep root, and filled the land.
80:10 The mountains were covered with its shadow.
Its boughs were like God's cedars.
80:11 It sent out its branches to the sea,
Its shoots to the River.
80:12 Why have you broken down its walls,
so that all those who pass by the way pluck it?
80:13 The boar out of the wood ravages it.
The wild animals of the field feed on it.
80:14 Turn again, we beg you, God of Armies.
Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this vine,
80:15 the stock which your right hand planted,
the branch that you made strong for yourself.
80:16 It's burned with fire.
It's cut down.
They perish at your rebuke.
80:17 Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
80:18 So we will not turn away from you.
Revive us, and we will call on your name.
80:19 Turn us again, Yahweh God of Armies.
Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.

78:65 Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep,
like a mighty man who shouts by reason of wine.
78:66 He struck his adversaries backward.
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
78:67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph,
and didn't choose the tribe of Ephraim,
78:68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which he loved.
78:69 He built his sanctuary like the heights,
like the earth which he has established forever.
78:70 He also chose David his servant,
and took him from the sheepfolds;
78:71 from following the ewes that have their young,
he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob, his people,
and Israel, his inheritance.
78:72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart,
and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Psalms 79

A Psalm by Asaph.

79:1 God, the nations have come into your inheritance.
They have defiled your holy temple.
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
79:2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the
sky,
the flesh of your saints to the animals of the earth.
79:3 Their blood they have shed like water around Jerusalem.
There was no one to bury them.
79:4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
a scoffing and derision to those who are around us.
79:5 How long, Yahweh?
Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?
79:6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that don't know you;
on the kingdoms that don't call on your name;
79:7 For they have devoured Jacob,
and destroyed his homeland.
79:8 Don't hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us.
Let your tender mercies speedily meet us,
for we are in desperate need.
79:9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.
Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.
79:10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Let it be known among the nations, before our eyes,
that vengeance for your servants' blood is being poured out.
79:11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you.
According to the greatness of your power, preserve those who are
sentenced to death.
79:12 Pay back to our neighbors seven times into their bosom
their reproach with which they have reproached you, Lord.
79:13 So we, your people and sheep of your pasture,

2:6 "Yet I have set my king on my holy hill of Zion."
2:7 I will tell of the decree.
Yahweh said to me, "You are my son.
Today I have become your father.
2:8 Ask of me, and I will give the nations for your inheritance,
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron.
You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
2:10 Now therefore be wise, you kings.
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
2:11 Serve Yahweh with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
2:12 Give sincere homage[2], lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath will soon be kindled.
Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

[1] v2:2. The word "Anointed" is the same as the word for "Messiah" or "Christ"

[2] v2:12. or, Kiss the son

Psalms 3

A Psalm by David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

3:1 Yahweh, how my adversaries have increased!
Many are those who rise up against me.
3:2 Many there are who say of my soul,
"There is no help for him in God."
Selah.
3:3 But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me,
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
3:4 I cry to Yahweh with my voice,
and he answers me out of his holy hill.
Selah.
3:5 I laid myself down and slept.
I awakened; for Yahweh sustains me.
3:6 I will not be afraid of tens of thousands of people
who have set themselves against me on every side.
3:7 Arise, Yahweh!
Save me, my God!
For you have struck all of my enemies on the cheek bone.
You have broken the teeth of the wicked.
3:8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh.
Your blessing be on your people.
Selah.

Psalms 4

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm by David.

4:1 Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness.
Give me relief from my distress.
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

4:2 You sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor?
Will you love vanity, and seek after falsehood?
Selah.

4:3 But know that Yahweh has set apart for himself him who is godly:
Yahweh will hear when I call to him.

4:4 Stand in awe, and don't sin.
Search your own heart on your bed, and be still.
Selah.

4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness.
Put your trust in Yahweh.

4:6 Many say, "Who will show us any good?"
Yahweh, let the light of your face shine on us.

4:7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their grain and their new wine are increased.

4:8 In peace I will both lay myself down and sleep,
for you, Yahweh alone, make me live in safety.

Psalms 5

For the Chief Musician, with the flutes. A Psalm by David.

5:1 Give ear to my words, Yahweh.
Consider my meditation.

5:2 Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God;
for to you do I pray.

5:3 Yahweh, in the morning you shall hear my voice.
In the morning I will lay my requests before you, and will watch
expectantly.

5:4 For you are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness.
Evil can't live with you.

5:5 The arrogant shall not stand in your sight.
You hate all workers of iniquity.

5:6 You will destroy those who speak lies.
Yahweh abhors the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

5:7 But as for me, in the abundance of your loving kindness I will come into your
house.
I will bow toward your holy temple in reverence of you.

5:8 Lead me, Yahweh, in your righteousness because of my enemies.
Make your way straight before my face.

5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth.
Their heart is destruction.
Their throat is an open tomb.
They flatter with their tongue.

5:10 Hold them guilty, God.
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
for they have rebelled against you.

5:11 But let all those who take refuge in you rejoice,
Let them always shout for joy, because you defend them.
Let them also who love your name be joyful in you.

Yes, many times he turned his anger away,
and didn't stir up all his wrath.

78:39 He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes away, and doesn't come again.

78:40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness,
and grieved him in the desert!

78:41 They turned again and tempted God,
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

78:42 They didn't remember his hand,
nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;

78:43 how he set his signs in Egypt,
his wonders in the field of Zoan,

78:44 he turned their rivers into blood,
and their streams, so that they could not drink.

78:45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;
and frogs, which destroyed them.

78:46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar,
and their labor to the locust.

78:47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
their sycamore fig trees with frost.

78:48 He gave over their livestock also to the hail,
and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

78:49 He threw on them the fierceness of his anger,
wrath, indignation, and trouble,
and a band of angels of evil.

78:50 He made a path for his anger.
He didn't spare their soul from death,
but gave their life over to the pestilence,

78:51 and struck all the firstborn in Egypt,
the chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.

78:52 But he led forth his own people like sheep,
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

78:53 He led them safely, so that they weren't afraid,
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

78:54 He brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
to this mountain, which his right hand had taken.

78:55 He also drove out the nations before them,
allotted them for an inheritance by line,
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

78:56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God,
and didn't keep his testimonies;

78:57 but turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers.
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

78:58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
and moved him to jealousy with their engraved images.

78:59 When God heard this, he was angry,
and greatly abhorred Israel;

78:60 So that he forsook the tent of Shiloh,
the tent which he placed among men;
and delivered his strength into captivity,
his glory into the adversary's hand.

78:62 He also gave his people over to the sword,
and was angry with his inheritance.

78:63 Fire devoured their young men.
Their virgins had no wedding song.

78:64 Their priests fell by the sword,
and their widows couldn't weep.

78:12 He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

78:13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass through.
He made the waters stand as a heap.

78:14 In the daytime he also led them with a cloud,
and all night with a light of fire.

78:15 He split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.

78:16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
and caused waters to run down like rivers.

78:17 Yet they still went on to sin against him,
to rebel against the Most High in the desert.

78:18 They tempted God in their heart
by asking food according to their desire.

78:19 Yes, they spoke against God.
They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"

78:20 Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed out,
and streams overflowed.
Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?"

78:21 Therefore Yahweh heard, and was angry.
A fire was kindled against Jacob,
anger also went up against Israel,

78:22 because they didn't believe in God,
and didn't trust in his salvation.

78:23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven.

78:24 He rained down manna on them to eat,
and gave them food from the sky.

78:25 Man ate the bread of angels.
He sent them food to the full.

78:26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky.
By his power he guided the south wind.

78:27 He rained also flesh on them as the dust;
winged birds as the sand of the seas.

78:28 He let them fall in the midst of their camp,
around their habitations.

78:29 So they ate, and were well filled.
He gave them their own desire.

78:30 They didn't turn from their cravings.
Their food was yet in their mouths,
78:31 when the anger of God went up against them,
killed some of the fattest of them,
and struck down the young men of Israel.

78:32 For all this they still sinned,
and didn't believe in his wondrous works.

78:33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity,
and their years in terror.

78:34 When he killed them, then they inquired after him.
They returned and sought God earnestly.

78:35 They remembered that God was their rock,
the Most High God, their redeemer.

78:36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
and lied to him with their tongue.

78:37 For their heart was not right with him,
neither were they faithful in his covenant.

78:38 But he, being merciful, forgave iniquity, and didn't destroy them.

5:12 For you will bless the righteous.
Yahweh, you will surround him with favor as with a shield.

Psalms 6

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, upon the eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm by David.

6:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your anger,
neither discipline me in your wrath.

6:2 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am faint.
Yahweh, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

6:3 My soul is also in great anguish.
But you, Yahweh--how long?

6:4 Return, Yahweh. Deliver my soul,
and save me for your loving kindness' sake.

6:5 For in death there is no memory of you.
In Sheol, who shall give you thanks?

6:6 I am weary with my groaning.
Every night I flood my bed.
I drench my couch with my tears.

6:7 My eye wastes away because of grief.
It grows old because of all my adversaries.

6:8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity,
for Yahweh has heard the voice of my weeping.

6:9 Yahweh has heard my supplication.
Yahweh accepts my prayer.

6:10 May all my enemies be ashamed and dismayed.
They shall turn back, they shall be disgraced suddenly.

Psalms 7

A meditation by David, which he sang to Yahweh, concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite.

7:1 Yahweh, my God, I take refuge in you.
Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,

7:2 lest they tear apart my soul like a lion,
ripping it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

7:3 Yahweh, my God, if I have done this,
if there is iniquity in my hands,

7:4 if I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me
(yes, if I have delivered him who without cause was my adversary),
7:5 let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;
yes, let him tread my life down to the earth,
and lay my glory in the dust.

Selah.

7:6 Arise, Yahweh, in your anger.
Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries.

7:7 Awake for me. You have commanded judgment.
Let the congregation of the peoples surround you.
Rule over them on high.

7:8 Yahweh administers judgment to the peoples.
Judge me, Yahweh, according to my righteousness,
and to my integrity that is in me.

7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous;
their minds and hearts are searched by the righteous God.

7:10 My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in heart.

7:11 God is a righteous judge,
yes, a God who has indignation every day.

7:12 If a man doesn't relent, he will sharpen his sword;
he has bent and strung his bow.

7:13 He has also prepared for himself the instruments of death.
He makes ready his flaming arrows.

7:14 Behold, he travails with iniquity.
Yes, he has conceived mischief,
and brought forth falsehood.

7:15 He has dug a hole,
and has fallen into the pit which he made.

7:16 The trouble he causes shall return to his own head.
His violence shall come down on the crown of his own head.

7:17 I will give thanks to Yahweh according to his righteousness,
and will sing praise to the name of Yahweh Most High.

Psalms 8

For the Chief Musician; on an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by David.

8:1 Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth,
who has set your glory above the heavens!

8:2 From the lips of babes and infants you have established strength,
because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the
avenger.

8:3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have ordained;

8:4 what is man, that you think of him?
What is the son of man, that you care for him?

8:5 For you have made him a little lower than God,[3]
and crowned him with glory and honor.

8:6 You make him ruler over the works of your hands.
You have put all things under his feet:

8:7 All sheep and cattle,
yes, and the animals of the field,

8:8 The birds of the sky, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

8:9 Yahweh, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

[3] v8:5. Hebrew: Elohim. The word Elohim, used here, usually means "God," but can also mean "gods," "princes," or "angels."

What god is great like God?

77:14 You are the God who does wonders.
You have made your strength known among the peoples.

77:15 You have redeemed your people with your arm,
the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
Selah.

77:16 The waters saw you, God.
The waters saw you, and they writhed.
The depths also convulsed.

77:17 The clouds poured out water.
The skies resounded with thunder.
Your arrows also flashed around.

77:18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind.
The lightnings lit up the world.
The earth trembled and shook.

77:19 Your way was through the sea;
your paths through the great waters.
Your footsteps were not known.

77:20 You led your people like a flock,
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 78

A contemplation by Asaph.

78:1 Hear my teaching, my people.
Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable.
I will utter dark sayings of old,

78:3 Which we have heard and known,
and our fathers have told us.

78:4 We will not hide them from their children,
telling to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh,
his strength, and his wondrous works that he has done.

78:5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
and appointed a teaching in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers,
that they should make them known to their children;

78:6 that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be
born;
who should arise and tell their children,

78:7 that they might set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments,

78:8 and might not be as their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation that didn't make their hearts loyal,
whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

78:9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
turned back in the day of battle.

78:10 They didn't keep God's covenant,
and refused to walk in his law.

78:11 They forgot his doings,
his wondrous works that he had shown them.

76:5 Valiant men lie plundered,
they have slept their last sleep.
None of the men of war can lift their hands.

76:6 At your rebuke, God of Jacob,
both chariot and horse are cast into a deep sleep.

76:7 You, even you, are to be feared.
Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?

76:8 You pronounced judgment from heaven.
The earth feared, and was silent,

76:9 when God arose to judgment,
to save all the afflicted ones of the earth.

Selah.

76:10 Surely the wrath of man praises you.
The survivors of your wrath are restrained.

76:11 Make vows to Yahweh your God, and fulfill them!
Let all of his neighbors bring presents to him who is to be feared.

76:12 He will cut off the spirit of princes.
He is feared by the kings of the earth.

Psalms 77

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by Asaph.

77:1 My cry goes to God!
Indeed, I cry to God for help,
and for him to listen to me.

77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord.
My hand was stretched out in the night, and didn't get tired.
My soul refused to be comforted.

77:3 I remember God, and I groan.
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed.

Selah.

77:4 You hold my eyelids open.
I am so troubled that I can't speak.

77:5 I have considered the days of old,
the years of ancient times.

77:6 I remember my song in the night.
I consider in my own heart;
my spirit diligently inquires:

77:7 "Will the Lord reject us forever?
Will he be favorable no more?

77:8 Has his loving kindness vanished forever?
Does his promise fail for generations?

77:9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he, in anger, withheld his compassion?"

Selah.

77:10 Then I thought, "I will appeal to this:
the years of the right hand of the Most High."

77:11 I will remember Yah's deeds;
for I will remember your wonders of old.

77:12 I will also meditate on all your work,
and consider your doings.

77:13 Your way, God, is in the sanctuary.

Psalms 9

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Death of the Son." A Psalm by David.

9:1 I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart.
I will tell of all your marvelous works.

9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you.
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

9:3 When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish in your presence.

9:4 For you have maintained my just cause.
You sit on the throne judging righteously.

9:5 You have rebuked the nations.
You have destroyed the wicked.
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

9:6 The enemy is overtaken by endless ruin.
The very memory of the cities which you have overthrown has
perished.

9:7 But Yahweh reigns forever.
He has prepared his throne for judgment.

9:8 He will judge the world in righteousness.
He will administer judgment to the peoples in uprightness.

9:9 Yahweh will also be a high tower for the oppressed;
a high tower in times of trouble.

9:10 Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you, Yahweh, have not forsaken those who seek you.

9:11 Sing praises to Yahweh, who dwells in Zion,
and declare among the people what he has done.

9:12 For he who avenges blood remembers them.
He doesn't forget the cry of the afflicted.

9:13 Have mercy on me, Yahweh.
See my affliction by those who hate me,
and lift me up from the gates of death;

9:14 that I may show forth all your praise.
In the gates of the daughter of Zion, I will rejoice in your salvation.

9:15 The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made.
In the net which they hid, their own foot is taken.

9:16 Yahweh has made himself known.
He has executed judgment.
The wicked is snared by the work of his own hands.

Meditation. Selah.

9:17 The wicked shall be turned back to Sheol,
even all the nations that forget God.

9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

9:19 Arise, Yahweh! Don't let man prevail.
Let the nations be judged in your sight.

9:20 Put them in fear, Yahweh.
Let the nations know that they are only men.

Selah.

Psalms 10

10:1 Why do you stand far off, Yahweh?
 Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
 10:2 In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak.
 They are caught in the schemes that they devise.
 10:3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's cravings.
 He blesses the greedy, and condemns Yahweh.
 10:4 The wicked, in the pride of his face,
 has no room in his thoughts for God.
 10:5 His ways are prosperous at all times.
 He is haughty, and your laws are far from his sight.
 As for all his adversaries, he sneers at them.
 10:6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be shaken.
 For generations I shall have no trouble."
 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression.
 Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.
 10:8 He lies in wait near the villages.
 From ambushes, he murders the innocent.
 His eyes are secretly set against the helpless.
 10:9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush.
 He lies in wait to catch the helpless.
 He catches the helpless, when he draws him in his net.
 10:10 The helpless are crushed.
 They collapse.
 They fall under his strength.
 10:11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten.
 He hides his face.
 He will never see it."
 10:12 Arise, Yahweh!
 God, lift up your hand!
 Don't forget the helpless.
 10:13 Why does the wicked person condemn God,
 and say in his heart, "God won't call me into account?"
 10:14 But you do see trouble and grief.
 You consider it to take it into your hand.
 You help the victim and the fatherless.
 10:15 Break the arm of the wicked.
 As for the evil man, seek out his wickedness until you find none.
 10:16 Yahweh is King forever and ever!
 The nations will perish out of his land.
 10:17 Yahweh, you have heard the desire of the humble.
 You will prepare their heart.
 You will cause your ear to hear,
 10:18 to judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
 that man who is of the earth may terrify no more.

Psalms 11

For the Chief Musician. By David.

11:1 In Yahweh, I take refuge.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.
 74:22 Arise, God! Plead your own cause.
 Remember how the foolish man mocks you all day.
 74:23 Don't forget the voice of your adversaries.
 The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

Psalms 75

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song.

75:1 We give thanks to you, God.
 We give thanks, for your Name is near.
 Men tell about your wondrous works.
 75:2 When I choose the appointed time,
 I will judge blamelessly.
 75:3 The earth and all its inhabitants quake.
 I firmly hold its pillars.
 Selah.
 75:4 I said to the arrogant, "Don't boast!"
 I said to the wicked, "Don't lift up the horn.
 75:5 Don't lift up your horn on high.
 Don't speak with a stiff neck."
 75:6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,
 nor yet from the south, comes exaltation.
 75:7 But God is the judge.
 He puts down one, and lifts up another.
 75:8 For in the hand of Yahweh there is a cup,
 full of foaming wine mixed with spices.
 He pours it out.
 Indeed the wicked of the earth drink and drink it to its very dregs.
 75:9 But I will declare this forever:
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
 75:10 I will cut off all the horns of the wicked,
 but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

Psalms 76

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song.

76:1 In Judah, God is known.
 His name is great in Israel.
 76:2 His tent is also in Salem;
 His dwelling place in Zion.
 76:3 There he broke the flaming arrows of the bow,
 the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war.
 Selah.
 76:4 Glorious are you, and excellent,
 more than mountains of game.

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
 73:27 For, behold, those who are far from you shall perish.
 You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to you.
 73:28 But it is good for me to come close to God.
 I have made the Lord Yahweh my refuge,
 that I may tell of all your works.

Psalms 74

A contemplation by Asaph.

74:1 God, why have you rejected us forever?
 Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?
 74:2 Remember your congregation, which you purchased of old,
 which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance;
 Mount Zion, in which you have lived.
 74:3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual ruins,
 all the evil that the enemy has done in the sanctuary.
 74:4 Your adversaries have roared in the midst of your assembly.
 They have set up their standards as signs.
 74:5 They behaved like men wielding axes,
 cutting through a thicket of trees.
 74:6 Now they break all its carved work down with hatchet and hammers.
 74:7 They have burned your sanctuary to the ground.
 They have profaned the dwelling place of your Name.
 74:8 They said in their heart, "We will crush them completely."
 They have burned up all the places in the land where God was worshiped.
 74:9 We see no miraculous signs.
 There is no longer any prophet,
 neither is there among us anyone who knows how long.
 74:10 How long, God, shall the adversary reproach?
 Shall the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
 74:11 Why do you draw back your hand, even your right hand?
 Take it out of your pocket and consume them!
 74:12 Yet God is my King of old,
 working salvation in the midst of the earth.
 74:13 You divided the sea by your strength.
 You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
 74:14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces.
 You gave him as food to people and desert creatures.
 74:15 You opened up spring and stream.
 You dried up mighty rivers.
 74:16 The day is yours, the night is also yours.
 You have prepared the light and the sun.
 74:17 You have set all the boundaries of the earth.
 You have made summer and winter.
 74:18 Remember this, that the enemy has mocked you, Yahweh.
 Foolish people have blasphemed your name.
 74:19 Don't deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts.
 Don't forget the life of your poor forever.
 74:20 Honor your covenant,
 for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth.
 74:21 Don't let the oppressed return ashamed.

How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain!"
 11:2 For, behold, the wicked bend their bows.
 They set their arrows on the strings,
 that they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
 11:3 If the foundations are destroyed,
 what can the righteous do?
 11:4 Yahweh is in his holy temple.
 Yahweh is on his throne in heaven.
 His eyes observe.
 His eyes examine the children of men.
 11:5 Yahweh examines the righteous,
 but the wicked and him who loves violence his soul hates.
 11:6 On the wicked he will rain blazing coals;
 fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.
 11:7 For Yahweh is righteous.
 He loves righteousness.
 The upright shall see his face.

Psalms 12

For the Chief Musician; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

12:1 Help, Yahweh; for the godly man ceases.
 For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
 12:2 Everyone lies to his neighbor.
 They speak with flattering lips, and with a double heart.
 12:3 May Yahweh cut off all flattering lips,
 and the tongue that boasts,
 12:4 who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail.
 Our lips are our own.
 Who is lord over us?"
 12:5 "Because of the oppression of the weak and because of the groaning of the
 needy,
 I will now arise," says Yahweh;
 "I will set him in safety from those who malign him."
 12:6 The words of Yahweh are flawless words,
 as silver refined in a clay furnace, purified seven times.
 12:7 You will keep them, Yahweh.
 You will preserve them from this generation forever.
 12:8 The wicked walk on every side,
 when what is vile is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalms 13

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

13:1 How long, Yahweh?
 Will you forget me forever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?

13:2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
having sorrow in my heart every day?
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
13:3 Behold, and answer me, Yahweh, my God.
Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
13:4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him;"
Lest my adversaries rejoice when I fall.
13:5 But I trust in your loving kindness.
My heart rejoices in your salvation.
13:6 I will sing to Yahweh,
because he has been good to me.

Psalms 14

For the Chief Musician. By David.

14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt.
They have done abominable works.
There is none who does good.
14:2 Yahweh looked down from heaven on the children of men,
to see if there were any who did understand,
who did seek after God.
14:3 They have all gone aside.
They have together become corrupt.
There is none who does good, no, not one.
14:4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and don't call on Yahweh?
14:5 There they were in great fear,
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
14:6 You frustrate the plan of the poor,
because Yahweh is his refuge.
14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When Yahweh restores the fortunes of his people,
then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 15

A Psalm by David.

15:1 Yahweh, who shall dwell in your sanctuary?
Who shall live on your holy hill?
15:2 He who walks blamelessly does what is right,
and speaks truth in his heart;
15:3 He who doesn't slander with his tongue,
nor does evil to his friend,
nor casts slurs against his fellow man;
15:4 In whose eyes a vile man is despised,

Psalms 73

A Psalm by Asaph.

73:1 Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone.
My steps had nearly slipped.
73:3 For I was envious of the arrogant,
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
73:4 For there are no struggles in their death,
but their strength is firm.
73:5 They are free from burdens of men,
neither are they plagued like other men.
73:6 Therefore pride is like a chain around their neck.
Violence covers them like a garment.
73:7 Their eyes bulge with fat.
Their minds pass the limits of conceit.
73:8 They scoff and speak with malice.
In arrogance, they threaten oppression.
73:9 They have set their mouth in the heavens.
Their tongue walks through the earth.
73:10 Therefore their people return to them,
and they drink up waters of abundance.
73:11 They say, "How does God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
73:12 Behold, these are the wicked.
Being always at ease, they increase in riches.
73:13 Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart,
and washed my hands in innocence,
73:14 For all day long have I been plagued,
and punished every morning.
73:15 If I had said, "I will speak thus;"
behold, I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
73:16 When I tried to understand this,
it was too painful for me;
73:17 Until I entered God's sanctuary,
and considered their latter end.
73:18 Surely you set them in slippery places.
You throw them down to destruction.
73:19 How they are suddenly destroyed!
They are completely swept away with terrors.
73:20 As a dream when one wakes up,
so, Lord, when you awake, you will despise their fantasies.
73:21 For my soul was grieved.
I was embittered in my heart.
73:22 I was so senseless and ignorant.
I was a brute beast before you.
73:23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you.
You have held my right hand.
73:24 You will guide me with your counsel,
and afterward receive me to glory.
73:25 Who do I have in heaven?
There is no one on earth who I desire besides you.
73:26 My flesh and my heart fails,

Psalms 72

By Solomon.

- 72:1 God, give the king your justice;
your righteousness to the royal son.
- 72:2 He will judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- 72:3 The mountains shall bring prosperity to the people.
The hills bring the fruit of righteousness.
- 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people.
He will save the children of the needy,
and will break the oppressor in pieces.
- 72:5 They shall fear you while the sun endures;
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 72:6 He will come down like rain on the mown grass,
as showers that water the earth.
- 72:7 In his days, the righteous shall flourish,
and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.
- 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 72:9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him.
His enemies shall lick the dust.
- 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will bring tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 72:11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him.
All nations shall serve him.
- 72:12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries;
the poor, who has no helper.
- 72:13 He will have pity on the poor and needy.
He will save the souls of the needy.
- 72:14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence.
Their blood will be precious in his sight.
- 72:15 They shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba.
Men shall pray for him continually.
They shall bless him all day long.
- 72:16 There shall be abundance of grain throughout the land.
Its fruit sways like Lebanon.
Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field.
- 72:17 His name endures forever.
His name continues as long as the sun.
Men shall be blessed by him.
All nations will call him blessed.
- 72:18 Praise be to Yahweh God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.
- 72:19 Blessed be his glorious name forever!
Let the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and amen.
- 72:20 This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse.

BOOK THREE

- but who honors those who fear Yahweh;
he who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and doesn't change;
- 15:5 he who doesn't lend out his money for usury,
nor take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be shaken.

Psalms 16

A Poem by David.

- 16:1 Preserve me, God, for in you do I take refuge.
- 16:2 My soul, you have said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord.
Apart from you I have no good thing."
- 16:3 As for the saints who are in the earth,
they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.
- 16:4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who give gifts to another god.
Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their names on my lips.
- 16:5 Yahweh assigned my portion and my cup.
You made my lot secure.
- 16:6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.
Yes, I have a good inheritance.
- 16:7 I will bless Yahweh, who has given me counsel.
Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
- 16:8 I have set Yahweh always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices.
My body shall also dwell in safety.
- 16:10 For you will not leave my soul in Sheol,
neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption.
- 16:11 You will show me the path of life.
In your presence is fullness of joy.
In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 17

A Prayer by David.

- 17:1 Hear, Yahweh, my righteous plea;
Give ear to my prayer, that doesn't go out of deceitful lips.
- 17:2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence.
Let your eyes look on equity.
- 17:3 You have proved my heart.
You have visited me in the night.
You have tried me, and found nothing.
I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey.
- 17:4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips,
I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
- 17:5 My steps have held fast to your paths.

My feet have not slipped.
 17:6 I have called on you, for you will answer me, God.
 Turn your ear to me.
 Hear my speech.
 17:7 Show your marvelous loving kindness,
 you who save those who take refuge by your right hand from their enemies.
 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye.
 Hide me under the shadow of your wings,
 17:9 from the wicked who oppress me,
 my deadly enemies, who surround me.
 17:10 They close up their callous hearts.
 With their mouth they speak proudly.
 17:11 They have now surrounded us in our steps.
 They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
 17:12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
 as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
 17:13 Arise, Yahweh, confront him.
 Cast him down.
 17:14 Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword;
 from men by your hand, Yahweh,
 from men of the world, whose portion is in this life.
 You fill the belly of your cherished ones.
 Your sons have plenty,
 and they store up wealth for their children.
 17:15 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness.
 I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.

Psalms 18

For the Chief Musician. By David the servant of Yahweh, who spoke to Yahweh the words of this song in the day that Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said,

18:1 I love you, Yahweh, my strength.
 18:2 Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
 my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
 18:3 I call on Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised;
 and I am saved from my enemies.
 18:4 The cords of death surrounded me.
 The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.
 18:5 The cords of Sheol were around me.
 The snares of death came on me.
 18:6 In my distress I called on Yahweh,
 and cried to my God.
 He heard my voice out of his temple.
 My cry before him came into his ears.
 18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled.
 The foundations also of the mountains quaked and were shaken,
 because he was angry.
 18:8 Smoke went out of his nostrils.
 Consuming fire came out of his mouth.
 Coals were kindled by it.

Give the command to save me,
 for you are my rock and my fortress.
 71:4 Rescue me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
 from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
 71:5 For you are my hope, Lord Yahweh;
 my confidence from my youth.
 71:6 I have relied on you from the womb.
 You are he who took me out of my mother's womb.
 I will always praise you.
 71:7 I am a marvel to many,
 but you are my strong refuge.
 71:8 My mouth shall be filled with your praise,
 with your honor all the day.
 71:9 Don't reject me in my old age.
 Don't forsake me when my strength fails.
 71:10 For my enemies talk about me.
 Those who watch for my soul conspire together,
 71:11 saying, "God has forsaken him.
 Pursue and take him, for no one will rescue him."
 71:12 God, don't be far from me.
 My God, hurry to help me.
 71:13 Let my accusers be disappointed and consumed.
 Let them be covered with disgrace and scorn who want to harm me.
 71:14 But I will always hope,
 and will add to all of your praise.
 71:15 My mouth will tell about your righteousness,
 and of your salvation all day,
 though I don't know its full measure.
 71:16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord Yahweh.
 I will make mention of your righteousness, even of yours alone.
 71:17 God, you have taught me from my youth.
 Until now, I have declared your wondrous works.
 71:18 Yes, even when I am old and gray-haired, God, don't forsake me,
 until I have declared your strength to the next generation,
 your might to everyone who is to come.
 71:19 Your righteousness also, God, reaches to the heavens;
 you have done great things.
 God, who is like you?
 71:20 You, who have shown us many and bitter troubles,
 you will let me live.
 You will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.
 71:21 Increase my honor,
 and comfort me again.
 71:22 I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my God.
 I sing praises to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.
 71:23 My lips shall shout for joy!
 My soul, which you have redeemed, sings praises to you!
 71:24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long,
 for they are disappointed, and they are confounded,
 who want to harm me.

Let no one dwell in their tents.
 69:26 For they persecute him whom you have wounded.
 They tell of the sorrow of those whom you have hurt.
 69:27 Charge them with crime upon crime.
 Don't let them come into your righteousness.
 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life,
 and not be written with the righteous.
 69:29 But I am in pain and distress.
 Let your salvation, God, protect me.
 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
 and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 69:31 It will please Yahweh better than an ox,
 or a bull that has horns and hoofs.
 69:32 The humble have seen it, and are glad.
 You who seek after God, let your heart live.
 69:33 For Yahweh hears the needy,
 and doesn't despise his captive people.
 69:34 Let heaven and earth praise him;
 the seas, and everything that moves therein!
 69:35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah.
 They shall settle there, and own it.
 69:36 The children also of his servants shall inherit it.
 Those who love his name shall dwell therein.

Psalms 70

For the Chief Musician. By David. A reminder.

70:1 Hurry, God, to deliver me.
 Come quickly to help me, Yahweh.
 70:2 Let them be disappointed and confounded who seek my soul.
 Let those who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
 70:3 Let them be turned because of their shame
 Who say, "Aha! Aha!"
 70:4 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
 Let those who love your salvation continually say,
 "Let God be exalted!"
 70:5 But I am poor and needy.
 Come to me quickly, God.
 You are my help and my deliverer.
 Yahweh, don't delay.

Psalms 71

71:1 In you, Yahweh, I take refuge.
 Never let me be disappointed.
 71:2 Deliver me in your righteousness, and rescue me.
 Turn your ear to me, and save me.
 71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may always go.

18:9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down.
 Thick darkness was under his feet.
 18:10 He rode on a cherub, and flew.
 Yes, he soared on the wings of the wind.
 18:11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion around him,
 darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
 18:12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed,
 hailstones and coals of fire.
 18:13 Yahweh also thundered in the sky.
 The Most High uttered his voice:
 hailstones and coals of fire.
 18:14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
 Yes, great lightning bolts, and routed them.
 18:15 Then the channels of waters appeared.
 The foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, Yahweh,
 at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
 18:16 He sent from on high.
 He took me.
 He drew me out of many waters.
 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
 from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
 18:18 They came on me in the day of my calamity,
 but Yahweh was my support.
 18:19 He brought me forth also into a large place.
 He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
 18:20 Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness.
 According to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me.
 18:21 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh,
 and have not wickedly departed from my God.
 18:22 For all his ordinances were before me.
 I didn't put away his statutes from me.
 18:23 I was also blameless with him.
 I kept myself from my iniquity.
 18:24 Therefore Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
 according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
 18:25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful.
 With the perfect man, you will show yourself perfect.
 18:26 With the pure, you will show yourself pure.
 With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd.
 18:27 For you will save the afflicted people,
 but the haughty eyes you will bring down.
 18:28 For you will light my lamp, Yahweh.
 My God will light up my darkness.
 18:29 For by you, I advance through a troop.
 By my God, I leap over a wall.
 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect.
 The word of Yahweh is tried.
 He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.
 18:31 For who is God, except Yahweh?
 Who is a rock, besides our God,
 18:32 the God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect?
 18:33 He makes my feet like deer's feet,
 and sets me on my high places.
 18:34 He teaches my hands to war,
 so that my arms bend a bow of bronze.
 18:35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation.
 Your right hand sustains me.

Your gentleness has made me great.
 18:36 You have enlarged my steps under me,
 My feet have not slipped.
 18:37 I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them.
 Neither will I turn again until they are consumed.
 18:38 I will strike them through, so that they will not be able to rise.
 They shall fall under my feet.
 18:39 For you have girded me with strength to the battle.
 You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
 18:40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me,
 that I might cut off those who hate me.
 18:41 They cried, but there was none to save;
 even to Yahweh, but he didn't answer them.
 18:42 Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind.
 I cast them out as the mire of the streets.
 18:43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people.
 You have made me the head of the nations.
 18:44 A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me.
 The foreigners shall submit themselves to me.
 18:45 The foreigners shall fade away,
 and shall come trembling out of their close places.
 18:46 Yahweh lives; and blessed be my rock.
 Exalted be the God of my salvation,
 18:47 even the God who executes vengeance for me,
 and subdues peoples under me.
 18:48 He rescues me from my enemies.
 Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me.
 You deliver me from the violent man.
 18:49 Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations,
 and will sing praises to your name.
 18:50 He gives great deliverance to his king,
 and shows loving kindness to his anointed,
 to David and to his seed, forevermore.

Psalms 19

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God.
 The expanse shows his handiwork.
 19:2 Day after day they pour forth speech,
 and night after night they display knowledge.
 19:3 There is no speech nor language,
 where their voice is not heard.
 19:4 Their voice has gone out through all the earth,
 their words to the end of the world.
 In them he has set a tent for the sun,
 19:5 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
 like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.
 19:6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
 his circuit to its ends;
 There is nothing hidden from its heat.

69:2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold.
 I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
 69:3 I am weary with my crying.
 My throat is dry.
 My eyes fail, looking for my God.
 69:4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head.
 Those who want to cut me off, being my enemies wrongfully, are
 mighty.
 I have to restore what I didn't take away.
 69:5 God, you know my foolishness.
 My sins aren't hidden from you.
 69:6 Don't let those who wait for you be shamed through me, Lord Yahweh of
 Armies.
 Don't let those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, God
 of Israel.
 69:7 Because for your sake, I have borne reproach.
 Shame has covered my face.
 69:8 I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 an alien to my mother's children.
 69:9 For the zeal of your house consumes me.
 The reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
 69:10 When I wept and I fasted,
 that was to my reproach.
 69:11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
 I became a byword to them.
 69:12 Those who sit in the gate talk about me.
 I am the song of the drunkards.
 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yahweh, in an acceptable time.
 God, in the abundance of your loving kindness, answer me in the truth
 of your salvation.
 69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and don't let me sink.
 Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep
 waters.
 69:15 Don't let the flood waters overwhelm me,
 neither let the deep swallow me up.
 Don't let the pit shut its mouth on me.
 69:16 Answer me, Yahweh, for your loving kindness is good.
 According to the multitude of your tender mercies, turn to me.
 69:17 Don't hide your face from your servant,
 for I am in distress.
 Answer me speedily!
 69:18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it.
 Ransom me because of my enemies.
 69:19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor.
 My adversaries are all before you.
 69:20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness.
 I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
 for comforters, but I found none.
 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food.
 In my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.
 69:22 Let their table before them become a snare.
 May it become a retribution and a trap.
 69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see.
 Let their backs be continually bent.
 69:24 Pour out your indignation on them.
 Let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate.

The Lord is among them, from Sinai, into the sanctuary.
 68:18 You have ascended on high.
 You have led away captives.
 You have received gifts among men,
 yes, among the rebellious also, that Yah God might dwell there.
 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens,
 even the God who is our salvation.
 Selah.
 68:20 God is to us a God of deliverance.
 To Yahweh, the Lord, belongs escape from death.
 68:21 But God will strike through the head of his enemies,
 the hairy scalp of such a one as still continues in his guiltiness.
 68:22 The Lord said, "I will bring you again from Bashan,
 I will bring you again from the depths of the sea;
 68:23 That you may crush them, dipping your foot in blood,
 that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."
 68:24 They have seen your processions, God,
 even the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.
 68:25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after,
 in the midst of the ladies playing with tambourines,
 68:26 "Bless God in the congregations,
 even the Lord in the assembly of Israel!"
 68:27 There is little Benjamin, their ruler,
 the princes of Judah, their council,
 the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
 68:28 Your God has commanded your strength.
 Strengthen, God, that which you have done for us.
 68:29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem,
 kings shall bring presents to you.
 68:30 Rebuke the wild animal of the reeds,
 the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples.
 Being humbled, may it bring bars of silver.
 Scatter the nations that delight in war.
 68:31 Princes shall come out of Egypt.
 Ethiopia shall hurry to stretch out her hands to God.
 68:32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth!
 Sing praises to the Lord!
 Selah.
 68:33 To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which are of old;
 behold, he utters his voice, a mighty voice.
 68:34 Ascribe strength to God!
 His excellency is over Israel,
 his strength is in the skies.
 68:35 You are awesome, God, in your sanctuaries.
 The God of Israel gives strength and power to his people.
 Praise be to God!

Psalms 69

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David.

69:1 Save me, God,
 for the waters have come up to my neck!

19:7 Yahweh's law is perfect, restoring the soul.
 Yahweh's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.
 19:8 Yahweh's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart.
 Yahweh's commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes.
 19:9 The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever.
 Yahweh's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether.
 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey and the extract of the honeycomb.
 19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned.
 In keeping them there is great reward.
 19:12 Who can discern his errors?
 Forgive me from hidden errors.
 19:13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins.
 Let them not have dominion over me.
 Then I will be upright.
 I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable in your sight,
 Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer.

Psalms 20

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

20:1 May Yahweh answer you in the day of trouble.
 May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high,
 20:2 send you help from the sanctuary,
 grant you support from Zion,
 20:3 remember all your offerings,
 and accept your burnt sacrifice.
 Selah.
 20:4 May He grant you your heart's desire,
 and fulfill all your counsel.
 20:5 We will triumph in your salvation.
 In the name of our God, we will set up our banners.
 May Yahweh grant all your requests.
 20:6 Now I know that Yahweh saves his anointed.
 He will answer him from his holy heaven,
 with the saving strength of his right hand.
 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses,
 but we trust the name of Yahweh our God.
 20:8 They are bowed down and fallen,
 but we rise up, and stand upright.
 20:9 Save, Yahweh!
 Let the King answer us when we call!

Psalms 21

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

21:1 The king rejoices in your strength, Yahweh!
How greatly he rejoices in your salvation!

21:2 You have given him his heart's desire,
and have not withheld the request of his lips.
Selah.

21:3 For you meet him with the blessings of goodness.
You set a crown of fine gold on his head.

21:4 He asked life of you, you gave it to him,
even length of days forever and ever.

21:5 His glory is great in your salvation.
You lay honor and majesty on him.

21:6 For you make him most blessed forever.
You make him glad with joy in your presence.

21:7 For the king trusts in Yahweh.
Through the loving kindness of the Most High, he shall not be moved.

21:8 Your hand will find out all of your enemies.
Your right hand will find out those who hate you.

21:9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger.
Yahweh will swallow them up in his wrath.
The fire shall devour them.

21:10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth,
their posterity from among the children of men.

21:11 For they intended evil against you.
They plotted evil against you which cannot succeed.

21:12 For you will make them turn their back,
when you aim drawn bows at their face.

21:13 Be exalted, Yahweh, in your strength,
so we will sing and praise your power.

Psalms 22

For the Chief Musician; set to "The Doe of the Morning." A Psalm by David.

22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?

22:2 My God, I cry in the daytime, but you don't answer;
in the night season, and am not silent.

22:3 But you are holy,
you who inhabit the praises of Israel.

22:4 Our fathers trusted in you.
They trusted, and you delivered them.

22:5 They cried to you, and were delivered.
They trusted in you, and were not disappointed.

22:6 But I am a worm, and no man;
a reproach of men, and despised by the people.

22:7 All those who see me mock me.
They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, saying,

22:8 "He trusts in Yahweh;
let him deliver him.
Let him rescue him, since he delights in him."

22:9 But you brought me out of the womb.
You made me trust at my mother's breasts.

22:10 I was thrown on you from my mother's womb.

67:6 The earth has yielded its increase.
God, even our own God, will bless us.

67:7 God will bless us.
All the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalms 68

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song.

68:1 Let God arise!
Let his enemies be scattered!
Let them who hate him also flee before him.

68:2 As smoke is driven away,
so drive them away.
As wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

68:3 But let the righteous be glad.
Let them rejoice before God.
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.

68:4 Sing to God! Sing praises to his name!
Extol him who rides on the clouds:
to Yah, his name!
Rejoice before him!

68:5 A father of the fatherless, and a defender of the widows,
is God in his holy habitation.

68:6 God sets the lonely in families.
He brings out the prisoners with singing,
but the rebellious dwell in a sun-scorched land.

68:7 God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness...
Selah.

68:8 The earth trembled.
The sky also poured down rain at the presence of the God of Sinai--
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

68:9 You, God, sent a plentiful rain.
You confirmed your inheritance, when it was weary.

68:10 Your congregation lived therein.
You, God, prepared your goodness for the poor.

68:11 The Lord announced the word.
The ones who proclaim it are a great company.

68:12 "Kings of armies flee! They flee!"
She who waits at home divides the spoil,
while you sleep among the campfires,
the wings of a dove sheathed with silver,
her feathers with shining gold.

68:13 When the Almighty scattered kings in her,
it snowed on Zalmon.

68:14 The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains.
The mountains of Bashan are rugged.

68:15 Why do you look in envy, you rugged mountains,
at the mountain where God chooses to reign?
Yes, Yahweh will dwell there forever.

68:17 The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands.

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land.
They went through the river on foot.
There, we rejoiced in him.

66:7 He rules by his might forever.
His eyes watch the nations.
Don't let the rebellious rise up against him.

Selah.

66:8 Praise our God, you peoples!
Make the sound of his praise heard,
66:9 who preserves our life among the living,
and doesn't allow our feet to be moved.

66:10 For you, God, have tested us.
You have refined us, as silver is refined.

66:11 You brought us into prison.
You laid a burden on our backs.

66:12 You allowed men to ride over our heads.
We went through fire and through water,
but you brought us to the place of abundance.

66:13 I will come into your temple with burnt offerings.
I will pay my vows to you, which my lips promised,
and my mouth spoke, when I was in distress.

66:15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals,
with the offering of rams,
I will offer bulls with goats.

Selah.

66:16 Come, and hear, all you who fear God.
I will declare what he has done for my soul.

66:17 I cried to him with my mouth.
He was extolled with my tongue.

66:18 If I cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord wouldn't have listened.

66:19 But most certainly, God has listened.
He has heard the voice of my prayer.

66:20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer,
nor his loving kindness from me.

Psalms 67

For the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song.

67:1 May God be merciful to us, bless us,
and cause his face to shine on us.

Selah.

67:2 That your way may be known on earth,
and your salvation among all nations,
67:3 let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the peoples praise you.

67:4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you will judge the peoples with equity,
and govern the nations on earth.

Selah.

67:5 Let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the peoples praise you.

You are my God since my mother bore me.

22:11 Don't be far from me, for trouble is near.
For there is none to help.

22:12 Many bulls have surrounded me.
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.

22:13 They open their mouths wide against me,
lions tearing prey and roaring.

22:14 I am poured out like water.
All my bones are out of joint.
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within me.

22:15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd.
My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
You have brought me into the dust of death.

22:16 For dogs have surrounded me.
A company of evil-doers have enclosed me.
Like a lion, they pin my hands and feet.[4]

22:17 I can count all of my bones.
They look and stare at me.

22:18 They divide my garments among them.
They cast lots for my clothing.

22:19 But don't be far off, Yahweh.
You are my help: hurry to help me.

22:20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog.

22:21 Save me from the lion's mouth!
Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen, you have answered me.

22:22 I will declare your name to my brothers.
In the midst of the assembly, I will praise you.

22:23 You who fear Yahweh, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him!
Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!

22:24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
Neither has he hidden his face from him;
but when he cried to him, he heard.

22:25 Of you comes my praise in the great assembly.
I will pay my vows before those who fear him.

22:26 The humble shall eat and be satisfied.
They shall praise Yahweh who seek after him.
Let your hearts live forever.

22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Yahweh.
All the relatives of the nations shall worship before you.

22:28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's.
He is the ruler over the nations.

22:29 All the rich ones of the earth shall eat and worship.
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before him,
even he who can't keep his soul alive.

22:30 Posterity shall serve him.
Future generations shall be told about the Lord.

22:31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall
be born,
for he has done it.

[4] v22:16. or, They have pierced my hands and feet. (DSS)

Psalms 23

A Psalm by David.

- 23:1 Yahweh is my shepherd;
I shall lack nothing.
- 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 23:3 He restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil.
My cup runs over.
- 23:6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in Yahweh's house forever.

Psalms 24

A Psalm by David.

- 24:1 The earth is Yahweh's, with its fullness;
the world, and those who dwell therein.
- 24:2 For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the floods.
- 24:3 Who may ascend to Yahweh's hill?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart;
who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood,
and has not sworn deceitfully.
- 24:5 He shall receive a blessing from Yahweh,
righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 24:6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek your face--even Jacob.
- Selah.
- 24:7 Lift up your heads, you gates!
Be lifted up, you everlasting doors,
and the King of glory will come in.
- 24:8 Who is the King of glory?
Yahweh strong and mighty,
Yahweh mighty in battle.
- 24:9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors,
and the King of glory will come in.
- 24:10 Who is this King of glory?
Yahweh of Armies is the King of glory!
- Selah.

- 65:1 Praise waits for you, God, in Zion.
To you shall vows be performed.
- 65:2 You who hear prayer,
to you all men will come.
- 65:3 Sins overwhelmed me,
but you atoned for our transgressions.
- 65:4 Blessed is one whom you choose, and cause to come near,
that he may live in your courts.
We will be filled with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
- 65:5 By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us,
God of our salvation.
You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth,
of those who are far away on the sea;
- 65:6 Who by his power forms the mountains,
having armed yourself with strength;
- 65:7 who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
- 65:8 They also who dwell in far-away places are afraid at your wonders.
You call the morning's dawn and the evening with songs of joy.
- 65:9 You visit the earth, and water it.
You greatly enrich it.
The river of God is full of water.
You provide them grain, for so you have ordained it.
- 65:10 You drench its furrows.
You level its ridges.
You soften it with showers.
You bless it with a crop.
- 65:11 You crown the year with your bounty.
Your carts overflow with abundance.
- 65:12 The wilderness grasslands overflow.
The hills are clothed with gladness.
- 65:13 The pastures are covered with flocks.
The valleys also are clothed with grain.
They shout for joy!
They also sing.

Psalms 66

For the Chief Musician. A song. A Psalm.

- 66:1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of his name!
Offer glory and praise!
- 66:2 Tell God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Through the greatness of your power, your enemies submit themselves
to you.
- 66:3 All the earth will worship you,
and will sing to you;
they will sing to your name."
- Selah.
- 66:4 Come, and see God's deeds--
awesome work on behalf of the children of men.

63:4 So I will bless you while I live.
I will lift up my hands in your name.

63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as with the richest food.
My mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,
63:6 when I remember you on my bed,
and think about you in the night watches.

63:7 For you have been my help.
I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings.

63:8 My soul stays close to you.
Your right hand holds me up.

63:9 But those who seek my soul, to destroy it,
shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

63:10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword.
They shall be jackal food.

63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God.
Everyone who swears by him will praise him,
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be silenced.

Psalms 64

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

64:1 Hear my voice, God, in my complaint.
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

64:2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,
from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;

64:3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
and aim their arrows, deadly words,
64:4 to shoot innocent men from ambushes.
They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.

64:5 They encourage themselves in evil plans.
They talk about laying snares secretly.
They say, "Who will see them?"

64:6 They plot injustice, saying, "We have made a perfect plan!"
Surely man's mind and heart are cunning.

64:7 But God will shoot at them.
They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.

64:8 Their own tongues shall ruin them.
All who see them will shake their heads.

64:9 All mankind shall be afraid.
They shall declare the work of God,
and shall wisely ponder what he has done.

64:10 The righteous shall be glad in Yahweh,
and shall take refuge in him.
All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Psalms 65

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song.

Psalms 25

By David.

25:1 To you, Yahweh, do I lift up my soul.

25:2 My God, I have trusted in you.
Don't let me be shamed.
Don't let my enemies triumph over me.

25:3 Yes, no one who waits for you shall be shamed.
They shall be shamed who deal treacherously without cause.

25:4 Show me your ways, Yahweh.
Teach me your paths.

25:5 Guide me in your truth, and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation,
I wait for you all day long.

25:6 Yahweh, remember your tender mercies and your loving kindness,
for they are from old times.

25:7 Don't remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.
Remember me according to your loving kindness,
for your goodness' sake, Yahweh.

25:8 Good and upright is Yahweh,
therefore he will instruct sinners in the way.

25:9 He will guide the humble in justice.
He will teach the humble his way.

25:10 All the paths of Yahweh are loving kindness and truth
to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

25:11 For your name's sake, Yahweh,
pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

25:12 What man is he who fears Yahweh?
He shall instruct him in the way that he shall choose.

25:13 His soul shall dwell at ease.
His seed shall inherit the land.

25:14 The friendship of Yahweh is with those who fear him.
He will show them his covenant.

25:15 My eyes are ever on Yahweh,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

25:16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me,
for I am desolate and afflicted.

25:17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged.
Oh bring me out of my distresses.

25:18 Consider my affliction and my travail.
Forgive all my sins.

25:19 Consider my enemies, for they are many.
They hate me with cruel hatred.

25:20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me.
Let me not be disappointed, for I take refuge in you.

25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.

25:22 Redeem Israel, God,
out all of his troubles.

Psalms 26

By David.

26:1 Judge me, Yahweh, for I have walked in my integrity.
I have trusted also in Yahweh without wavering.
26:2 Examine me, Yahweh, and prove me.
Try my heart and my mind.
26:3 For your loving kindness is before my eyes.
I have walked in your truth.
26:4 I have not sat with deceitful men,
neither will I go in with hypocrites.
26:5 I hate the assembly of evil-doers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
26:6 I will wash my hands in innocence,
so I will go about your altar, Yahweh;
26:7 that I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
and tell of all your wondrous works.
26:8 Yahweh, I love the habitation of your house,
the place where your glory dwells.
26:9 Don't gather my soul with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men;
26:10 in whose hands is wickedness,
their right hand is full of bribes.
26:11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity.
Redeem me, and be merciful to me.
26:12 My foot stands in an even place.
In the congregations I will bless Yahweh.

Psalms 27

By David.

27:1 Yahweh is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear?
Yahweh is the strength of my life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?
27:2 When evil-doers came at me to eat up my flesh,
even my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
27:3 Though an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear.
Though war should rise against me,
even then I will be confident.
27:4 One thing I have asked of Yahweh, that I will seek after,
that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life,
to see Yahweh's beauty,
and to inquire in his temple.
27:5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion.
In the covert of his tent he will hide me.
He will lift me up on a rock.
27:6 Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me.
I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent.

Psalms 62

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthan. A Psalm by David.

62:1 My soul rests in God alone.
My salvation is from him.
62:2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress--
I will never be greatly shaken.
62:3 How long will you assault a man,
would all of you throw him down,
Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
62:4 They fully intend to throw him down from his lofty place.
They delight in lies.
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
Selah.
62:5 My soul, wait in silence for God alone,
for my expectation is from him.
62:6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress.
I will not be shaken.
62:7 With God is my salvation and my honor.
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
62:8 Trust in him at all times, you people.
Pour out your heart before him.
God is a refuge for us.
Selah.
62:9 Surely men of low degree are just a breath,
and men of high degree are a lie.
In the balances they will go up.
They are together lighter than a breath.
62:10 Don't trust in oppression.
Don't become vain in robbery.
If riches increase,
don't set your heart on them.
62:11 God has spoken once;
twice I have heard this,
that power belongs to God.
62:12 Also to you, Lord, belongs loving kindness,
for you reward every man according to his work.

Psalms 63

A Psalm by David, when he was in the desert of Judah.

63:1 God, you are my God.
I will earnestly seek you.
My soul thirsts for you.
My flesh longs for you,
in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.
63:2 So I have seen you in the sanctuary,
watching your power and your glory.
63:3 Because your loving kindness is better than life,
my lips shall praise you.

60:3 You have shown your people hard things.
 You have made us drink the wine that makes us stagger.
 60:4 You have given a banner to those who fear you,
 that it may be displayed because of the truth.
 Selah.
 60:5 So that your beloved may be delivered,
 save with your right hand, and answer us.
 60:6 God has spoken from his sanctuary:
 "I will triumph.
 I will divide Shechem,
 and measure out the valley of Succoth.
 60:7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine.
 Ephraim also is the defense of my head.
 Judah is my scepter.
 60:8 Moab is my wash basin.
 I will throw my shoe on Edom.
 I shout in triumph over Philistia."
 60:9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
 Who has led me to Edom?
 60:10 Haven't you, God, rejected us?
 You don't go out with our armies, God.
 60:11 Give us help against the adversary,
 for the help of man is vain.
 60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly,
 for it is he who will tread down our adversaries.

Psalms 61

For the Chief Musician. For a stringed instrument. By David.

61:1 Hear my cry, God.
 Listen to my prayer.
 61:2 From the end of the earth, I will call to you, when my heart is overwhelmed.
 Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
 61:3 For you have been a refuge for me,
 a strong tower from the enemy.
 61:4 I will dwell in your tent forever.
 I will take refuge in the shelter of your wings.
 Selah.
 61:5 For you, God, have heard my vows.
 You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
 61:6 You will prolong the king's life;
 his years shall be for generations.
 61:7 He shall be enthroned in God's presence forever.
 Appoint your loving kindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
 61:8 So I will sing praise to your name forever,
 that I may fulfill my vows daily.

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yahweh.
 27:7 Hear, Yahweh, when I cry with my voice.
 Have mercy also on me, and answer me.
 27:8 When you said, "Seek my face,"
 my heart said to you, "I will seek your face, Yahweh."
 27:9 Don't hide your face from me.
 Don't put your servant away in anger.
 You have been my help.
 Don't abandon me,
 neither forsake me, God of my salvation.
 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
 then Yahweh will take me up.
 27:11 Teach me your way, Yahweh.
 Lead me in a straight path, because of my enemies.
 27:12 Don't deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 such as breathe out cruelty.
 27:13 I am still confident of this:
 I will see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living.
 27:14 Wait for Yahweh.
 Be strong, and let your heart take courage.
 Yes, wait for Yahweh.

Psalms 28

By David.

28:1 To you, Yahweh, I call.
 My rock, don't be deaf to me;
 lest, if you are silent to me,
 I would become like those who go down into the pit.
 28:2 Hear the voice of my petitions, when I cry to you,
 when I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.
 28:3 Don't draw me away with the wicked,
 with the workers of iniquity who speak peace with their neighbors,
 but mischief is in their hearts.
 28:4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of
 their doings.
 Give them according to the operation of their hands.
 Bring back on them what they deserve.
 28:5 Because they don't regard the works of Yahweh,
 nor the operation of his hands,
 he will break them down and not build them up.
 28:6 Blessed be Yahweh,
 because he has heard the voice of my petitions.
 28:7 Yahweh is my strength and my shield.
 My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped.
 Therefore my heart greatly rejoices.
 With my song I will thank him.
 28:8 Yahweh is their strength.
 He is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.
 28:9 Save your people,
 and bless your inheritance.
 Be their shepherd also,

and bear them up forever.

Psalms 29

A Psalm by David.

- 29:1 Ascribe to Yahweh, you sons of the mighty,
ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.
- 29:2 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name.
Worship Yahweh in holy array.
- 29:3 Yahweh's voice is on the waters.
The God of glory thunders, even Yahweh on many waters.
- 29:4 Yahweh's voice is powerful.
Yahweh's voice is full of majesty.
- 29:5 The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars.
Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 29:6 He makes them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young, wild ox.
- 29:7 Yahweh's voice strikes with flashes of lightning.
- 29:8 Yahweh's voice shakes the wilderness.
Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 29:9 Yahweh's voice makes the deer calve,
and strips the forests bare.
In his temple everything says, "Glory!"
- 29:10 Yahweh sat enthroned at the Flood.
Yes, Yahweh sits as King forever.
- 29:11 Yahweh will give strength to his people.
Yahweh will bless his people with peace.

Psalms 30

A Psalm. A Song for the Dedication of the Temple. By David.

- 30:1 I will extol you, Yahweh, for you have raised me up,
and have not made my foes to rejoice over me.
- 30:2 Yahweh my God, I cried to you,
and you have healed me.
- 30:3 Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from Sheol.
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- 30:4 Sing praise to Yahweh, you saints of his.
Give thanks to his holy name.
- 30:5 For his anger is but for a moment.
His favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may stay for the night,
but joy comes in the morning.
- 30:6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."
- 30:7 You, Yahweh, when you favored me, made my mountain stand strong;
but when you hid your face, I was troubled.

- The mighty gather themselves together against me,
not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, Yahweh.
- 59:4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me.
Rise up, behold, and help me!
- 59:5 You, Yahweh God of Armies, the God of Israel,
rouse yourself to punish the nations.
Show no mercy to the wicked traitors.
- Selah.
- 59:6 They return at evening, howling like dogs,
and prowl around the city.
- 59:7 Behold, they spew with their mouth.
Swords are in their lips,
"For," they say, "who hears us?"
- 59:8 But you, Yahweh, laugh at them.
You scoff at all the nations.
- 59:9 Oh, my Strength, I watch for you,
for God is my high tower.
- 59:10 My God will go before me with his loving kindness.
God will let me look at my enemies in triumph.
- 59:11 Don't kill them, or my people may forget.
Scatter them by your power, and bring them down, Lord our shield.
- 59:12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips,
let them be caught in their pride,
for the curses and lies which they utter.
- 59:13 Consume them in wrath.
Consume them, and they will be no more.
Let them know that God rules in Jacob,
to the ends of the earth.
- Selah.
- 59:14 At evening let them return.
Let them howl like a dog, and go around the city.
- 59:15 They shall wander up and down for food,
and wait all night if they aren't satisfied.
- 59:16 But I will sing of your strength.
Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning.
For you have been my high tower,
a refuge in the day of my distress.
- 59:17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises.
For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Psalms 60

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lily of the Covenant." A teaching poem by David, when he fought with Aram Naharaim and with Aram Zobah, and Joab returned, and killed twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- 60:1 God, you have rejected us.
You have broken us down.
You have been angry.
Restore us, again.
- 60:2 You have made the land tremble.
You have torn it.
Mend its fractures,
for it quakes.

57:7 My heart is steadfast, God, my heart is steadfast.
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.
57:8 Wake up, my glory! Wake up, psaltery and harp!
I will wake up the dawn.
57:9 I will give thanks to you, Lord, among the peoples.
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
57:10 For your great loving kindness reaches to the heavens,
and your truth to the skies.
57:11 Be exalted, God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalms 58

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David.

58:1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, silent ones?
Do you judge blamelessly, you sons of men?
58:2 No, in your heart you plot injustice.
You measure out the violence of your hands in the earth.
58:3 The wicked go astray from the womb.
They are wayward as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a snake;
like a deaf cobra that stops its ear,
58:5 which doesn't listen to the voice of charmers,
no matter how skillful the charmer may be.
58:6 Break their teeth, God, in their mouth.
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, Yahweh.
58:7 Let them vanish as water that flows away.
When they draw the bow, let their arrows be made blunt.
58:8 Let them be like a snail which melts and passes away,
like the stillborn child, who has not seen the sun.
58:9 Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns,
he will sweep away the green and the burning alike.
58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance.
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;
58:11 so that men shall say, "Most certainly there is a reward for the righteous.
Most certainly there is a God who judges the earth."

Psalms 59

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

59:1 Deliver me from my enemies, my God.
Set me on high from those who rise up against me.
59:2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity.
Save me from the bloodthirsty men.
59:3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul.

30:8 I cried to you, Yahweh.
To Yahweh I made supplication:
30:9 "What profit is there in my destruction, if I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise you?
Shall it declare your truth?
30:10 Hear, Yahweh, and have mercy on me.
Yahweh, be my helper."
30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me.
You have removed my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness,
30:12 To the end that my heart may sing praise to you, and not be silent.
Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalms 31

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

31:1 In you, Yahweh, I take refuge.
Let me never be disappointed.
Deliver me in your righteousness.
31:2 Bow down your ear to me.
Deliver me speedily.
Be to me a strong rock,
a house of defense to save me.
31:3 For you are my rock and my fortress,
therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me.
31:4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my stronghold.
31:5 Into your hand I commend my spirit.
You redeem me, Yahweh, God of truth.
31:6 I hate those who regard lying vanities,
but I trust in Yahweh.
31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in your loving kindness,
for you have seen my affliction.
You have known my soul in adversities.
31:8 You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy.
You have set my feet in a large place.
31:9 Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am in distress.
My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief.
31:10 For my life is spent with sorrow,
my years with sighing.
My strength fails because of my iniquity.
My bones are wasted away.
31:11 Because of all my adversaries I have become utterly contemptible to my
neighbors,
A fear to my acquaintances.
Those who saw me on the street fled from me.
31:12 I am forgotten from their hearts like a dead man.
I am like broken pottery.
31:13 For I have heard the slander of many, terror on every side,
while they conspire together against me,
they plot to take away my life.
31:14 But I trust in you, Yahweh.
I said, "You are my God."

31:15 My times are in your hand.
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

31:16 Make your face to shine on your servant.
Save me in your loving kindness.

31:17 Let me not be disappointed, Yahweh, for I have called on you.
Let the wicked be disappointed.
Let them be silent in Sheol.

31:18 Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak against the righteous insolently, with pride and contempt.

31:19 Oh how great is your goodness,
which you have laid up for those who fear you,
which you have worked for those who take refuge in you,
before the sons of men!

31:20 In the shelter of your presence you will hide them from the plotting of man.
You will keep them secretly in a dwelling away from the strife of tongues.

31:21 Praise be to Yahweh,
for he has shown me his marvelous loving kindness in a strong city.

31:22 As for me, I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before your eyes."
Nevertheless you heard the voice of my petitions when I cried to you.

31:23 Oh love Yahweh, all you his saints!
Yahweh preserves the faithful,
and fully recompenses him who behaves arrogantly.

31:24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who hope in Yahweh.

Psalms 32

By David. A contemplative psalm.

32:1 Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

32:2 Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh doesn't impute iniquity,
in whose spirit there is no deceit.

32:3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me.
My strength was sapped in the heat of summer.

Selah.

32:5 I acknowledged my sin to you.
I didn't hide my iniquity.
I said, I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh,
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Selah.

32:6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found.
Surely when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach to him.

32:7 You are my hiding place.
You will preserve me from trouble.
You will surround me with songs of deliverance.

Selah.

32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go.
I will counsel you with my eye on you.

32:9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding,

56:3 When I am afraid,
I will put my trust in you.

56:4 In God, I praise his word.
In God, I put my trust.
I will not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

56:5 All day long they twist my words.
All their thoughts are against me for evil.

56:6 They conspire and lurk,
watching my steps, they are eager to take my life.

56:7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, God.

56:8 You number my wanderings.
You put my tears into your bottle.
Aren't they in your book?

56:9 Then my enemies shall turn back in the day that I call.
I know this, that God is for me.

56:10 In God, I will praise his word.
In Yahweh, I will praise his word.

56:11 I have put my trust in God.
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

56:12 Your vows are on me, God.
I will give thank offerings to you.

56:13 For you have delivered my soul from death,
and prevented my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalms 57

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

57:1 Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me,
for my soul takes refuge in you.
Yes, in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge,
until disaster has passed.

57:2 I cry out to God Most High,
to God who accomplishes my requests for me.

57:3 He will send from heaven, and save me,
he rebukes the one who is pursuing me.

Selah.

God will send out his loving kindness and his truth.

57:4 My soul is among lions.
I lie among those who are set on fire,
even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongue a sharp sword.

57:5 Be exalted, God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be above all the earth!

57:6 They have prepared a net for my steps.
My soul is bowed down.
They dig a pit before me.
They fall into its midst themselves.

Selah.

55:7 Behold, then I would wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness."
Selah.
55:8 "I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and storm."
55:9 Confuse them, Lord, and confound their language,
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
55:10 Day and night they prowl around on its walls.
Malice and abuse are also within her.
55:11 Destructive forces are within her.
Threats and lies don't depart from her streets.
55:12 For it was not an enemy who insulted me,
then I could have endured it.
Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me,
then I would have hid myself from him.
55:13 But it was you, a man like me,
my companion, and my familiar friend.
55:14 We took sweet fellowship together.
We walked in God's house with company.
55:15 Let death come suddenly on them.
Let them go down alive into Sheol.
For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them.
55:16 As for me, I will call on God.
Yahweh will save me.
55:17 Evening, morning, and at noon, I will cry out in distress.
He will hear my voice.
55:18 He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me,
although there are many who oppose me.
55:19 God, who is enthroned forever,
will hear, and answer them.
Selah.
They never change,
who don't fear God.
55:20 He raises his hands against his friends.
He has violated his covenant.
55:21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
but his heart was war.
His words were softer than oil,
yet they were drawn swords.
55:22 Cast your burden on Yahweh, and he will sustain you.
He will never allow the righteous to be moved.
55:23 But you, God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction.
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days,
but I will trust in you.

Psalms 56

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A poem by David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

56:1 Be merciful to me, God, for man wants to swallow me up.
All day long, he attacks and oppresses me.
56:2 My enemies want to swallow me up all day long,
for they are many who fight proudly against me.

who are controlled by bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you.
32:10 Many sorrows come to the wicked,
but loving kindness shall surround him who trusts in Yahweh.
32:11 Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous!
Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalms 33

33:1 Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous!
Praise is fitting for the upright.
33:2 Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre.
Sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.
33:3 Sing to him a new song.
Play skillfully with a shout of joy!
33:4 For the word of Yahweh is right.
All his work is done in faithfulness.
33:5 He loves righteousness and justice.
The earth is full of the loving kindness of Yahweh.
33:6 By Yahweh's word, the heavens were made;
all their army by the breath of his mouth.
33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap.
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
33:8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh.
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
33:9 For he spoke, and it was done.
He commanded, and it stood firm.
33:10 Yahweh brings the counsel of the nations to nothing.
He makes the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.
33:11 The counsel of Yahweh stands fast forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh,
the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.
33:13 Yahweh looks from heaven.
He sees all the sons of men.
33:14 From the place of his habitation he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,
33:15 he who fashions all of their hearts;
and he considers all of their works.
33:16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an army.
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
33:17 A horse is a vain thing for safety,
neither does he deliver any by his great power.
33:18 Behold, Yahweh's eye is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his loving kindness;
33:19 to deliver their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
33:20 Our soul has waited for Yahweh.
He is our help and our shield.
33:21 For our heart rejoices in him,
because we have trusted in his holy name.
33:22 Let your loving kindness be on us, Yahweh,
since we have hoped in you.

Psalms 34

By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.[5]

34:1 I will bless Yahweh at all times.
His praise will always be in my mouth.
34:2 My soul shall boast in Yahweh.
The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.
34:3 Oh magnify Yahweh with me.
Let us exalt his name together.
34:4 I sought Yahweh, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
34:5 They looked to him, and were radiant.
Their faces shall never be covered with shame.
34:6 This poor man cried, and Yahweh heard him,
and saved him out of all his troubles.
34:7 The angel of Yahweh encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.
34:8 Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good.
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
34:9 Oh fear Yahweh, you his saints,
for there is no lack with those who fear him.
34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger,
but those who seek Yahweh shall not lack any good thing.
34:11 Come, you children, listen to me.
I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.
34:12 Who is someone who desires life,
and loves many days, that he may see good?
34:13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking lies.
34:14 Depart from evil, and do good.
seek peace, and pursue it.
34:15 Yahweh's eyes are toward the righteous.
His ears listen to their cry.
34:16 Yahweh's face is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
34:17 The righteous cry, and Yahweh hears,
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
34:18 Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart,
and saves those who have a crushed spirit.
34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but Yahweh delivers him out of them all.
34:20 He protects all of his bones.
Not one of them is broken.
34:21 Evil shall kill the wicked.
Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.
34:22 Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants.
None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

[5] v34:0. Psalm 34 is an acrostic poem, with each verse starting with a letter of the alphabet (ordered from Alef to Tav).

53:5 There they were in great fear, where no fear was,
for God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you.
You have put them to shame,
because God has rejected them.
53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When God brings back his people from captivity,
then Jacob shall rejoice,
and Israel shall be glad.

Psalms 54

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Isn't David hiding himself among us?"

54:1 Save me, God, by your name.
Vindicate me in your might.
54:2 Hear my prayer, God.
Listen to the words of my mouth.
54:3 For strangers have risen up against me.
Violent men have sought after my soul.
They haven't set God before them.
Selah.
54:4 Behold, God is my helper.
The Lord is the one who sustains my soul.
54:5 He will repay the evil to my enemies.
Destroy them in your truth.
54:6 With a free will offering, I will sacrifice to you.
I will give thanks to your name, Yahweh, for it is good.
54:7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble.
My eye has seen triumph over my enemies.

Psalms 55

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David.

55:1 Listen to my prayer, God.
Don't hide yourself from my supplication.
55:2 Attend to me, and answer me.
I am restless in my complaint, and moan,
55:3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they bring suffering on me.
In anger they hold a grudge against me.
55:4 My heart is severely pained within me.
The terrors of death have fallen on me.
55:5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me.
Horror has overwhelmed me.
55:6 I said, "Oh that I had wings like a dove!
Then I would fly away, and be at rest.

51:19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,
in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings.
Then they will offer bulls on your altar.

Psalms 52

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, "David has come to Abimelech's house."

52:1 Why do you boast of mischief, mighty man?
God's loving kindness endures continually.

52:2 Your tongue plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

52:3 You love evil more than good,
lying rather than speaking the truth.
Selah.

52:4 You love all devouring words,
you deceitful tongue.

52:5 God will likewise destroy you forever.
He will take you up, and pluck you out of your tent,
and root you out of the land of the living.
Selah.

52:6 The righteous also will see it, and fear,
and laugh at him, saying,

52:7 "Behold, this is the man who didn't make God his strength,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches,
and strengthened himself in his wickedness."

52:8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in God's house.
I trust in God's loving kindness forever and ever.

52:9 I will give you thanks forever, because you have done it.
I will hope in your name, for it is good,
in the presence of your saints.

Psalms 53

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Mahalath." A contemplation by David.

53:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity.
There is no one who does good.

53:2 God looks down from heaven on the children of men,
to see if there are any who understood,
who seek after God.

53:3 Every one of them has gone back.
They have become filthy together.
There is no one who does good, no, not one.

53:4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and don't call on God?

Psalms 35

By David.

35:1 Contend, Yahweh, with those who contend with me.
Fight against those who fight against me.

35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
and stand up for my help.

35:3 Brandish the spear and block those who pursue me.
Tell my soul, "I am your salvation."

35:4 Let those who seek after my soul be disappointed and brought to dishonor.
Let those who plot my ruin be turned back and confounded.

35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
Yahweh's angel driving them on.

35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
Yahweh's angel pursuing them.

35:7 For without cause they have hidden their net in a pit for me.
Without cause they have dug a pit for my soul.

35:8 Let destruction come on him unawares.
Let his net that he has hidden catch himself.
Let him fall into that destruction.

35:9 My soul shall be joyful in Yahweh.
It shall rejoice in his salvation.

35:10 All my bones shall say, "Yahweh, who is like you,
who delivers the poor from him who is too strong for him;
yes, the poor and the needy from him who robs him?"

35:11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up.
They ask me about things that I don't know about.

35:12 They reward me evil for good,
to the bereaving of my soul.

35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth.
I afflicted my soul with fasting.
My prayer returned into my own bosom.

35:14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother.
I bowed down mourning, as one who mourns his mother.

35:15 But in my adversity, they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together.
The attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I didn't
know it.
They tore at me, and didn't cease.

35:16 Like the profane mockers in feasts,
they gnashed their teeth at me.

35:17 Lord, how long will you look on?
Rescue my soul from their destruction,
my precious life from the lions.

35:18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly.
I will praise you among many people.

35:19 Don't let those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me;
neither let those who hate me without a cause wink their eyes.

35:20 For they don't speak peace,
but they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the
land.

35:21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me.
They said, "Aha! Aha! Our eye has seen it!"

35:22 You have seen it, Yahweh. Don't keep silent.
Lord, don't be far from me.

35:23 Wake up! Rise up to defend me, my God!

My Lord, contend for me!
 35:24 Vindicate me, Yahweh my God, according to your righteousness.
 Don't let them gloat over me.
 35:25 Don't let them say in their heart, "Aha! That's the way we want it!"
 Don't let them say, "We have swallowed him up!"
 35:26 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who rejoice at my
 calamity.
 Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves
 against me.
 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause.
 Yes, let them say continually, "Yahweh be magnified,
 who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant!"
 35:28 My tongue shall talk about your righteousness and about your praise all day
 long.

Psalms 36

For the Chief Musician. By David, the servant of Yahweh.

36:1 An oracle is within my heart about the disobedience of the wicked:
 "There is no fear of God before his eyes."
 36:2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
 too much to detect and hate his sin.
 36:3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit.
 He has ceased to be wise and to do good.
 36:4 He plots iniquity on his bed.
 He sets himself in a way that is not good.
 He doesn't abhor evil.
 36:5 Your loving kindness, Yahweh, is in the heavens.
 Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God.
 Your judgments are like a great deep.
 Yahweh, you preserve man and animal.
 36:7 How precious is your loving kindness, God!
 The children of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
 36:8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance of your house.
 You will make them drink of the river of your pleasures.
 36:9 For with you is the spring of life.
 In your light shall we see light.
 36:10 Oh continue your loving kindness to those who know you,
 your righteousness to the upright in heart.
 36:11 Don't let the foot of pride come against me.
 Don't let the hand of the wicked drive me away.
 36:12 There the workers of iniquity are fallen.
 They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalms 37

By David.

You slander your own mother's son.
 50:21 You have done these things, and I kept silent.
 You thought that the I was just like you.
 I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes.
 50:22 "Now consider this, you who forget God,
 lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver.
 50:23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifies me,
 and prepares his way so that I will show God's salvation to him."

Psalms 51

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

51:1 Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness.
 According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my
 transgressions.
 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.
 Cleanse me from my sin.
 51:3 For I know my transgressions.
 My sin is constantly before me.
 51:4 Against you, and you only, have I sinned,
 and done that which is evil in your sight;
 that you may be proved right when you speak,
 and justified when you judge.
 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity.
 In sin my mother conceived me.
 51:6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts.
 You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean.
 Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
 51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness,
 That the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
 51:9 Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all of my iniquities.
 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
 Renew a right spirit within me.
 51:11 Don't throw me from your presence,
 and don't take your holy Spirit from me.
 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
 Uphold me with a willing spirit.
 51:13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways.
 Sinners shall be converted to you.
 51:14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation.
 My tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
 51:15 Lord, open my lips.
 My mouth shall declare your praise.
 51:16 For you don't delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it.
 You have no pleasure in burnt offering.
 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.
 A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
 51:18 Do well in your good pleasure to Zion.
 Build the walls of Jerusalem.

49:19 and men praise you when you do well for yourself--
 he shall go to the generation of his fathers.
 They shall never see the light.
 49:20 A man who has riches without understanding,
 is like the animals that perish.

Psalms 50

A Psalm by Asaph.

50:1 The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, speaks,
 and calls the earth from sunrise to sunset.
 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
 God shines forth.
 50:3 Our God comes, and does not keep silent.
 A fire devours before him.
 It is very stormy around him.
 50:4 He calls to the heavens above,
 to the earth, that he may judge his people:
 50:5 "Gather my saints together to me,
 those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
 50:6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness,
 for God himself is judge.
 Selah.
 50:7 "Hear, my people, and I will speak;
 Israel, and I will testify against you.
 I am God, your God.
 50:8 I don't rebuke you for your sacrifices.
 Your burnt offerings are continually before me.
 50:9 I have no need for a bull from your stall,
 nor male goats from your pens.
 50:10 For every animal of the forest is mine,
 and the livestock on a thousand hills.
 50:11 I know all the birds of the mountains.
 The wild animals of the field are mine.
 50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
 for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
 50:13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
 or drink the blood of goats?
 50:14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
 Pay your vows to the Most High.
 50:15 Call on me in the day of trouble.
 I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
 50:16 But to the wicked God says,
 "What right do you have to declare my statutes,
 that you have taken my covenant on your lips,
 50:17 seeing you hate instruction,
 and throw my words behind you?
 50:18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him,
 and have participated with adulterers.
 50:19 "You give your mouth to evil.
 Your tongue frames deceit.
 50:20 You sit and speak against your brother.

37:1 Don't fret because of evil-doers,
 neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness.
 37:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
 and wither like the green herb.
 37:3 Trust in Yahweh, and do good.
 Dwell in the land, and enjoy safe pasture.
 37:4 Also delight yourself in Yahweh,
 and he will give you the desires of your heart.
 37:5 Commit your way to Yahweh.
 Trust also in him, and he will do this:
 37:6 he will make your righteousness go forth as the light,
 and your justice as the noon day sun.
 37:7 Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him.
 Don't fret because of him who prospers in his way,
 because of the man who makes wicked plots happen.
 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath.
 Don't fret, it leads only to evildoing.
 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off,
 but those who wait for Yahweh shall inherit the land.
 37:10 For yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more.
 Yes, though you look for his place, he isn't there.
 37:11 But the humble shall inherit the land,
 and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
 37:12 The wicked plots against the just,
 and gnashes at him with his teeth.
 37:13 The Lord will laugh at him,
 for he sees that his day is coming.
 37:14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow,
 to cast down the poor and needy,
 to kill those who are upright in the way.
 37:15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart.
 Their bows shall be broken.
 37:16 Better is a little that the righteous has,
 than the abundance of many wicked.
 37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
 but Yahweh upholds the righteous.
 37:18 Yahweh knows the days of the perfect.
 Their inheritance shall be forever.
 37:19 They shall not be disappointed in the time of evil.
 In the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
 37:20 But the wicked shall perish.
 The enemies of Yahweh shall be like the beauty of the fields.
 They will vanish--
 vanish like smoke.
 37:21 The wicked borrow, and don't pay back,
 but the righteous give generously.
 37:22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the land.
 Those who are cursed by him shall be cut off.
 37:23 A man's goings are established by Yahweh.
 He delights in his way.
 37:24 Though he stumble, he shall not fall,
 for Yahweh holds him up with his hand.
 37:25 I have been young, and now am old,
 yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
 nor his children begging for bread.
 37:26 All day long he deals graciously, and lends.
 His seed is blessed.

37:27 Depart from evil, and do good.
Live securely forever.

37:28 For Yahweh loves justice,
and doesn't forsake his saints.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
and live in it forever.

37:30 The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom.
His tongue speaks justice.

37:31 The law of his God is in his heart.
None of his steps shall slide.

37:32 The wicked watches the righteous,
and seeks to kill him.

37:33 Yahweh will not leave him in his hand,
nor condemn him when he is judged.

37:34 Wait for Yahweh, and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land.
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

37:35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

37:36 But he passed away, and behold, he was not.
Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37:37 Mark the perfect man, and see the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.

37:38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together.
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh.
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

37:40 Yahweh helps them, and rescues them.
He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

Psalms 38

A Psalm by David, for a memorial.

38:1 Yahweh, don't rebuke me in your wrath,
neither chasten me in your hot displeasure.

38:2 For your arrows have pierced me,
your hand presses hard on me.

38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation,
neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.

38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head.
As a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

38:5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt,
because of my foolishness.

38:6 I am pained and bowed down greatly.
I go mourning all day long.

38:7 For my waist is filled with burning.
There is no soundness in my flesh.

38:8 I am faint and severely bruised.
I have groaned by reason of the anguish of my heart.

Number its towers.
48:13 Mark well her bulwarks.
Consider her palaces,
that you may tell it to the next generation.

48:14 For this God is our God forever and ever.
He will be our guide even to death.

Psalms 49

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

49:1 Hear this, all you peoples.
Listen, all you inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together.

49:2

49:3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom.
My heart shall utter understanding.

49:4 I will incline my ear to a proverb.
I will open my riddle on the harp.

49:5 Why should I fear in the days of evil,
when iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

49:6 Those who trust in their wealth,
and boast in the multitude of their riches--
49:7 none of them can by any means redeem his brother,
nor give God a ransom for him.

49:8 For the redemption of their life is costly,
no payment is ever enough,
49:9 That he should live on forever,
that he should not see corruption.

49:10 For he sees that wise men die;
likewise the fool and the senseless perish,
and leave their wealth to others.

49:11 Their inward thought is that their houses will endure forever,
and their dwelling places to all generations.
They name their lands after themselves.

49:12 But man, despite his riches, doesn't endure.
He is like the animals that perish.

49:13 This is the destiny of those who are foolish,
and of those who approve their sayings.

Selah.

49:14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol.
Death shall be their shepherd.
The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning.
Their beauty shall decay in Sheol,
far from their mansion.

49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.

Selah.

49:16 Don't be afraid when a man is made rich,
when the glory of his house is increased.

49:17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away.
His glory shall not descend after him.

49:18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul--

47:1 Oh clap your hands, all you nations.
 Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
 47:2 For Yahweh Most High is awesome.
 He is a great King over all the earth.
 47:3 He subdues nations under us,
 and peoples under our feet.
 47:4 He chooses our inheritance for us,
 the glory of Jacob whom he loved.
 Selah.
 47:5 God has gone up with a shout,
 Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.
 47:6 Sing praise to God, sing praises.
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth.
 Sing praises with understanding.
 47:8 God reigns over the nations.
 God sits on his holy throne.
 47:9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together,
 the people of the God of Abraham.
 For the shields of the earth belong to God.
 He is greatly exalted!

Psalms 48

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

48:1 Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised,
 in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
 is Mount Zion, on the north sides,
 the city of the great King.
 48:3 God has shown himself in her citadels as a refuge.
 48:4 For, behold, the kings assembled themselves,
 they passed by together.
 48:5 They saw it, then they were amazed.
 They were dismayed.
 They hurried away.
 48:6 Trembling took hold of them there,
 pain, as of a woman in travail.
 48:7 With the east wind, you break the ships of Tarshish.
 48:8 As we have heard, so we have seen,
 in the city of Yahweh of Armies, in the city of our God.
 God will establish it forever.
 Selah.
 48:9 We have thought about your loving kindness, God,
 in the midst of your temple.
 48:10 As is your name, God,
 so is your praise to the ends of the earth.
 Your right hand is full of righteousness.
 48:11 Let Mount Zion be glad!
 Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
 Because of your judgments.
 48:12 Walk about Zion, and go around her.

38:9 Lord, all my desire is before you.
 My groaning is not hidden from you.
 38:10 My heart throbs.
 My strength fails me.
 As for the light of my eyes, it has also left me.
 38:11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague.
 My kinsmen stand far away.
 38:12 They also who seek after my life lay snares.
 Those who seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
 and meditate deceits all day long.
 38:13 But I, as a deaf man, don't hear.
 I am as a mute man who doesn't open his mouth.
 38:14 Yes, I am as a man who doesn't hear,
 in whose mouth are no reproofs.
 38:15 For in you, Yahweh, do I hope.
 You will answer, Lord my God.
 38:16 For I said, "Don't let them gloat over me,
 or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."
 38:17 For I am ready to fall.
 My pain is continually before me.
 38:18 For I will declare my iniquity.
 I will be sorry for my sin.
 38:19 But my enemies are vigorous and many.
 Those who hate me without reason are numerous.
 38:20 They who also render evil for good are adversaries to me,
 because I follow what is good.
 38:21 Don't forsake me, Yahweh.
 My God, don't be far from me.
 38:22 Hurry to help me,
 Lord, my salvation.

Psalms 39

For the Chief Musician. For Jeduthun. A Psalm by David.

39:1 I said, "I will watch my ways, so that I don't sin with my tongue.
 I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me."
 39:2 I was mute with silence.
 I held my peace, even from good.
 My sorrow was stirred.
 39:3 My heart was hot within me.
 While I meditated, the fire burned:
 I spoke with my tongue:
 39:4 "Yahweh, show me my end,
 what is the measure of my days.
 Let me know how frail I am.
 39:5 Behold, you have made my days handbreadths.
 My lifetime is as nothing before you.
 Surely every man stands as a breath."
 Selah.
 39:6 "Surely every man walks like a shadow.
 Surely they busy themselves in vain.
 He heaps up, and doesn't know who shall gather.

39:7 Now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.

39:8 Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Don't make me the reproach of the foolish.

39:9 I was mute.
I didn't open my mouth,
because you did it.

39:10 Remove your scourge away from me.
I am overcome by the blow of your hand.

39:11 When you rebuke and correct man for iniquity,
You consume his wealth like a moth.
Surely every man is but a breath."
Selah.

39:12 "Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and give ear to my cry.
Don't be silent at my tears.
For I am a stranger with you,
a foreigner, as all my fathers were.

39:13 Oh spare me, that I may recover strength,
before I go away, and exist no more."

Psalms 40

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

40:1 I waited patiently for Yahweh.
He turned to me, and heard my cry.

40:2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit,
out of the miry clay.
He set my feet on a rock,
and gave me a firm place to stand.

40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God.
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in Yahweh.

40:4 Blessed is the man who makes Yahweh his trust,
and doesn't respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

40:5 Many, Yahweh, my God, are the wonderful works which you have done,
and your thoughts which are toward us.
They can't be declared back to you.
If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

40:6 Sacrifice and offering you didn't desire.
You have opened my ears.
You have not required burnt offering and sin offering.

40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come.
It is written about me in the book in the scroll.

40:8 I delight to do your will, my God.
Yes, your law is within my heart."

40:9 I have proclaimed glad news of righteousness in the great assembly.
Behold, I will not seal my lips, Yahweh, you know.

40:10 I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart.
I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation.
I have not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from the great assembly.

40:11 Don't withhold your tender mercies from me, Yahweh.
Let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me.

45:13 The rich among the people entreat your favor.
The princess inside is all glorious.
Her clothing is interwoven with gold.

45:14 She shall be led to the king in embroidered work.
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to you.

45:15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led.
They shall enter into the king's palace.

45:16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers.
You shall make them princes in all the earth.

45:17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.
Therefore the peoples shall give you thanks forever and ever.

Psalms 46

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. According to Alamoth.[6]

46:1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

46:2 Therefore we won't be afraid, though the earth changes,
though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas;
46:3 though its waters roar and are troubled,
though the mountains tremble with their swelling.
Selah.

46:4 There is a river, the streams of which make the city of God glad,
the holy place of the tents of the Most High.

46:5 God is in her midst. She shall not be moved.
God will help her at dawn.

46:6 The nations raged. The kingdoms were moved.
He lifted his voice, and the earth melted.

46:7 Yahweh of Armies is with us.
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah.

46:8 Come, see Yahweh's works,
what desolations he has made in the earth.

46:9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.
He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear.
He burns the chariots in the fire.

46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted in the earth."

46:11 Yahweh of Armies is with us.
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah.

[6] v46:0. Alamoth is a musical term.

Psalms 47

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

44:18 Our heart has not turned back,
 neither have our steps strayed from your path,
 44:19 Though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals,
 and covered us with the shadow of death.
 44:20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
 or spread forth our hands to a strange god;
 44:21 won't God search this out?
 For he knows the secrets of the heart.
 44:22 Yes, for your sake we are killed all day long.
 We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.
 44:23 Wake up!
 Why do you sleep, Lord?
 Arise!
 Don't reject us forever.
 44:24 Why do you hide your face,
 and forget our affliction and our oppression?
 44:25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust.
 Our body cleaves to the earth.
 44:26 Rise up to help us.
 Redeem us for your loving kindness' sake.

Psalms 45

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A contemplation by the sons of Korah. A wedding song.

45:1 My heart overflows with a noble theme.
 I recite my verses for the king.
 My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer.
 45:2 You are the most excellent of the sons of men.
 Grace has anointed your lips,
 therefore God has blessed you forever.
 45:3 Gird your sword on your thigh, mighty one:
 your splendor and your majesty.
 45:4 In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and
 righteousness.
 Let your right hand display awesome deeds.
 45:5 Your arrows are sharp.
 The nations fall under you, with arrows in the heart of the king's enemies.
 45:6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever.
 A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
 45:7 You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness.
 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above
 your fellows.
 45:8 All your garments smell like myrrh, aloes, and cassia.
 Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.
 45:9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women.
 At your right hand the queen stands in gold of Ophir.
 45:10 Listen, daughter, consider, and turn your ear.
 Forget your own people, and also your father's house.
 45:11 So the king will desire your beauty,
 honor him, for he is your lord.
 45:12 The daughter of Tyre comes with a gift.

40:12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me.
 My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up.
 They are more than the hairs of my head.
 My heart has failed me.
 40:13 Be pleased, Yahweh, to deliver me.
 Hurry to help me, Yahweh.
 40:14 Let them be disappointed and confounded together who seek after my soul
 to destroy it.
 Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor who delight in
 my hurt.
 40:15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame that tell me, "Aha! Aha!"
 40:16 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
 Let such as love your salvation say continually, "Let Yahweh be
 exalted!"
 40:17 But I am poor and needy.
 May the Lord think about me.
 You are my help and my deliverer.
 Don't delay, my God.

Psalms 41

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

41:1 Blessed is he who considers the poor.
 Yahweh will deliver him in the day of evil.
 41:2 Yahweh will preserve him, and keep him alive.
 He shall be blessed on the earth,
 and he will not surrender him to the will of his enemies.
 41:3 Yahweh will sustain him on his sickbed,
 and restore him from his bed of illness.
 41:4 I said, "Yahweh, have mercy on me!
 Heal me, for I have sinned against you."
 41:5 My enemies speak evil against me:
 "When will he die, and his name perish?"
 41:6 If he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood.
 His heart gathers iniquity to itself.
 When he goes abroad, he tells it.
 41:7 All who hate me whisper together against me.
 They imagine the worst for me.
 41:8 "An evil disease," they say, "has afflicted him.
 Now that he lies he shall rise up no more."
 41:9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
 who ate bread with me,
 has lifted up his heel against me.
 41:10 But you, Yahweh, have mercy on me, and raise me up,
 that I may repay them.
 41:11 By this I know that you delight in me,
 because my enemy doesn't triumph over me.
 41:12 As for me, you uphold me in my integrity,
 and set me in your presence forever.
 41:13 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,
 from everlasting and to everlasting!
 Amen and amen.

BOOK TWO

Psalms 42

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by the sons of Korah.

42:1 As the deer pants for the water brooks,
so my soul pants after you, God.

42:2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?

42:3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?"

42:4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,
how I used to go with the crowd, and led them to the house of God,
with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping a holy day.

42:5 Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God!
For I shall still praise him for the saving help of his presence.

42:6 My God, my soul is in despair within me.
Therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon, from the hill Mizar.

42:7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls.
All your waves and your billows have swept over me.

42:8 Yahweh will command his loving kindness in the daytime.
In the night his song shall be with me:
a prayer to the God of my life.

42:9 I will ask God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

42:10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries reproach me,
while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?"

42:11 Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God! For I shall still praise him,
the saving help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalms 43

43:1 Vindicate me, God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.
Oh, deliver me from deceitful and wicked men.

43:2 For you are the God of my strength. Why have you rejected me?
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

43:3 Oh, send out your light and your truth.
Let them lead me.
Let them bring me to your holy hill,
To your tents.

43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God, my exceeding joy.

I will praise you on the harp, God, my God.

43:5 Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God!
For I shall still praise him:
my Savior, my helper, and my God.

Psalms 44

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. A contemplative psalm.

44:1 We have heard with our ears, God;
our fathers have told us,
what work you did in their days,
in the days of old.

44:2 You drove out the nations with your hand,
but you planted them.
You afflicted the peoples,
but you spread them abroad.

44:3 For they didn't get the land in possession by their own sword,
neither did their own arm save them;
but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your face,
because you were favorable to them.

44:4 You are my King, God.
Command victories for Jacob!

44:5 Through you, will we push down our adversaries.
Through your name, will we tread them under who rise up against us.

44:6 For I will not trust in my bow,
neither shall my sword save me.

44:7 But you have saved us from our adversaries,
and have shamed those who hate us.

44:8 In God we have made our boast all day long,
we will give thanks to your name forever.
Selah.

44:9 But now you rejected us, and brought us to dishonor,
and don't go out with our armies.

44:10 You make us turn back from the adversary.
Those who hate us take spoil for themselves.

44:11 You have made us like sheep for food,
and have scattered us among the nations.

44:12 You sell your people for nothing,
and have gained nothing from their sale.

44:13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors,
a scoffing and a derision to those who are around us.

44:14 You make us a byword among the nations,
a shaking of the head among the peoples.

44:15 All day long my dishonor is before me,
and shame covers my face,

44:16 At the taunt of one who reproaches and verbally abuses,
because of the enemy and the avenger.

44:17 All this has come on us,
yet have we not forgotten you,
Neither have we been false to your covenant.