Barashyt

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Chapter 1

1 In the beginning YaHUaH created the shamaym and the earth.

2 And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of YaHUaH was moving on the face of the waters.

3 And YaHUaH said, “Let light come to be,” and light came to be.

4 And YaHUaH saw the light, that it was good. And YaHUaH separated the light from the darkness.

5 And YaHUaH called the light ‘day’ and the darkness He called ‘night.’ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the first day.

6 And YaHUaH said, “Let an expanse come to be in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

7 And YaHUaH made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. And it came to be so.

8 And YaHUaH called the expanse ‘shamaym.’ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the second day.

9 And YaHUaH said, “Let the waters under the shamaym be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it came to be so.

10 And YaHUaH called the dry land ‘earth,’ and the collection of the waters He called ‘seas.’ And YaHUaH saw that it was good.

11 And YaHUaH said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the plant that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth.” And it came to be so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the plant that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And YaHUaH saw that it was good.

13 And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the third day.

14 And YaHUaH said, “Let lights come to be in the expanse of the shamaym to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and appointed times, and for days and years,

15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the shamaym to give light on the earth.” And it came to be so.

16 And YaHUaH made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.

17 And YaHUaH set them in the expanse of the shamaym to give light on the earth,

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

19 And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the fourth day.

20 And YaHUaH said, “Let the waters teem with shoals of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth on the face of the expanse of the shamaym.”

21 And YaHUaH created great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters teemed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And YaHUaH saw that it was good.

22 And YaHUaH blessed them, saying, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

23 And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the fifth day.

24 And YaHUaH said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: livestock and creeping creatures and beasts of the earth, according to its kind.” And it came to be so.

25 And YaHUaH made the beast of the earth according to its kind, livestock according to its kind, and all that creep on the earth according to its kind. And YaHUaH saw that it was good.

26 And YaHUaH said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the shamaym, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth.”

27 And YaHUaH created the man in His image, in the image of YaHUaH He created him – male and female He created them.

28 And YaHUaH blessed them, and YaHUaH said to them, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the shamaym, and over all creatures moving on the earth.”

29 And YaHUaH said, “See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it is for food.

30 “And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the shamaym, and to every creeping creature on the earth, in which there is life, every green plant is for food.” And it came to be so.

31 And YaHUaH saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day.

Chapter 2

1 Thus the shamaym and the earth were completed, and all their array.

2 And on the seventh day YaHUaH completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

3 And YaHUaH blessed the seventh day and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which YaHUaH in creating had made.

4 These are the births of the shamaym and the earth when they were created, in the day that YaHUaH ALuah made earth and shamaym.

5 Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for YaHUaH ALuah had not sent rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground,

6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground.

7 And YaHUaH ALuah formed the man out of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of life. And the man became a living being.

8 And YaHUaH ALuah planted a garden in Audan, to the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground YaHUaH ALuah made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, with the tree of life in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Audan to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four riverheads.

11 The name of the first is Physhun, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Chuylah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good. Badalach is there, and the shaham stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gychun, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Kush.

14 And the name of the third river is Chadaqal, it is the one which goes toward the east of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Pharath.

15 And YaHUaH ALuah took the man and put him in the garden of Audan to work it and to guard it.

16 And YaHUaH ALuah commanded the man, saying, “Eat of every tree of the garden,

17 but do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall certainly die.”

18 And YaHUaH ALuah said, “It is not good for the man to be alone, I am going to make a helper for him, as his counterpart.”

19 And from the ground YaHUaH ALuah formed every beast of the field and every bird of the shamaym, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So the man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the shamaym, and to every beast of the field. But for the man there was not found a helper for him, as his counterpart.

21 So YaHUaH ALuah 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.

22 And the rib which YaHUaH ALuah had taken from the man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And the man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one is called ‘woman,’ because she was taken out of man.”

24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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

Chapter 3

1 And the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which YaHUaH ALuah had made, and he said to the woman, “Is it true that YaHUaH has said, ‘Do not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We are to eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the
midst of the garden, YaHUaH has said, ‘Do
not eat of it, nor touch it, lest you die.’ ”
4 And the serpent said to the woman, “You
shall certainly not die.
5 “For YaHUaH knows that in the day you eat
of it your eyes shall be opened, and you
shall be like ALuah, knowing good and evil.”
6 And the woman saw that the tree was good
for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and
a tree desirable to make one wise, and she
took of its fruit and ate. And she also gave to
her husband with her, and he ate.
7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked. And
they sewed fig leaves together and made
loin coverings for themselves.
8 And they heard the voice of YaHUaH ALuah
walking about in the garden in the cool of
the day, and Adam and his wife hid
themselves from the presence of YaHUaH
ALuah among the trees of the garden.

9 And YaHUaH ALuah called unto Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

10 And he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

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

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

13 And YaHUaH ALuah said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 And YaHUaH ALuah said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and more than every beast of the field. On your belly you are to go, and eat dust all the days of your life.

15 “And I put enmity between you and the
woman, and between your seed and her
Seed. He shall crush your head, and you
shall crush His heel.”

16 To the woman He said, “I greatly increase
your sorrow and your conception – bring
forth children in pain. And your desire is for
your husband, and he does rule over you.”

17 And to the man He said, “Because you have
listened to the voice of your wife, and have
eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
saying, ‘Do not eat of it’: “Cursed is the
ground because of you, in toil you are to eat
of it all the days of your life,

18 and the ground shall bring forth thorns and
thistles for you, and you shall eat the plants
of the field.

19 “By the sweat of your face you are to eat
bread until you return to the ground, for out
of it you were taken. For dust you are, and
to dust you return.”

20 And the man called his wife’s name Chuah,
because she became the mother of all living.

21 And YaHUaH ALuah made coats of skin for the man and his wife and dressed them.

22 And YaHUaH ALuah said, “See, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever…”

23 so YaHUaH ALuah sent him out of the garden of Audan to till the ground from which he was taken,

24 and He drove the man out. And He placed karabym at the east of the garden of Audan, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Chapter 4

1 And Adam knew Chuah his wife, and she conceived and bore Qayn, and said, “I have gained a man from YaHUaH.”

2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Habal. And Habal became a keeper of sheep, but Qayn became a tiller of the ground.

3 And it came to be, in the course of time, that Qayn brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to YaHUaH.

4 And Habal also brought of the first-born of his flock and of their fat. And YaHUaH looked to Habal and his offering,

5 but He did not look to Qayn and his offering. And Qayn was very wroth, and his face fell.

6 And YaHUaH said to Qayn, “Why are you wroth? And why is your face fallen?

7 “If you do well, is there not acceptance? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should master it.”

8 And Qayn told Habal his brother. And it came to be when they were in the field, that Qayn rose up against Habal his brother and killed him.

9 And YaHUaH said to Qayn, “Where is Habal your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s guard?”

10 And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.

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

12 “If you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

13 And Qayn said to YaHUaH, “My punishment is too great to bear!

14 “See, You have driven me from the face of the ground today, and I am hidden from Your face. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and it shall be that anyone who finds me kills me.”

15 And YaHUaH said to him, “Well, if anyone kills Qayn, vengeance is taken on him sevenfold.” And YaHUaH set up a sign for Qayn, lest anyone finding him kills him.

16 So Qayn went out from the presence of YaHUaH and dwelt in the land of Nud on the east of Audan.

17 And Qayn knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Chanuk. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Chanuk.

18 And to Chanuk was born Auyrad. And Auyrad brought forth Machuya'Al, and Machaya’Al brought forth Mathusha’Al, and Mathusha’Al brought forth Lamak.

19 And Lamak took for himself two wives, the name of one was Audah, and the name of the second was Tsalah.

20 And Audah bore Yabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents, with livestock.

21 And his brother’s name was Yubal. He was the father of all those who play the lyre and flute.

22 As for Tsalah, she also bore Thubal-Qayn, a smith of all kinds of tools in bronze and iron. And the sister of Thubal-Qayn was Na'aumah.

23 And Lamak said to his wives, “Audah and Tsalah, hear my voice! Wives of Lamak, listen to my words! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me.

24 “For Qayn is avenged sevenfold, and Lamak seventy-sevenfold.”

25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Shath, “For YaHUaH has appointed me another seed instead of Habal, because Qayn had slain him.”

26 And to Shath, to him also a son was born. And he called his name Anush. Then it was begun to call on the Name of YaHUaH.

Chapter 5

1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that YaHUaH created man, He made him in the likeness of YaHUaH.

2 Male and female He created them, and He blessed them, and called their name ‘Adam’ in the day they were created.

3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and brought forth a son in his own likeness, after his image, and called his name Shath.

4 And after he brought forth Shath, the days of Adam were eight hundred years. And he brought forth sons and daughters.

5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 And Shath lived one hundred and five years, and brought forth Anush.

7 And after he brought forth Anush, Shath lived eight hundred and seven years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

8 So all the days of Shath were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 And Anush lived ninety years, and brought forth Qynan.

10 And after he brought forth Qynan, Anush lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

11 So all the days of Anush were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 And Qynan lived seventy years, and brought forth Mahalala'Al.

13 After he brought forth Mahalala'Al, Qynan lived eight hundred and forty years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

14 So all the days of Qynan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 And Mahalala'Al lived sixty-five years, and brought forth Yarad.

16 And after he brought forth Yarad, Mahalala'Al lived eight hundred and thirty years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

17 So all the days of Mahalala'Al were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

18 And Yarad lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and brought forth Chanuk.

19 And after he brought forth Chanuk, Yarad lived eight hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

20 So all the days of Yarad were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

21 And Chanuk lived sixty-five years, and brought forth Mathushalach.

22 And after he brought forth Mathushalach, Chanuk walked with YaHUaH three hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Chanuk were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 And Chanuk walked with YaHUaH. And he was not, for YaHUaH took him.

25 And Mathushalach lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and brought forth Lamak.

26 And after he brought forth Lamak, Mathushalach lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Mathushalach were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

28 And Lamak lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and brought forth a son,

29 and called his name Nach, saying, “This one does comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which YaHUaH has cursed.”

30 And after he brought forth Nach, Lamak lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamak were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 And Nach was five hundred years old, and Nach brought forth Sham, Cham, and Yaphath.

Chapter 6

1 And it came to be, when men began to increase on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of ALuah saw the daughters of men, that they were good. And they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And YaHUaH said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever in his going astray. He is flesh, and his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

4 The Naphalym were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of ALuah came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, the men of name.

5 And YaHUaH saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And YaHUaH was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 And YaHUaH said, “I am going to wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping creature and birds of the shamaym, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

8 But Nach found favor in the eyes of YaHUaH.

9 This is the genealogy of Nach. Nach was a righteous man, perfect in his generations. Nach walked with YaHUaH.

10 And Nach brought forth three sons: Sham, Cham, and Yaphath.

11 And the earth was corrupt before YaHUaH, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And YaHUaH looked upon the earth and saw that it was corrupt – for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth –

13 and YaHUaH said to Nach, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And see, I am going to destroy them from the earth.

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

15 “And this is how you are to make it: The length of the ark is three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

16 “Make a window for the ark, and complete it to a cubit from above. And set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks.

17 “And see, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life from under the shamaym – all that is on the earth is to die.

18 “And I shall establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

19 “And of all the living creatures of all flesh, two of each, you are to bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you – a male and a female.

20 “Of the birds after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, and of all creeping creatures of the earth after their kind, two of each are to come to you, to keep them alive.

21 “As for you, take of all food that is eaten and gather it to yourself. And it shall be food for you and for them.”

22 And Nach did according to all that YaHUaH commanded him, so he did.

Chapter 7

1 And YaHUaH said to Nach, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

2 “Of all the clean beasts take with you seven pairs, a male and his female; and of the beasts that are unclean two, a male and his female;

3 and of birds of the shamaym seven pairs, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

4 “For after seven more days I am sending rain on the earth, forty days and forty nights, and shall wipe from the face of the earth all that stand that I created.”

5 And Nach did according to all that YaHUaH commanded him.

6 Now Nach was six hundred years old when the flood-waters were on the earth.

7 And Nach and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of the clean beasts and of the beasts that are unclean, and of birds, and of all that creep on the earth,

9 two by two they went into the ark to Nach, male and female, as YaHUaH had commanded Nach.

10 And it came to be after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Nach's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the shamaym were opened.

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

13 On that same day Nach and Sham and Cham
and Yaphath, the sons of Nach, and Nach's
wife and the three wives of his sons with
them, went into the ark,

14 they and every living creature after its kind,
and every beast after its kind, and every
creeping creature that creeps on the earth
after its kind, and every bird after its kind,
every bird of every sort.

15 And they went into the ark to Nach, two by
two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

16 And those going in, male and female of all
flesh, went in as YaHUaH had commanded
him, and YaHUaH shut him in.

17 And the flood was on the earth forty days,
and the waters increased and lifted up the
ark, and it rose high above the earth.

18 And the waters were mighty and greatly
increased on the earth, and the ark moved
about on the surface of the waters.

19 And the waters were exceedingly mighty on
the earth, and all the high mountains under
all the shamaym were covered.

20 The waters became mighty, fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth – birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping creature that creeps on the earth, and all mankind.

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

23 So He wiped off all that stand, which were on the face of the ground – both man and beast, creeping creature and bird of the shamaym. And they were wiped off from the earth. And only Nach was left, and those with him in the ark.

24 And the waters were mighty on the earth, one hundred and fifty days.

Chapter 8

1 And YaHUaH remembered Nach, and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark. And YaHUaH made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

2 And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the shamaym were stopped, and the rain from the shamaym was withheld.

3 And the waters receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters diminished.

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

5 And the waters decreased steadily until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 And it came to be, at the end of forty days, that Nach opened the window of the ark which he had made,

7 and he sent out a raven, which kept going
out and turning back until the waters had
dried up from the earth.

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

9 But the dove found no resting place for its
feet and returned into the ark to him, for the
waters were on the face of all the earth. So
he put out his hand and took it, and pulled it
into the ark to himself.

10 And he waited yet another seven days, and
again he sent the dove out from the ark.

11 And the dove came to him in the evening,
and see, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in
its mouth. And Nach knew that the waters
had receded from the earth.

12 And he waited yet another seven days and
sent out the dove, which did not return to
him again.

13 And it came to be in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth. And Nach removed the covering of the ark and looked, and saw the surface of the ground was dry.

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

15 And YaHUaH spoke to Nach, saying,

16 “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.

17 “Bring out with you every living creature of all flesh that is with you: of birds, of cattle and all creeping creatures that creep on the earth. And let them teem on the earth, and bear and increase on the earth.”

18 So Nach went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him,

19 every beast, every creeping creature, and every bird, whatever creeps on the earth, according to their kinds, went out of the ark.

20 And Nach built an altar to YaHUaH, and took of every clean beast and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And YaHUaH smelled a soothing fragrance, and YaHUaH said in His heart, “Never again shall I curse the ground because of man, although the inclination of man’s heart is evil from his youth, and never again smite all living creatures, as I have done,

22 as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

Chapter 9

1 And YaHUaH blessed Nach and his sons, and said to them, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth.

2 “And the fear of you and the dread of you is on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the shamaym, on all that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea – into your hand they have been given.

3 “Every moving creature that lives is food for you. I have given you all, as I gave the green plants.

4 “But do not eat flesh with its life, its blood.

5 “But only your blood for your lives I require, from the hand of every beast I require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I require the life of man.

6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood is shed, for in the image of YaHUaH has He made man.

7 “As for you, bear fruit and increase, bring forth teemingly in the earth and increase in it.”

8 And YaHUaH spoke to Nach and to his sons with him, saying,

9 “And I, see, I establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you,

10 and with every living creature that is with you: of the birds, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

11 “And I shall establish My covenant with you, and never again is all flesh cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again is there a flood to destroy the earth.”

12 And YaHUaH said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for all generations to come:

13 “I shall set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

14 “And it shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,

15 and I shall remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and never again let the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 “And the bow shall be in the cloud, and I shall see it, to remember the everlasting covenant between YaHUaH and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

17 And YaHUaH said to Nach, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

18 And the sons of Nach who went out of the ark were Sham and Cham and Yaphath. And Cham was the father of Kan'aun.

19 These three were the sons of Nach, and all the earth was overspread from them.

20 And Nach, a man of the soil, began and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

22 And Cham, the father of Kan'aun, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 So Sham and Yaphath took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father, but their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.

24 And Nach awoke from his wine, and he knew what his younger son had done to him,

25 and he said, “Cursed is Kan'aun, let him become a servant of servants to his brothers.”

26 And he said, “Blessed be YaHUaH, the ALuah of Sham, and let Kan'aun become his servant.

27 “Let YaHUaH enlarge Yaphath, and let him dwell in the tents of Sham. And let Kan'aun become his servant.”

28 And Nach lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 So all the days of Nach were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

Chapter 10

1 And this is the genealogy of the sons of Nach: Sham, Cham, and Yaphath. And sons were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Yaphath: Gamar, and Magug, and Mady, and Ya'uan, and Thabal, and Mashak, and Thyras.

3 And the sons of Gamar: Ashkanaz, and Ryphath, and Thagarmah.

4 And the sons of Ya'uan: Alyshah and tharshysh, Kathym and Dudanym.

5 From these the coastland peoples of the nations were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their clans, into their nations.

6 And the sons of Cham: Kush, and Matsrym, and Phut, and Kan'aun.

7 And the sons of Kush: Saba, and Chuylah, and Sabthah, and Ra'aumah, and Sabthaka. And the sons of Ra'aumah: Shaba and Dadan.

8 And Kush brought forth Namrad, he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before YaHUaH, therefore it is said, “Like Namrad the mighty hunter before YaHUaH.”

10 And the beginning of his reign was Babal, and Arak, and Akad, and Kalnah, in the land of Shan'aur.

11 From that land he went to Ashur and built Nynuah, and the city Rachabath, and Kalach,

12 and Rasan between Nynuah and Kalach, the great city.

13 And Matsrym brought forth Ludym, and Aunamym, and Lahabym, and Naphthachym,

14 and Phathrasym, and KasLachaym, from whom came the Phalashthym and Kaphtharym.

15 And Kan'aun brought forth Tsydan his first-born, and Chath,

16 and the Yabusy, and the Amary, and the Gargashy,

17 and the Chuy, and the Aurqy, and the Syny,

18 and the Arudy, and the Tsamary, and the Chamathy. And afterward the clans of the Kan'auny were spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Kan'auny was from Tsydan as you go toward Gararah, as far as Auzah, as you go toward Sadam, and Aumarah, and Admah, and Tsabym, as far as Lashau.

20 These were the sons of Cham, according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

21 And also to Sham, the father of all the children of Aubar (Abarym), the brother of Yaphath the elder, children were born.

22 The sons of Sham: Auylam, and Ashur, and Arphakashad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram: Au'uts, and Chul, and Gathar, and Mash.

24 And Arphakashad brought forth Shalach, and Shalach brought forth Aubar.

25 And to Aubar were born two sons, the name of one was Phalag, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother’s name was Yaqtan.

26 And Yaqtan brought forth Almudad, and Shalaph, and Chatsarmuth, and Yarach,

27 and Haduram, and A'uzal, and Daqlah,

28 and Au'ubal, and Abyma'Al, and Shaba,

29 and A'uphar, and Chuylah, and Yubab. All these were sons of Yaqtan.

30 And their dwelling place was from Masha as you go toward Sapharah, a mountain of the east.

31 These were the sons of Sham, according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

32 These were the clans of the sons of Nach, according to their generations, in their nations. And from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

Chapter 11

1 And all the earth had one language and one speech.

2 And it came to be, as they set out from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shan'aur, and they dwelt there.

3 And they said to each other, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the shamaym, and make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over all the face of the earth.”

5 Then YaHUaH came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And YaHUaH said, “Look, they are one people and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do! And now, they are not going to be withheld from doing whatever they plan to do.

7 “Come, let Us go there and confuse their language, so that they do not understand one another’s speech.”

8 And YaHUaH scattered them from there, over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

9 That is why its name was called Babal, because there YaHUaH confused the language of all the earth, and from there YaHUaH scattered them over the face of all the earth.

10 This is the genealogy of Sham: Sham was a hundred years old and brought forth Arphakashad, two years after the flood.

11 And after he brought forth Arphakashad, Sham lived five hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

12 And Arphakashad lived thirty-five years, and brought forth Shalach.

13 And after he brought forth Shalach, Araphakasad lived four hundred and three years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

14 And Shalach lived thirty years, and brought forth Aubar.

15 And after he brought forth Aubar, Shalach lived four hundred and three years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

16 And Aubar lived thirty-four years, and brought forth Phalag.

17 And after he brought forth Phalag, Aubar lived four hundred and thirty years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

18 And Phalag lived thirty years, and brought forth Rau'u.

19 And after he brought forth Rau'u, Phalag lived two hundred and nine years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

20 And Rau'u lived thirty-two years, and brought forth Sharug.

21 And after he brought forth Sharug, Rau'u lived two hundred and seven years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

22 And Sharug lived thirty years, and brought forth Nachur.

23 And after he brought forth Nachur, Sharug lived two hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

24 And Nachur lived twenty-nine years, and brought forth Tharach.

25 And after he brought forth Tharach, Nachur lived one hundred and nineteen years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

26 And Tharach lived seventy years, and brought forth Abram, Nachur, and Haran.

27 And this is the genealogy of Tharach: Tharach brought forth Abram, Nachur, and Haran. And Haran brought forth Lut.

28 And Haran died before his father Tharach in the land of his birth, in A'ur of the Kashdym.

29 And Abram and Nachur took wives: the name of Abram’s wife was Shary, and the name of Nachur’s wife, Malkah, the daughter of Haran the father of Malkah and the father of Yaskah.

30 And Shary was barren, she had no child.

31 And Tharach took his son Abram and his grandson Lut, son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Shary, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out with them from A'ur of the Kashdym to go to the land of Kan'aun. And they came to Haran and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Tharach came to be two hundred and five years, and Tharach died in Charan.

Chapter 12

1 And YaHUaH said to Abram, “Go yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father’s house, to a land which I show you.

2 “And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

3 “And I shall bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you. And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram left, as YaHUaH had commanded him, and Lut went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Charan.

5 And Abram took Shary his wife and Lut his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the beings whom they had acquired in Charan, and they set out for the land of Kan'aun. And they came to the land of Kan'aun.

6 And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shakam, as far as the terebinth tree of Murah. At that time the Kan'auny were in the land.

7 And YaHUaH appeared to Abram and said, “To your seed I give this land.” And he built there an altar to YaHUaH, who had appeared to him.

8 And from there he moved to the mountain east of Byth Al, and he pitched his tent, with Byth Al on the west and Hauy on the east. And he built there an altar to YaHUaH, and called on the Name of YaHUaH.

9 And Abram set out, continuing toward the South.

10 And a scarcity of food came to be in the land, and Abram went down to Matsrymah to dwell there, for the scarcity of food was severe in the land.

11 And it came to be, when he was close to entering Matsrymah, that he said to Shary his wife, “See, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look at.

12 “And it shall be, when the Matsrym see you, that they shall say, ‘This is his wife.’ And they shall kill me, but let you live.

13 “Please say you are my sister, so that it shall be well with me for your sake, and my life be spared because of you.”

14 And it came to be, when Abram came into Matsrymah, that the Matsrym saw the woman, that she was very beautiful.

15 And Pharauh’s officials saw her and praised her before Pharauh, and the woman was taken to Pharauh’s house.

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

17 But YaHUaH plagued Pharauh and his house with great plagues because of Shary, Abram's wife.

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

19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? And so I was going to take her for my wife. Look, here is your wife, take her and go."

20 And Pharauh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Chapter 13

1 And Abram went up from Matsrym into the South, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lut with him.

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

3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Byth Al, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Byth Al and Hauy,

4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the Name of YaHUaH.

5 Now Lut, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

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

7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lut's livestock. And at that time the Kan'auny and the Pharazy dwelt in the land.

8 Then Abram said to Lut, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

9 “Is not all the land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I go to the left.”

10 And Lut lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of the Yardan, that it was well watered everywhere – before YaHUaH destroyed Sadam and Aumarah – like the garden of YaHUaH, like the land of Matsrym as you go toward Tsa'aur.

11 So Lut chose for himself all the plain of the Yardan, and Lut moved east. Thus they separated from each other,

12 Abram dwelling in the land of Kan'aun, and Lut dwelling in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent as far as Sadam.

13 But the men of Sadam were evil and sinned before YaHUaH, exceedingly so.

14 And after Lut had separated from him, YaHUaH said to Abram, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward,

15 for all the land which you see I shall give to you and your seed forever.

16 “And I shall make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that, if a man could count the dust of the earth, then your seed also could be counted.

17 “Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

18 So Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamara, which are in Chabrun, and built an altar there to YaHUaH.

Chapter 14

1 And it came to be in the days of Amraphal sovereign of Shan'aur, Aryuk sovereign of Alasar, Kadarla'aumar sovereign of Auylam, and Thad'aul sovereign of Guym,

2 that they fought against Barau sovereign of Sadam, Barshau sovereign of Aumarah, Shanab sovereign of Admah, Shamabar sovereign of Tsabym, and the sovereign of Balau, that is Tsa'aur.

3 All these joined together in the Valley of Shadym, that is the Salt Sea.

4 Twelve years they served Kadarla'aumar, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Kadarla'aumar and the sovereigns that were with him came and smote the Raphaym in Ashtharath Qarnym, and the Zuzym in Ham, and the Aymym in Shuah Qarythym,

6 and the Chary in their mountain of Shau'yr, as far as Ayl Pharan, which is by the wilderness.

7 And they turned back and came to Auyn Mashaphat, that is Qadash, and smote all the country of the Aumalaqy, and also the Amary who dwelt in Chatsatsan-Thamar.

8 And the sovereign of Sadam, and the sovereign of Aumarah, and the sovereign of Admah, and the sovereign of Tsabym, and the sovereign of Balau, that is Tsa'aur, went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Shadym,

9 against Kadarla'aumar sovereign of Auylam, and Thad'aul sovereign of Guym, and Amarphal sovereign of Shan'aur, and Aryuk sovereign of Alasar – four sovereigns against five.

10 And the Valley of Shadym had many tar pits. And the sovereigns of Sadam and Aumarah fled and fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains.

11 And they took all the goods of Sadam and Aumarah, and all their food, and went away.

12 And they took Lut, Abram’s brother’s son who dwelt in Sadam, and his goods, and left.

13 And one who had escaped came and informed Abram the Abary, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamara the Amary, brother of Ashkal and brother of Aunar, and they had a covenant with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother
was taken captive, he armed his three
hundred and eighteen trained servants who
were born in his own house, and went in
pursuit as far as Dan.

15 And he and his servants divided against
them by night, and smote them and pursued
them as far as Chubah, which is on the left
of Damashaq.

16 So he brought back all the goods, and also
brought back his brother Lut and his goods,
as well as the women and the people.

17 And after his return from the defeat of
Kadarla'aumar and the sovereigns who
were with him, the sovereign of Sadam
came out to meet him at the Valley of Shuah,
that is, the Sovereign’s Valley.

18 And Malaky-Tsadaq sovereign of Shalam
brought out bread and wine. Now he was
the priest of the Most High Al.

19 And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be
Abram of the Most High Al, Possessor of the
shamaym and earth.

20 “And blessed be the Most High Al who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tenth of all.

21 And the sovereign of Sadam said to Abram, “Give me the people, and take the goods for yourself.”

22 But Abram said to the sovereign of Sadam, “I have lifted my hand to YaHUaH, the Most High Al, the Possessor of the shamaym and earth,

23 not to take a thread or a sandal strap or whatever is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich,’

24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aunar, Ashkal, and Mamara. Let them take their portion.”

Chapter 15

1 After these events the word of YaHUaH came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your reward is exceedingly great.”

2 And Abram said, “Master YaHUaH, what would You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Aly'auzar of Damashaq?”

3 And Abram said, “See, You have given me no seed, and see, one born in my house is my heir!”

4 And see, the word of YaHUaH came to him, saying, “This one is not your heir, but he who comes from your own body is your heir.”

5 And He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward the shamaym, and count the stars if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So are your seed.”

6 And he believed in YaHUaH, and He reckoned it to him for righteousness.

7 And He said to him, “I am YaHUaH, who brought you out of A'ur of the Kashdym, to give you this land to inherit it.”

8 And he said, “Master YaHUaH, whereby do I know that I possess it?”

9 And He said to him, “Bring Me a
three-year-old heifer, and a three-year-old
female goat, and a three-year-old ram, and a
turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 And he took all these to Him and cut them in
the middle, and placed each half opposite
the other, but he did not cut the birds.

11 And the birds of prey came down on the
carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 And it came to be, when the sun was going
down, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram,
that see, a frightening great darkness fell
upon him.

13 And He said to Abram, “Know for certain
that your seed are to be sojourners in a land
that is not theirs, and shall serve them, and
they shall afflict them four hundred years.

14 “But the nation whom they serve I am going
to judge, and afterward let them come out
with great possessions.

15 “Now as for you, you are to go to your
fathers in shalum, you are to be buried at a
good old age.

16 “Then, in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the crookedness of the Amary is not yet complete.”

17 And it came to be, when the sun went down and it was dark, that see, a smoking oven and a burning torch passing between those pieces.

18 On the same day YaHUaH made a covenant with Abram, saying, “I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Matsrym to the great river, the River Pharath,

19 with the Qayny, and the Qanazy, and the Qadmany,

20 and the Chathy, and the Pharazy, and the Raphaym,

21 and the Amary, and the Kan'auny, and the Gargashy, and the Yabusy.”

Chapter 16

1 And Shary, Abram’s wife, had borne him no child. And she had a Matsryth female servant whose name was Hagar.

2 And Shary said to Abram, “See, YaHUaH has kept me from bearing children. Please, go in to my female servant. It might be that I am built up by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Shary.

3 And Shary, Abram’s wife, took Hagar her female servant, the Matsryth, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Kan'aun.

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Shary said to Abram, “My wrong be upon you! I gave my female servant into your bosom. And when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. Let YaHUaH judge between you and me.”

6 And Abram said to Shary, “See, your female servant is in your hand, do to her what is good in your eyes.” And Shary treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

7 And the Messenger of YaHUaH found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur,

8 and He said, “Hagar, Shary’s female servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of Shary, my mistress.”

9 And the Messenger of YaHUaH said to her, “Return to your mistress, and humble yourself under her hand.”

10 And the Messenger of YaHUaH said to her, “I am going to increase your seed greatly, too numerous to be counted.”

11 And the Messenger of YaHUaH said to her, “See, you are conceiving and bearing a son, and shall call his name Yashamau'Al, because YaHUaH has heard your affliction.

12 “And he is to be a wild man, his hand against every one and every one’s hand against him, and dwell over against all his brothers.”

13 And she called the Name of YaHUaH who spoke to her, “You are the Al who sees,” for she said, “Even here have I seen after Him who sees me?”

14 That is why the well was called Bar Lachay Ray, see, it is between Qadash and Barad.

15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Yashamau'Al.

16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Yashamau'Al to Abram.

Chapter 17

1 And it came to be when Abram was ninety-nine years old, that YaHUaH appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Al Shady – walk before Me and be perfect.

2 “And I give My covenant between Me and you, and shall greatly increase you.”

3 And Abram fell on his face, and YaHUaH spoke with him, saying,

4 “As for Me, look, My covenant is with you, and you shall become a father of many nations.

5 “And no longer is your name called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, because I shall make you a father of many nations.

6 “And I shall make you bear fruit exceedingly, and make nations of you, and sovereigns shall come from you.

7 “And I shall establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be ALuah to you and your seed after you.

8 “And I shall give to you and your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Kan'aun, as an everlasting possession. And I shall be their ALuah.”

9 And YaHUaH said to Abraham, “As for you, guard My covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.

10 “This is My covenant which you guard
between Me and you, and your seed after
you: Every male child among you is to be
circumcised.

11 “And you shall circumcise the flesh of your
foreskin, and it shall become a sign of the
covenant between Me and you.

12 “And a son of eight days is circumcised by
you, every male child in your generations,
he who is born in your house or bought with
silver from any foreigner who is not of your
seed.

13 “He who is born in your house, and he who
is bought with your silver, has to be
circumcised. So shall My covenant be in
your flesh, for an everlasting covenant.

14 “And an uncircumcised male child, who is
not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin,
his life shall be cut off from his people – he
has broken My covenant.”

15 And YaHUaH said to Abraham, “As for Shary
your wife, do not call her name Shary, for
Sharah is her name.

16 “And I shall bless her and also give you a son by her. And I shall bless her, and she shall become nations – sovereigns of peoples are to be from her.”

17 And Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Is a child born to a man who is a hundred years old? Or is Sharah, who is ninety years old, to bear a child?”

18 And Abraham said to YaHUaH, “Oh, let Yashamau'Al live before You!”

19 And YaHUaH said, “No, Sharah your wife is truly bearing a son to you, and you shall call his name Yatschaq. And I shall establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20 “And as for Yashamau'Al, I have heard you. See, I shall bless him, and shall make him bear fruit, and greatly increase him. He is to bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.

21 “But My covenant I establish with Yatschaq, whom Sharah is to bear to you at this set time next year.”

22 And when He had ended speaking with him, YaHUaH went up from Abraham.

23 And Abraham took Yashamau'Al his son, and all those born in his house and all those bought with his silver, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that same day, as YaHUaH told him.

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

25 And Yashamau'Al his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 Abraham and his son Yashamau'Al were circumcised that same day.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Chapter 18

1 And YaHUaH appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamara, while he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and saw three men standing opposite him. And when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

3 and said, “ YaHUaH, if I have now found favor in Your eyes, please do not pass Your servant by.

4 “Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 “And let me bring a piece of bread and refresh your hearts, and then go on, for this is why you have come to your servant.” And they said, “Do as you have said.”

6 So Abraham ran into the tent to Sharah and said, “Hurry, make ready three measures of fine flour, knead it and make cakes.”

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hurried to prepare it.

8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9 And they said to him, “Where is Sharah your wife?” And he said, “See, in the tent.”

10 And He said, “I shall certainly return to you according to the time of life, and see, Sharah your wife is to have a son!” And Sharah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sharah were old, well advanced in age, and Sharah was past the way of women.

12 And Sharah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my master being old too?”

13 And YaHUaH said to Abraham, “Why did Sharah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I truly have a child, since I am old?’

14 “Is any matter too hard for YaHUaH ? At the appointed time I am going to return to you, according to the time of life, and Sharah is to have a son.”

15 But Sharah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

16 And the men rose up from there and looked toward Sadam, and Abraham went with them to send them away.

17 And YaHUaH said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

18 since Abraham is certainly going to become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 “For I have known him, so that he commands his children and his household after him, to guard the way of YaHUaH, to do righteousness and right-ruling, so that YaHUaH brings to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

20 And YaHUaH said, “Because the outcry against Sadam and Aumarah is great, and because their sin is very heavy,

21 “I am going down now to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me, and if not, I know.”

22 So the men turned away from there and went toward Sadam, but YaHUaH still stood before Abraham.

23 And Abraham drew near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wrong?

24 “Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city, would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?

25 “Far be it from You to act in this way, to slay the righteous with the wrong, so that the righteous should be as the wrong. Far be it from You! Does the Judge of all the earth not do right?”

26 And YaHUaH said, “If I find in Sadam fifty righteous within the city, then I shall spare all the place for their sakes.”

27 And Abraham answered and said, “Look, please, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to YaHUaH,

28 “Suppose there are five less than the fifty righteous, would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” And He said, “If I find there forty-five, I do not destroy it.”

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there are found forty?” And He said, “I would not do it for the sake of forty.”

30 And he said, “Let not YaHUaH be displeased, and let me speak: Suppose there are found thirty?” And He said, “I would not do it if I find thirty there.”

31 And he said, “Look, please, I have taken it upon myself to speak to YaHUaH : Suppose there are found twenty?” And He said, “I would not destroy it for the sake of twenty.”

32 And he said, “Let not YaHUaH be displeased, and let me speak only this time: Suppose there are found ten?” And He said, “I would not destroy it for the sake of ten.”

33 Then YaHUaH went away as soon as He had ended speaking to Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

Chapter 19

1 And the two messengers came to Sadam in the evening, and Lut was sitting in the gate of Sadam. And when Lut saw them, he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground,

2 and he said, “Look, please my masters, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet, and rise early and go your way.” And they said, “No, but let us spend the night in the open square.”

3 But he urged them strongly, and they turned
in to him and came into his house. And he
made them a feast, and baked unleavened
bread, and they ate.

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city,
the men of Sadam, both old and young, all
the people from every part, surrounded the
house.

5 And they called to Lut and said to him,
“Where are the men who came to you
tonight? Bring them out to us, and let us
‘know’ them.”

6 So Lut went out to them through the
doorway, and shut the door behind him,

7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not do
evil!

8 “Look, please, I have two daughters who
have not known a man. Please, let me bring
them out to you, and do to them as you
wish, only do no deed to these men, because
they have come under the shadow of my
roof.”

9 But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This one came in to sojourn, and should he always judge? Now we are going to treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lut, and came near to break down the door.

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

11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said to Lut, “Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city – bring them out of this place!

13 “For we are going to destroy this place, because the cry against them has grown great before the face of YaHUaH, and YaHUaH has sent us to destroy it.”

14 And Lut went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place, for YaHUaH is going to destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one joking.

15 And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lut to hurry, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.”

16 And while he loitered, the men took hold of his hand, and his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, YaHUaH having compassion on him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

17 And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed.”

18 And Lut said to them, “Oh no, YaHUaH !

19 “Look, please, your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have increased your kindness which you have shown me by saving my life, but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die.

20 “Look, please, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please let me escape there – is it not a small matter – and let my life be saved?”

21 And He said to him, “Look, I have favored you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken.

22 “Hurry, escape there. For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there.” So the name of the city was called Tsu'aur.

23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lut entered Tsa'aurah.

24 And YaHUaH rained sulphur and fire on Sadam and Aumarah, from YaHUaH out of the shamaym.

25 So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

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

27 And Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before YaHUaH,

28 and he looked toward Sadam and Aumarah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he looked and saw the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

29 Thus it came to be, when YaHUaH destroyed the cities of the plain, that YaHUaH remembered Abraham, and sent Lut out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lut had dwelt.

30 And Lut went up out of Tsu'aur and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Tsu'aur. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

31 And the first-born said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us, as is the way of all the earth.

32 “Come, let us make our father drink wine and lie with him, so that we preserve the seed of our father.”

33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

34 And it came to be on the next day that the first-born said to the younger, “See, I lay with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine tonight as well, and you go in and lie with him, so that we keep the seed of our father.”

35 So they made their father drink wine that night as well. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

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

37 And the first-born bore a son and called his name Mu'ab, he is the father of the Mu'ab to this day.

38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ban-Aumy, he is the father of the children of Aumun to this day.

Chapter 20

1 And Abraham set out from there to the land of the South, and dwelt between Qadash and Shur, and stayed in Garar.

2 And Abraham said concerning Sharah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abymalak sovereign of Garar sent and took Sharah.

3 But YaHUaH came to Abymalak in a dream by night, and said to him, “See, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”

4 However, Abymalak had not come near her, and he said, “ YaHUaH, would You slay a righteous nation also?

5 “Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she, even she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and in the innocence of my hands I have done this.”

6 And YaHUaH said to him in a dream, “Yea, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart, and so I kept you from sinning against Me. For this reason I did not let you touch her.

7 “And now, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and let him pray for you and you live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall certainly die, you and all that are yours.”

8 So Abymalak rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and spoke all these words in their hearing. And the men were greatly frightened.

9 And Abymalak called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? In what have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my reign a great sin? You have done matters to me that should not be done.”

10 And Abymalak said to Abraham, “What did you have in view, that you have done this matter?”

11 And Abraham said, “Only because I said to myself, the fear of YaHUaH is not in this place, and they shall kill me for the sake of my wife.

12 “And yet, she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.

13 “And it came to be, when YaHUaH caused me to wander from my father’s house, that I said to her, ‘This is your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, “He is my brother.” ’ ”

14 Then Abymalak took sheep, and cattle, and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham. And he returned Sharah his wife to him.

15 And Abymalak said, “See, my land is before you, dwell wherever it is good in your eyes.”

16 And to Sharah he said, “See, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. See, it is to you a covering of eyes before all who are with you and before all others, and you are cleared before everyone.”

17 And Abraham prayed to YaHUaH, and YaHUaH healed Abymalak, and his wife, and his female servants, so they bore children,

18 for YaHUaH had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abymalak because of Sharah, Abraham’s wife.

Chapter 21

1 And YaHUaH visited Sharah as He had said, and YaHUaH did for Sharah as He had spoken.

2 So Sharah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which YaHUaH had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sharah bore to him, Yatschaq.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Yatschaq when he was eight days old, as YaHUaH had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Yatschaq was born to him.

6 And Sharah said, “YaHUaH has made me laugh, and everyone who hears of it laughs with me.”

7 And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sharah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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

9 And Sharah saw the son of Hagar the Matsryth, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

10 So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this female servant and her son, for the son of this female servant shall not inherit with my son, with Yatschaq.”

11 And the matter was very evil in the eyes of Abraham because of his son.

12 But YaHUaH said to Abraham, “Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy and because of your female servant. Whatever Sharah has said to you, listen to her voice, for in Yatschaq your seed is called.

13 “And of the son of the female servant I also make a nation, because he is your seed.”

14 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, which he gave to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, also the boy, and sent her away. And she left and wandered in the Wilderness of Bar Shabau.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went and sat down about a bowshot away, for she said, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” And she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

17 And YaHUaH heard the voice of the boy, and the messenger of YaHUaH called to Hagar from the shamaym, and said to her, “What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for YaHUaH has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

18 “Arise, lift up the boy and hold him with your hand, for I make a great nation of him.”

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

20 And YaHUaH was with the boy, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the Wilderness of Pharan, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Matsrym.

22 And it came to be at that time that Abymalak and Phykal, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, “YaHUaH is with you in all that you do.

23 “And now, swear to me by YaHUaH, not to be untrue to me, to my offspring, or to my descendants. Do to me according to the kindness that I have done to you and to the land in which you have dwelt.”

24 And Abraham said, “I swear.”

25 And Abraham reproved Abymalak because of a well of water which Abymalak’s servants had seized.

26 And Abymalak said, “I do not know who has done this deed. Neither did you inform me, nor did I hear until today.”

27 So Abraham took sheep and cattle and gave them to Abymalak, and the two of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abymalak asked Abraham, “What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?”

30 And he said, “Take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, to be my witness that I have dug this well.”

31 So he called that place Bar Shabau, because the two of them swore an oath there.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Bar Shabau. And Abymalak rose with Phykal, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Phalashthym.

33 And he planted a tamarisk tree in Bar Shabau, and there called on the Name of YaHUaH, the Everlasting Al.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Phalashthym many days.

Chapter 22

1 And it came to be after these events that YaHUaH tried Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

2 And He said, “Take your son, now, your only son Yatschaq, whom you love, and go to the land of MarYah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I command you.”

3 And Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Yatschaq his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place which YaHUaH had commanded him.

4 And on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 So Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go over there and worship, and come back to you.”

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

7 And Yatschaq spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “See, the fire and the wood! But where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 And Abraham said, “My son, YaHUaH does provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” And the two of them went together.

9 And they came to the place which YaHUaH had commanded him, and Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order. And he bound Yatschaq his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son,

11 but the Messenger of YaHUaH called to him from the shamaym and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

12 And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy, nor touch him. For now I know that you fear YaHUaH, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

13 And Abraham lifted his eyes and looked and saw behind him a ram caught in a bush by its horns, and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, ‘ YaHUaH Yarah,’ as it is said to this day, “On the mountain YaHUaH provides.”

15 And the Messenger of YaHUaH called to Abraham a second time from the shamaym,

16 and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares YaHUaH, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 that I shall certainly bless you, and I shall certainly increase your seed as the stars of the shamaym and as the sand which is on the seashore, and let your seed possess the gate of their enemies.

18 “And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

19 Then Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Bar Shabau. And Abraham dwelt at Bar Shabau.

20 And it came to be after these events that it was reported to Abraham, saying, “See, Malkah too has borne children to your brother Nachur:

21 “Au'uts his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Qamu'Al the father of Aram,

22 and Kashad, and Chazu, and Phaldash, and Yadlaph, and Bathu'Al.”

23 And Bathu'Al brought forth Rabqah. These eight Malkah bore to Nachur, Abraham’s brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Raumah, also bore Tabach, and Gacham, and Thachash, and Maukah.

Chapter 23

1 And Sharah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years, the years of the life of Sharah.

2 And Sharah died in Qaryth Arbau, that is Chabrun, in the land of Kan'aun, and Abraham came to mourn for Sharah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose up from beside his dead, and spoke to the sons of Chath, saying,

4 “I am a foreigner and a sojourner among you. Give me property for a burial site among you, so that I bury my dead from my presence.”

5 And the sons of Chath answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 “Hear us, my master: You are a prince of ALuah among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. None of us withholds from you his burial site, from burying your dead.”

7 So Abraham rose and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Chath.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, “If it is your desire that I bury my dead from my presence, hear me, and approach Auphrun son of Tsachar for me,

9 and let me have the cave of Makphalah which he has, which is at the end of his field. Let him give it to me for the complete amount of silver, as property for a burial site among you.”

10 And Auphrun dwelt among the sons of Chath. And Auphrun the Chathy answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Chath, all who entered at the gate of his city, saying,

11 “No, my master, listen to me! I shall give you the field and the cave that is in it. I shall give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I shall give it to you. Bury your dead!”

12 And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land,

13 and he spoke to Auphrun in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, “If only you would hear me. I shall give the amount of silver for the field, take it from me, and let me bury my dead there.”

14 And Auphrun answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 “My master, listen to me! The land is worth four hundred shaqals of silver. What is that between you and me? So bury your dead.”

16 And Abraham listened to Auphrun, and Abraham weighed out the silver for Auphran which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Chath, four hundred shaqals of silver, currency of the merchants.

17 Thus the field of Auphrun which was in Makphalah, which was before Mamara, the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all the surrounding borders, were deeded

18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Chath, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this Abraham buried Sharah his wife in the cave of the field of Makphalah, before Mamara, that is Chabrun, in the land of Kan'aun.

20 Thus the field and the cave that is in it were deeded to Abraham by the sons of Chath as property for a burial site.

Chapter 24

1 And Abraham was old, advanced in years. And YaHUaH had blessed Abraham in every way.

2 And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh,

3 so that I make you swear by YaHUaH, the ALuah of the shamaym and the ALuah of the earth, that you do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kan'auny, among whom I dwell,

4 but to go to my land and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Yatschaq.”

5 And the servant said to him, “What if the woman refuses to follow me to this land? Do I then take your son back to the land from which you came?”

6 And Abraham said to him, “Beware lest you take my son back there!

7 “ YaHUaH, ALuah of the shamaym, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my relatives, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, ‘To your seed I give this land,’ He sends His messenger before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

8 “And if the woman refuses to follow you, then you shall be released from this oath; only, do not take my son back there.”

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

10 And the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, for all his master's good gifts were in his hand. And he arose and went to Aram Nahraym, to the city of Nachur.

11 And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a fountain of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, " YaHUaH, ALuah of my master Abraham, please cause her to meet before me this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

13 "See, I am standing here by the fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar to let me drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and let me water your camels too,' let her be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Yatschaq. And let me know by this that You have shown kindness to my master."

15 And it came to be, before he had ended speaking, that see, Rabqah, who was born to Bathu'Al, son of Malkah, the wife of Nachur, Abraham’s brother, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

16 And the young woman was very good-looking, a maiden, no man having known her. And she went down to the fountain, filled her jar, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar.”

18 And she said, “Drink, my master.” And she hurried and let her jar down to her hand, and gave him a drink.

19 And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “Let me draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking.”

20 And she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the fountain to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And watching her, the man remained silent in order to know whether YaHUaH had prospered his way or not.

22 And it came to be, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shaqal, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shaqals of gold,

23 and said, “Whose daughter are you? Please inform me, is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?”

24 And she said to him, “I am the daughter of Bathu'Al, Malkah’s son, whom she bore to Nachur.”

25 And she said to him, “We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to spend the night.”

26 And the man bowed down his head and worshipped YaHUaH.

27 And he said, “Blessed be YaHUaH ALuah of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His kindness and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, YaHUaH led me to the house of my master’s brothers.”

28 Then the young woman ran and informed those of her mother’s house these matters.

29 And Rabqah had a brother whose name was Laban, and Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain.

30 And it came to be, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Rabqah, saying, “Thus the man spoke to me,” that he went to the man and saw him standing by the camels at the fountain.

31 And he said, “Come in, O blessed of YaHUaH ! Why do you stand outside? I myself have prepared the house, and a place for the camels.”

32 So the man came into the house, while he unloaded the camels and provided straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him,

33 and set food before him to eat. But he said, “Let me not eat until I have spoken my word.” And he said, “Speak on.”

34 And he said, “I am Abraham’s servant.

35 “And YaHUaH has blessed my master exceedingly, and he has become great. And He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

36 “And Sharah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has given to him all that he has.

37 “And my master made me swear, saying, ‘Do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kan'auny, in whose land I dwell,

38 but go to my father’s house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.’

39 “And I said to my master, ‘What if the
woman does not follow me?’
40 “But he said to me, ‘ YaHUaH, before whom I
walk, sends His messenger with you and
shall prosper your way. And you shall take a
wife for my son from my relatives and from
my father’s house.
41 ‘Then, when you go to my relatives, you are
to be released from this oath. And if they do
not give her to you, then you are released
from my oath.’
42 “And this day I came to the fountain and
said, ‘ YaHUaH, ALuah of my master
Abraham, please, if You are prospering the
way in which I am going,
43 see, I am standing by the fountain of water,
and when the maiden comes out to draw
water, and I say to her, “Please give me a
little water from your jar to drink,”
44 and she says to me, “Drink, and let me draw
for your camels too,” let her be the woman
whom YaHUaH has appointed for my
master’s son.’

45 “I had not yet ended speaking in my heart, then see, Rabqah was coming out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain and drew water. And I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’

46 “And she hurried and let her jar down from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and let me water your camels too.’ So I drank, and she watered the camels too.

47 “And I asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bathu'Al, Nachur’s son, whom Malkah bore to him.’ Then I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.

48 “And I bowed my head and worshipped YaHUaH, and blessed YaHUaH, ALuah of my master Abraham, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son.

49 “And now, if you are going to show kindness and truth to my master, let me know, and if not, let me know, so that I turn to the right or to the left.”

50 And Laban answered – Bathu'Al too – and said, “The matter comes from YaHUaH, we are not able to speak to you either evil or good.

51 “See, Rabqah is before you. Take her and go, and let her be your master’s son’s wife, as YaHUaH has spoken.”

52 And it came to be, when Abraham’s servant heard their words, that he bowed himself towards the earth before YaHUaH.

53 And the servant brought out ornaments of silver, and ornaments of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rabqah. He also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.

54 And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning he said, “Let me go to my master.”

55 But her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten, then you go.”

56 And he said to them, “Do not delay me, since YaHUaH has prospered my way. Let me go so that I go to my master.”

57 And they said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.”

58 So they called Rabqah and said to her, “Are you going with this man?” And she said, “I shall go.”

59 So they let go Rabqah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham’s servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rabqah and said to her, “Let our sister become the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gates of those who hate them.”

61 And Rabqah and her young women arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rabqah and left.

62 And Yatschaq came from the way of Bar Lachay Ray, for he dwelt in the South.

63 And Yatschaq went out to meditate in the field in the evening. And he lifted his eyes and looked and saw the camels coming.

64 And Rabqah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Yatschaq she dismounted from her camel,

65 and she had said to the servant, “Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?” And the servant said, “It is my master.” So she took a veil and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Yatschaq all the matters he had done.

67 And Yatschaq brought her into his mother Sharah’s tent. And he took Rabqah and she became his wife, and he loved her. Thus Yatschaq was comforted after his mother’s death.

Chapter 25

1 And Abraham took another wife, whose name was Qaturah.

2 And she bore him Zamran, and Yaqshan, and Madan, and Madyan, and Yashbaq, and Shuch.

3 And Yaqshan brought forth Shaba and Dadan. And the sons of Dadan were Ashuram, and Latusham, and La'amym.

4 And the sons of Madyan were Auyphah, and Au'phar, and Chanak, and Abydau, and Aldauh. All these were the children of Qaturah.

5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Yatschaq,

6 but to the sons of the concubines whom Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Yatschaq, eastward, to the land of the east.

7 And these are all the years of Abraham’s life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.

8 And Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, aged and satisfied, and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Yatschaq and Yashamau'Al buried him in the cave of Makphalah, which is before Mamara, in the field of Auphran son of Tsachar the Chathy,

10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Chath. There Abraham was buried with Sharah his wife.

11 And it came to be, after the death of Abraham, that YaHUaH blessed his son Yatschaq. And Yatschaq dwelt at Bar Lachay Ray.

12 And this is the genealogy of Yashamau'Al, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Matsryth, Sharah’s female servant, bore to Abraham.

13 And these were the names of the sons of Yashamau'Al, by their names, according to their generations: The first-born of Yashamau'Al, Nabyth; then Qadar, and Adba'Al, and Mabsham,

14 and Mashamau, and Dumah, and Masha,

15 Chadad, and Thyma, Yatur, Naphysh, and Qadmah.

16 These were the sons of Yashamau'Al and these were their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve chiefs according to their tribes.

17 And these were the years of the life of Yashamau'Al: one hundred and thirty-seven years. And he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.

18 And they dwelt from Chuylah as far as Shur, which is east of Matsrym as you go toward Ashur. He settled before all his brothers.

19 And this is the genealogy of Yatschaq, Abraham’s son. Abraham brought forth Yatschaq.

20 And Yatschaq was forty years old when he took Rabqah as wife, the daughter of Bathu'Al the Aramy of Phadan Aram, the sister of Laban the Aramy.

21 And Yatschaq prayed to YaHUaH for his wife, because she was barren. And YaHUaH answered his prayer, and Rabqah his wife conceived.

22 And within her the children struggled together, and she said, “If all is right, why am I this way?” So she went to ask YaHUaH.

23 And YaHUaH said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples shall be separated from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older serve the younger.”

24 And when the days were filled for her to give birth, and see, twins were in her womb!

25 And the first came out red all over, like a hairy garment, so they called his name Aushu.

26 And afterward his brother came out, with his hand holding on to Aushu’s heel, so his name was called Ya'auqab. And Yatschaq was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 And the boys grew up. And Aushu became a man knowing how to hunt, a man of the field, while Ya'auqab was a complete man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Yatschaq loved Aushu because he ate of his wild game, but Rabqah loved Ya'auqab.

29 And Ya'auqab cooked a stew, and Aushu
came in from the field, and he was weary.

30 And Aushu said to Ya'auqab, “Please feed
me with that same red stew, for I am
weary.” That is why his name was called
Adum.

31 But Ya'auqab said, “Sell me your birthright
today.”

32 And Aushu said, “Look, I am going to die, so
why should I have birthright?”

33 Then Ya'auqab said, “Swear to me today.”
And he swore to him, and sold his birthright
to Ya'auqab.

34 Ya'auqab then gave Aushu bread and stew
of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up
and left. Thus Aushu despised his birthright.

Chapter 26

1 And there was a scarcity of food in the land, besides the first scarcity of food which was in the days of Abraham. And Yatschaq went to Abymalak, sovereign of the Phalashthym, in Gararah.

2 And YaHUaH appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Matsrymah, live in the land which I command you.

3 “Sojourn in this land. And I shall be with you and bless you, for I give all these lands to you and your seed. And I shall establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

4 “And I shall increase your seed like the stars of the shamaym, and I shall give all these lands to your seed. And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,

5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and guarded My Charge: My commands, My laws, and My Thurath.”

6 And Yatschaq dwelt in Garar.

7 And when the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, “She is my sister.” For he was afraid to say, “She is my wife,” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me for Rabqah, because she is good-looking.”

8 And it came to be, when he had been there a long time, that Abymalak sovereign of the Phalashthym looked through a window, and he watched and saw Yatschaq playing with Rabqah his wife.

9 So Abymalak called Yatschaq and said, “See, truly she is your wife! So how could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” And Yatschaq said to him, “Because I said, ‘Lest I die on account of her.’ ”

10 And Abymalak said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people had almost lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us.”

11 And Abymalak commanded all his people, saying, “He who touches this man or his wife shall certainly be put to death.”

12 And Yatschaq sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold, and YaHUaH blessed him.

13 And the man grew great and went forward until he became very great.

14 And he came to have possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great body of servants, and the Phalashthym envied him.

15 And the Phalashthym had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and filled them with dirt.

16 And Abymalak said to Yatschaq, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

17 So Yatschaq went from there and pitched his tent in the valley of Garar, and dwelt there.

18 And Yatschaq dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Phalashthym had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. And he called them by the names which his father had called them.

19 But when Yatschaq's servants dug in the valley and found a well of running water there,

20 the herdsmen of Garar strove with Yatschaq's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." And he called the name of the well Aushaq, because they strove with him.

21 And they dug another well, and they strove over that one too, and he called its name Shatnah.

22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not strive over it. And he called its name Rachabuth, and said, "For now YaHUaH has made room for us, and we shall bear fruit in the land."

23 And from there he went up to Bar Shabau.

24 And YaHUaH appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the ALuah of your father Abraham. Do not fear, for I am with you, and shall bless you and increase your seed for My servant Abraham’s sake.”

25 And he built an altar there, and called on the Name of YaHUaH, and he pitched his tent there, and the servants of Yatschaq dug a well there.

26 And Abymalak came to him from Garar, with Achazath, one of his friends, and Phykal the commander of his army.

27 And Yatschaq said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing you have hated me and have sent me away from you?”

28 But they said, “We have clearly seen that YaHUaH is with you. And we said, ‘Please, let there be an oath between us, between you and us. And let us make a covenant with you,

29 that you do no evil to us, as we have not touched you, and as we have done only good toward you, and have sent you away in shalum. You are now blessed by YaHUaH.' "

30 And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 And they rose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another. And Yatschaq let them go, and they departed from him in shalum.

32 And on the same day it came to be that the servants of Yatschaq came and informed him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

33 So he called it Shabauh. Therefore the name of the city is Bar Shabau to this day.

34 And when Aushu was forty years old, he took as wives Yahudyth the daughter of Bary the Chathy, and Bashamath the daughter of Aylan the Chathy.

35 And they were a bitterness of spirit to Yatschaq and Rabqah.

Chapter 27

1 And it came to be, when Yatschaq was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called Aushu his elder son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.”

2 And he said, “See now, I am old, I do not know the day of my death.

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

4 “And make me a tasty dish, such as I love, and bring it to me to eat, in order that my being does bless you before I die.”

5 And Rabqah heard when Yatschaq spoke to Aushu his son. And Aushu went to the field to hunt wild game and to bring it.

6 And Rabqah spoke to Ya'auqab her son, saying, “See, I heard your father speak to Aushu your brother, saying,

7 ‘Bring me wild game and make me a tasty
dish to eat, and bless you in the presence of
YaHUaH before my death.’
8 “And now my son, listen to my voice
according to what I command you.
9 “Please go to the flock and bring me two
choice young goats, and I make a tasty dish
from them for your father, such as he loves.
10 “And you shall take it to your father, and he
shall eat it, so that he might bless you before
his death.”
11 And Ya'auqab said to Rabqah his mother,
“See, Aushu my brother is a hairy man, and
I am a smooth-skinned man.
12 “What if my father touches me? Then I shall
be like a deceiver in his eyes, and shall bring
a curse on myself and not a blessing.”
13 But his mother said to him, “Let your curse
be on me, my son. Only obey my voice, and
go, get them for me.”
14 And he went and fetched them and brought
them to his mother, and his mother made a
tasty dish, such as his father loved.

15 And Rabqah took the best garments of her elder son Aushu, which were with her in the house, and put them on Ya'auqab her younger son.

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

17 Then she gave the tasty dish and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Ya'auqab.

18 And he went to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”

19 And Ya'auqab said to his father, “I am Aushu your first-born, I have done as you said to me. Please rise, sit and eat of my wild game, so that your being might bless me.”

20 But Yatschaq said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” And he said, “Because YaHUaH your ALuah brought it to me.”

21 Then Yatschaq said to Ya'auqab, “Please come near, so that I feel you, my son, whether you truly are my son Aushu or not.”

22 And Ya'auqab went near to Yatschaq his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is the voice of Ya'auqab, but the hands are the hands of Aushu.”

23 And he did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like his brother Aushu’s hands, and he blessed him.

24 And he said, “Are you truly my son Aushu?” And he said, “I am.”

25 And he said, “Bring it near to me, and let me eat of my son’s wild game, so that my being might bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate. And he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Yatschaq said to him, “Please come near and kiss me, my son.”

27 And he came near and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which YaHUaH has blessed.

28 And YaHUaH give you of the dew of the shamaym, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.

29 Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brothers, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be those cursing you, and blessed be those blessing you!”

30 And it came to be, as soon as Yatschaq had finished blessing Ya'auqab, and Ya'auqab had hardly left the presence of Yatschaq his father, that Aushu his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he too had made a tasty dish and brought it to his father, and said to his father, “Let my father rise and eat of his son’s wild game, so that your being might bless me.”

32 And his father Yatschaq said to him, “Who are you?” And he said, “I am your son, your first-born, Aushu.”

33 Then Yatschaq trembled exceedingly, and said, “Who was it then who hunted wild game and brought it to me? And I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him. Yea, he is blessed.”

34 When Aushu heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me, me too, O my father!”

35 And he said, “Your brother came with deceit and took your blessing.”

36 And he said, “Was his name, then, called Ya'auqab? For he has caught me by the heel these two times. He took my birthright, and see, now he has taken my blessing!” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

37 Then Yatschaq answered and said to Aushu, “See, I have made him your master, and all his brothers I have given to him as servants. And I have sustained him with grain and wine. And what, then, shall I do for you, my son?”

38 And Aushu said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me, me too, O my father!” And Aushu lifted up his voice and wept.

39 And Yatschaq his father answered and said to him, “See, your dwelling is of the fertility of the earth, and of the dew of the shamaym from above.

40 And by your sword you are to live, and serve your brother. And it shall be, when you grow restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

41 And Aushu hated Ya'auqab because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Aushu said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father draw near, then I am going to kill my brother Ya'auqab.”

42 And the words of Aushu her older son were reported to Rabqah, and she sent and called Ya'auqab her younger son, and said to him, “See, your brother Aushu comforts himself concerning you, to kill you.

43 “And now, my son, listen to my voice, and rise, flee to my brother Laban in Charan.

44 “And stay with him a few days, until your brother’s wrath turns away,

45 until your brother’s displeasure turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. And I shall send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?”

46 And Rabqah said to Yatschaq, “I am disgusted with my life because of the daughters of Chath. If Ya'auqab takes a wife from the daughters of Chath, like these who are the daughters of the land, what is my life to me?”

Chapter 28

1 And Yatschaq called Ya'auqab and blessed him, and commanded him, and said to him, “Do not take a wife from the daughters of Kana'aun.

2 “Arise, go to Phadan Aram, to the house of Bathu'Al your mother’s father. And take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.

3 “And Al Shady bless you, and make you bear fruit and increase you, and you shall become an assembly of peoples,

4 and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your seed with you, so that you inherit the land of your sojournings, which YaHUaH gave to Abraham.”

5 So Yatschaq sent Ya'auqab away, and he went to Phadan Aram, to Laban son of Bathu'Al the Aramy, the brother of Rabqah, the mother of Ya'auqab and Aushu.

6 And Aushu saw that Yatschaq had blessed Ya'auqab and sent him away to Phadan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, “Do not take a wife from the daughters of Kana'aun,”

7 and that Ya'auqab had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Phadan Aram.

8 So Aushu saw that the daughters of Kana'aun did not please his father Yatschaq,

9 and Aushu went to Yashamau'Al and took Machalath the daughter of Yashamau'Al, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nabyuth, to be his wife, besides the wives he had.

10 And Ya'auqab went out from Bar Shabau and went toward Charan.

11 And he came upon a place and stopped over for the night, for the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed and saw a ladder set up on the earth, and its top reached to the shamaym, and saw messengers of YaHUaH going up and coming down on it.

13 And see, YaHUaH stood above it and said, “I am YaHUaH ALuah of Abraham your father and the ALuah of Yatschaq. The land on which you are lying, I give it to you and your seed.

14 “And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall break forth to the west and to the east, to the north and the south. And all the clans of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your seed.

15 “And see, I am with you and shall guard you wherever you go, and shall bring you back to this land. For I am not going to leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

16 And Ya'auqab awoke from his sleep and said, “Truly, YaHUaH is in this place, and I did not know it.”

17 And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of YaHUaH, and this is the gate of the shamaym!”

18 And Ya'auqab rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a standing column, and poured oil on top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Byth Al, however, the name of that city had been Luz previously.

20 And Ya'auqab made a vow, saying, “Seeing YaHUaH is with me, and has kept me in this way that I am going, and has given me bread to eat and a garment to put on –

21 when I have returned to my father’s house in shalum, and YaHUaH has been my ALuah,

22 then this stone which I have set as a standing column shall be YaHUaH’s house, and of all that You give me, I shall certainly give a tenth to You.”

Chapter 29

1 And Ya'auqab moved on and came to the land of the people of the East.

2 And he looked and saw a well in the field, and saw three flocks of sheep lying by it, for out of that well they watered the flocks, and a large stone was on the well's mouth.

3 And all the flocks would be gathered there, then they would roll the stone from the well's mouth and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.

4 So Ya'auqab said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Charan."

5 And he said to them, "Do you know Laban son of Nachur?" And they said, "We know him."

6 So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "Well. And see, his daughter Rachal is coming with the sheep."

7 And he said, “See, it is still high day, not the time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed them.”

8 But they said, “We are not allowed until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, then we shall water the sheep.”

9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachal came with her father’s sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

10 And it came to be, when Ya'auqab saw Rachal the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, that Ya'auqab went near and rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother’s brother.

11 And Ya'auqab kissed Rachal, and lifted up his voice and wept.

12 And when Ya'auqab told Rachal that he was her father’s relative and that he was Rabqah’s son, she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to be, when Laban heard the report about Ya'auqab his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Then he told Laban all these matters.

14 And Laban said to him, "You are indeed my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

15 Then Laban said to Ya'auqab, "Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for naught? Let me know, what should your wages be?"

16 And Laban had two daughters, the name of the elder was La'ah, and the name of the younger was Rachal.

17 And La'ah's eyes were weak, but Rachal was lovely of form and appearance.

18 And Ya'auqab loved Rachal, so he said, "Let me serve you seven years for Rachal your younger daughter."

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

20 So Ya'auqab served seven years for Rachal, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Ya'auqab said to Laban, “Give me my wife, for my days are completed, and let me go in to her.”

22 And Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

23 And it came to be in the evening, that he took La'ah his daughter and brought her to Ya'auqab. And he went in to her.

24 And Laban gave his female servant Zalphah to his daughter La'ah as a female servant.

25 And in the morning it came to be, that see, it was La'ah. So he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachal that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?”

26 And Laban said, “It is not done this way in our place, to give the younger before the first-born.

27 “Complete the week of this one, then we give you this one too, for the service which you shall serve with me still another seven years.”

28 And Ya'auqab did so and completed her week. Then he gave him his daughter Rachal too, as wife.

29 And Laban gave his female servant Balhah to his daughter Rachal as a female servant.

30 And he also went in to Rachal, and he also loved Rachal more than La'ah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

31 And YaHUaH saw that La'ah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachal was barren.

32 And La'ah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Ra'uban, for she said, “For YaHUaH has looked on my affliction, because now my husband is going to love me.”

33 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because YaHUaH has heard that I am unloved, He gave me this son too.” And she called his name Shamau'un.

34 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband is joined to me, because I have borne him three sons.” So his name was called Luy.

35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now I praise YaHUaH.” So she called his name Yahudah. And she ceased bearing.

Chapter 30

1 And when Rachal saw that she bore Ya'auqab no children, Rachal envied her sister, and said to Ya'auqab, “Give me children, or else I am going to die!”

2 And Ya'auqab’s displeasure burned against Rachal, and he said, “Am I in the place of YaHUaH, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”

3 And she said, “See, my female servant Balhah; go in to her, and let her bear for me, and let me be built up from her as well.”

4 So she gave him Balhah her female servant as wife, and Ya'auqab went in to her.

5 And Balhah conceived and bore Ya'auqab a son.

6 And Rachal said, “YaHUaH has rightly ruled my case, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” So she called his name Dan.

7 And Rachal’s female servant Balhah conceived again and bore Ya'auqab a second son.

8 And Rachal said, “With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have overcome.” So she called his name Naphthaly.

9 And La'ah saw that she had ceased bearing, and she took Zalphah her female servant and gave her to Ya'auqab as wife.

10 And La'ah’s female servant Zalphah bore Ya'auqab a son.

11 And La'ah said, “Troop comes!” So she called his name Gad.

12 And La'ah’s female servant Zalphah bore Ya'auqab a second son.

13 And La'ah said, “I am blessed, for the daughters shall call me blessed.” So she called his name Ashar.

14 And Ra'uban went in the days of wheat harvest and found love-apples in the field, and brought them to his mother La'ah. And Rachal said to La'ah, “Please give me some of your son’s love-apples.”

15 But she said to her, “Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son’s love-apples too?” And Rachal said, “Therefore let him lie with you tonight for your son’s love-apples.”

16 And when Ya'auqab came out of the field in the evening, La'ah went out to meet him and said, “Do come in to me, for indeed, I have hired you with my son’s love-apples.” And he lay with her that night.

17 And YaHUaH listened to La'ah, and she conceived and bore Ya'auqab a fifth son.

18 And La'ah said, “YaHUaH has given me my hire, because I have given my female servant to my husband.” So she called his name Yash'shakar.

19 And La'ah conceived again and bore Ya'auqab a sixth son.

20 And La'ah said, “YaHUaH has presented me with a good present. Now my husband is going to dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons.” So she called his name Zabalun.

21 And afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dynah.

22 And YaHUaH remembered Rachal, and YaHUaH listened to her and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bore a son, and said, “YaHUaH has taken away my reproach.”

24 So she called his name YahuSaph, and said, “ YaHUaH has added to me another son.”

25 And it came to be, when Rachal had borne YahuSaph, that Ya'auqab said to Laban, “Send me on my way, to go to my own place and to my land.

26 “Give my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go, for you yourself know my service which I have done for you.”

27 And Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay, for I have diligently watched that YaHUaH has blessed me for your sake.”

28 And he said, “Name me your wages, and I give it.”

29 So he said to him, “You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me.

30 “For the little you had before I came has increased greatly, and YaHUaH has blessed you since my coming. But now, when am I to provide for my own house too?”

31 And he said, “What do I give you?” And Ya'auqab said, “Give me naught! If you do this for me, I shall again feed and guard your flocks:

32 “Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the black ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats. And these shall be my wages.

33 “And my righteousness shall answer for me in time to come, when you come concerning my wages: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the lambs, it is stolen if it is with me.”

34 And Laban said, “See, let it be according to your word!”

35 And on that day he set aside the male goats that were speckled and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white in it, and all the black ones among the lambs, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

36 And he put three days' journey between himself and Ya'auqab, and Ya'auqab fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 And Ya'auqab took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, and they conceived when they came to drink.

39 So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Ya'auqab separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the black in the flock of Laban, but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 And it came to be, whenever the strong ones of the flock conceived, that Ya'auqab placed the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, so they would conceive among the rods.

42 But when the flocks were weak, he did not put them in, so the weak ones were Laban’s and the strong ones Ya'auqab’s.

43 Thus the man increased very much, and had many flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Chapter 31

1 And he heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, “Ya'auqab has taken away all that was our father’s, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth.”

2 And Ya'auqab would look at the face of Laban and see that it was not toward him as before.

3 And YaHUaH said to Ya'auqab, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives. And I am with you.”

4 And Ya'auqab sent and called Rachal and La'ah to the field, to his flock,

5 and said to them, “I see your father’s face, that it is not toward me as before, but the ALuah of my father has been with me.

6 “And you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

7 “Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but YaHUaH did not allow him to do evil to me.

8 “When he said this, ‘The speckled are your wages,’ then all the flocks bore speckled. And when he said this, ‘The streaked are your wages,’ then all the flocks bore streaked.

9 “So YaHUaH has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.

10 “And it came to be, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and looked in a dream and saw the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and mottled.

11 “And the Messenger of YaHUaH spoke to me in a dream, saying, ‘Ya'auqab.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’

12 “And He said, ‘Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

13 ‘I am the Al of Byth Al, where you anointed the standing column and where you made a vow to Me. Now rise up, get out of this land, and return to the land of your relatives.’ ”

14 And Rachal and La'ah answered and said to him, “Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father’s house?

15 “Are we not reckoned by him as strangers? For he has sold us, and also entirely consumed our silver.

16 “For all the wealth which YaHUaH has taken from our father are ours and our children’s. Now then, do whatever YaHUaH has told you.”

17 So Ya'auqab rose and put his sons and his wives on camels,

18 and he drove off all his livestock and all his possessions which he had acquired, his property of the livestock which he had acquired in Phadan Aram, to go to his father Yatschaq in the land of Kana'aun.

19 And when Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachal stole the house idols that were her father’s.

20 And Ya'auqab deceived Laban the Aramy, because he did not inform him that he was about to flee.

21 And he fled with all that he had. And he rose up and passed over the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gal'aud.

22 And on the third day Laban was told that Ya'auqab had fled.

23 Then he took his brothers with him and pursued him for seven days’ journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gal'aud.

24 But in a dream by night YaHUaH came to Laban the Aramy, and said to him, “guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'auqab either good or evil.”

25 Then Laban overtook Ya'auqab. Now Ya'auqab had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brothers pitched in the mountains of Gal'aud.

26 And Laban said to Ya'auqab, “What have you done, that you have deceived me, and driven my daughters off like captives taken with the sword?

27 “Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and not inform me, and I would have sent you away with joy and songs, with tambourine and lyre?

28 “And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do this.

29 “It is in the power of my hand to do evil to you, but the ALuah of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'auqab either good or evil.’

30 “And now you have gone because you greatly long for your father’s house, but why did you steal my mighty ones?”

31 And Ya'auqab answered and said to Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I said, ‘Lest you tear your daughters away from me.’

32 “With whomever you find your mighty ones, do not let him live. In the presence of our brothers, see for yourself what is with me and take it with you.” For Ya'auqab did not know that Rachal had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Ya'auqab’s tent, and into La'ah’s tent, and into the tents of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he came out of La'ah’s tent and entered Rachal’s tent.

34 Now Rachal had taken the house idols and put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find them.

35 And she said to her father, “Let it not displease my master that I am unable to rise before you, for the way of women is with me.” And he searched but did not find the house idols.

36 And Ya'auqab was wroth and contended with Laban, and Ya'auqab answered and said to Laban, “What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?

37 “Now that you have searched all my goods what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, and let them decide between the two of us!

38 “These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your sheep.

39 “That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you, I myself bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 “Thus I was! By day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

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.

42 “Unless the ALuah of my father, the ALuah
of Abraham and the Fear of Yatschaq, had
been with me, you would now have sent me
away empty-handed. YaHUaH has seen my
affliction and the labor of my hands, and
rendered judgment last night.”

43 And Laban answered and said to Ya'auqab,
“These daughters are my daughters, and
these children are my children, and this
flock is my flock, and all that you see is
mine. But what shall I do today to these, my
daughters or to their children whom they
have borne?

44 “And now, come, let us make a covenant,
you and I, and it shall be a witness between
you and me.”

45 So Ya'auqab took a stone and set it up as a
standing column.

46 And Ya'auqab said to his brothers, “Gather stones.” And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.

47 And Laban called it Yagar Shahadutha, but Ya'auqab called it Gal'aud.

48 And Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” That is why its name was called Gal'aud,

49 also Matsphah, because he said, “Let YaHUaH watch between you and me when we are out of each other’s sight.

50 “If you afflict my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us; see, YaHUaH is witness between you and me!”

51 And Laban said to Ya'auqab, “See this heap and see this standing column, which I have placed between you and me.

52 “This heap is a witness, and this standing column is a witness, that I do not pass beyond this heap to you, and you do not pass beyond this heap and this standing column to me, for evil.

53 “The ALuah of Abraham, the ALuah of Nachur, and the ALuah of their father rightly rule between us!” And Ya'auqab swore by the Fear of his father Yatschaq.

54 And Ya'auqab brought an offering on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and spent the night on the mountain.

55 And Laban rose up early in the morning, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. And Laban left and returned to his place.

Chapter 32

1 And Ya'auqab went on his way, and the messengers of YaHUaH met him.

2 And when Ya'auqab saw them, he said, “This is the camp of YaHUaH.” And he called the name of that place Machanym.

3 And Ya'auqab sent messengers before him to Aushu his brother in the land of Shau'yr, the field of Adum

4 and he commanded them, saying, “Say this
to my master Aushu, ‘Your servant Ya'auqab
said this, “I have sojourned with Laban and
stayed there until now.
5 “And I have bulls, and donkeys, flocks, and
male and female servants. And I have sent
to inform my master, to find favor in your
eyes.” ’ ”
6 So the messengers returned to Ya'auqab,
saying, “We came to your brother Aushu,
and he also is coming to meet you, and four
hundred men with him.”
7 And Ya'auqab was greatly afraid and
distressed. So he divided the people that
were with him, and the flocks and herds and
camels, into two groups,
8 and he said, “If Aushu comes to the one
group and attacks it, then the other group
which is left shall escape.”

9 And Ya'auqab said, “O ALuah of my father
Abraham and ALuah of my father Yatschaq,
YaHUaH who said to me, ‘Return to your
land and to your relatives, and I do good to
you,’

10 “I do not deserve the least of all the kind
acts and all the truth which You have shown
Your servant, for I passed over this Yardan
with my staff, and now I have become two
groups.

11 “Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my
brother, from the hand of Aushu, for I fear
him, lest he come and shall smite me and
the mother with the children.

12 “For You said, ‘I shall certainly do good to
you, and shall make your seed as the sand of
the sea, which are too numerous to count.’ ”

13 And he spent the night there, and took what
came to his hand as a present for Aushu his
brother –

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male
goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty
cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys
and ten foals.

16 And he gave into the hand of his servants,
every drove by itself, and said to his
servants, “Pass over before me, and put
some distance between drove and drove.”

17 And he commanded the first one, saying,
“When Aushu my brother meets you and
asks you, saying, ‘To whom do you belong,
and where are you going? And whose are
these in front of you?’

18 then you shall say, ‘They are your servant
Ya'auqab’s. It is a present sent to my master
Aushu. And see, he also is behind us.’ ”

19 So he commanded the second, and the third,
and all who followed the droves, saying,
“Speak to Aushu this same word when you
find him,

20 and you shall say, ‘Also look, your servant Ya'auqab is behind us.’ ” For he said, “Let me appease him with the present that goes before me, and after that see his face. He might accept me.”

21 And the present passed over before him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives, and his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford of Yabaq.

23 And he took them and sent them over the stream, and sent over what he had.

24 And Ya'auqab was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

25 And when He saw that He did not overcome him, He touched the socket of his hip. And the socket of Ya'auqab’s hip was dislocated as He wrestled with him.

26 And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I am not letting You go until You have blessed me!”

27 So He asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Ya'auqab.”

28 And He said, “Your name is no longer called Ya'auqab, but Yashar'Al, because you have striven with YaHUaH and with men, and have overcome.”

29 And Ya'auqab asked Him, saying, “Please let me know Your Name.” And He said, “Why do you ask about My Name?” And He blessed him there.

30 And Ya'auqab called the name of the place Phany'Al, “For I have seen YaHUaH face to face, and my life is preserved.”

31 And the sun rose on him as he passed over Phanu'Al, and he limped on his hip.

32 That is why the children of Yashar'Al to this day do not eat the sinew of the hip, which is on the socket of the thigh, because He touched the socket of the thigh of Ya'auqab, in the sinew of the hip.

Chapter 33

1 And Ya'auqab lifted his eyes and looked and saw Aushu coming, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children among La'ah, and Rachal, and the two female servants.

2 And he put the female servants and their children in front, and La'ah and her children behind, and Rachal and YahuSaph last.

3 And he himself passed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Aushu ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, “Who are these with you?” And he said, “The children with whom YaHUaH has favored your servant.”

6 Then the female servants came near, they and their children, and bowed themselves.

7 And La'ah also came near with her children, and they bowed themselves. And YahuSaph and Rachal came near, and they bowed themselves.

8 Then he said, “What do you mean by all this company which I met?” And he said, “To find favor in the eyes of my master.”

9 But Aushu said, “I have enough, my brother, let what you have remain yours.”

10 And Ya'auqab said, “No, please, if I have now found favor in your eyes, then receive my present from my hand, because I have seen your face like seeing the face of YaHUaH, and you were pleased with me.

11 “Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because YaHUaH has favored me, and because I have all I need.” And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, “Let us depart and go, and let me go before you.”

13 But he said to him, “My master knows that the children are weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flocks shall die.

14 “Please let my master go before his servant, and let me lead on slowly according to the pace of the livestock that go before me, and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my master in Shau'yrah.”

15 And Aushu said, “Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me.” But he said, “Why this? Let me find favor in the eyes of my master.”

16 And Aushu returned that day on his way to Shau'yrah.

17 And Ya'auqab set out to Sakathah, and built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. That is why the name of the place is called Sakkuth.

18 And Ya'auqab came safely to the city of Shakam, which is in the land of Kana'aun, when he came from Phadan Aram. And he pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought the portion of the field where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Chamur, Shakam’s father, for one hundred qashytah.

20 And he set up an altar there and called it Al Alahy Yashar'Al.

Chapter 34

1 And Dynah, the daughter of La'ah, whom she had borne to Ya'auqab, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And Shakam, son of Chamur the Chuy, prince of the land, saw her and took her and lay with her, and humbled her.

3 And his being clung to Dynah the daughter of Ya'auqab, and he loved the girl and spoke kindly to the girl.

4 And Shakam spoke to his father Chamur, saying, “Take this girl for me for a wife.”

5 And Ya'auqab heard that he had defiled Dynah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Ya'auqab kept silent until they came.

6 And Chamur, the father of Shakam, went out to Ya'auqab to speak with him.

7 And the sons of Ya'auqab came in from the field when they heard it. And the men were grieved and very wroth, because he had done a senseless deed in Yashar'Al by lying with Ya'auqab’s daughter, which should not be done.

8 But Chamur spoke with them, saying, “My son Shakam’s being longs for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife.

9 “And intermarry with us, give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves,

10 and dwell with us, and let the land be before you. Dwell and move about in it, and have possessions in it.”

11 And Shakam said to her father and her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I give.

12 “Ask of me a bride price and gift ever so high, and I give according to what you say to me, but give me the girl for a wife.”

13 But the sons of Ya'auqab answered Shakam and Chamur his father, and spoke with deceit, because he had defiled Dynah their sister.

14 And they said to them, “We are not able to do this matter, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a reproach to us.

15 “Only on this condition would we agree to you: If you become as we are, to have every male of you circumcised,

16 then we shall give our daughters to you, and take your daughters to us. And we shall dwell with you, and shall become one people.

17 “But if you do not listen to us and be circumcised, we shall take our daughter and go.”

18 And their words pleased Chamur and Shakam, Chamur’s son.

19 And the young man did not delay to do this because he delighted in Ya'auqab’s daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father.

20 And Chamur and Shakam his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying,

21 “These men are at shalum with us, so let them dwell in the land and move about in it. And see, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters for us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 “Only on this condition would the men agree to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised.

23 “Their herds and their possessions, and all their beasts, should they not be ours? Only let us agree with them, and let them dwell with us.”

24 And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Chamur and Shakam his son; every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 And it came to be on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Ya'auqab, Shamau'un and Luy, Dynah’s brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males.

26 And they killed Chamur and Shakam his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dynah from Shakam’s house, and went out.

27 The sons of Ya'auqab came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their flocks and their herds, and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field,

29 and all their wealth. And all their little ones and their wives they took captive, and they plundered all that was in the houses.

30 And Ya'auqab said to Shamau'un and Luy, “You have troubled me by making me a stench among the inhabitants of the land, among the Kana'auny and the Pharazy. And I am few in number, they shall gather themselves against me and shall smite me, and I shall be destroyed, my household and I.”

31 But they said, “Should he treat our sister like a whore?”

Chapter 35

1 And YaHUaH said to Ya'auqab, “Arise, go up to Byth Al and dwell there. And make an altar there to Al who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Aushu your brother.”

2 And Ya'auqab said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign mighty ones that are among you, and cleanse yourselves, and change your garments.

3 “And let us Arise and go up to Byth Al, and let me make there an altar to Al, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me in the way which I have gone.”

4 So they gave Ya'auqab all the foreign mighty ones which were in their hands, and all their earrings which were in their ears. And Ya'auqab hid them under the terebinth tree which was near Shakam.

5 And they departed, and the fear of YaHUaH was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Ya'auqab.

6 And Ya'auqab came to Luz, that is Byth Al, which is in the land of Kana'aun, he and all the people who were with him.

7 And he built there an altar and called the place Al Byth Al, because there YaHUaH appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 And Dabarah, Rabqah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Byth Al under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Alun Bakuth.

9 And YaHUaH appeared to Ya'auqab again, when he came from Phadan Aram, and blessed him.

10 And YaHUaH said to him, "Your name is Ya'auqab, your name is no longer called Ya'auqab, but Yashar'Al is your name." So He called his name Yashar'Al.

11 And YaHUaH said to him, "I am Al Shady. Bear fruit and increase, a nation and a company of nations shall be from you, and sovereigns come from your body.

12 "And the land which I gave Abraham and Yatschaq I give to you. And to your seed after you I give this land."

13 And YaHUaH went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

14 And Ya'auqab set up a standing column in the place where He had spoken with him, a monument of stone. And he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

15 And Ya'auqab called the name of the place where YaHUaH spoke with him, Byth Al.

16 Then they set out from Byth Al. And it came to be, when there was but a little distance to go to Aphrathah, that Rachal began to give birth, and had great difficulty giving birth.

17 And it came to be, as she was having great difficulty giving birth, that the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, for it is another son for you.”

18 And it came to be, as her life was going out – for she died – that she called his name Ban-A'uny. But his father called him Banyamyn.

19 So Rachal died and was buried on the way to Aphrathah, that is Byth Lacham.

20 And Ya'auqab set a standing column on her grave, which is the monument of Rachal’s grave to this day.

21 And Yashar'Al set out and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Adar.

22 And it came to be, when Yashar'Al dwelt in that land, that Ra'uban went and lay with Balhah his father’s concubine. And Yashar'Al heard about it. Now the sons of Ya'auqab were twelve:

23 the sons of La'ah were Ra'uban, Ya'auqab’s first-born, and Shamau'un, and Luy, and Yahudah, and Yash'shakar, and Zabalun;

24 the sons of Rachal were YahuSaph and Banyaman;

25 the sons of Balhah, Rachal’s female servant, were Dan and Naphthaly;

26 and the sons of Zalphah, La'ah’s female servant, were Gad and Ashar. These were the sons of Ya'auqab who were born to him in Phadan Aram.

27 And Ya'auqab came to his father Yatschaq at Mamara, or Qaryth Arbau, that is Chabrun, where Abraham and Yatschaq had dwelt.

28 And the days of Yatschaq were one hundred and eighty years.

29 So Yatschaq breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, aged and satisfied of days. And his sons Aushu and Ya'auqab buried him.

Chapter 36

1 And this is the genealogy of Aushu, who is Adum.

2 Aushu took his wives from the daughters of Kana'aun: Audah the daughter of Aylun the Chathy, and Ahalybamah the daughter of Aunah, the daughter of Tsabau'un the Chuy;

3 and Bashamath, Yashamau'Al’s daughter, sister of Nabyuth.

4 And Audah bore Alyphaz to Aushu, and Bashamath bore Rau'u'Al.

5 And Ahalybamah bore Yau'ush, and Yau'lam, and Qarach. These were the sons of Aushu who were born to him in the land of Kana'aun.

6 And Aushu took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the beings of his household, and his herds and all his beasts, and all his possessions which he had gained in the land of Kana'aun, and went to a land away from the presence of his brother Ya'auqab.

7 For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land of their sojournings could not support them because of their herds.

8 So Aushu dwelt in Mount Shau'yr. Aushu is Adum.

9 And this is the genealogy of Aushu the father of the Adum in Mount Shau'yr.

10 These were the names of Aushu’s sons: Alyphaz son of Audah, wife of Aushu, and Rau'u'Al son of Bashamath, wife of Aushu.

11 And the sons of Alyphaz were Thyman, A'umar, Tsaphu, and Gautham, and Qanaz.

12 And Thamnau was the concubine of Alyphaz, Aushu’s son, and she bore Aumalaq to Alyphaz. These were the sons of Audah, Aushu’s wife.

13 These were the sons of Rau'u'Al: Nachath and Zarach, Shamah and Mazah. These were the sons of Bashamath, Aushu’s wife.

14 These were the sons of Ahalybamah, Aushu’s wife, the daughter of Aunah, the daughter of Tsabau'un. And she bore to Aushu: Yau'ush, and Yau'lam, and Qarach.

15 These were the chiefs of the sons of Aushu. The sons of Alyphaz, the first-born son of Aushu, were Chief Thyman, Chief Aumar, Chief Tsaphu, Chief Qanaz,

16 Chief Qarach, Chief Gautham, Chief Aumalaq. These were the chiefs of Alyphaz in the land of Adum. They were the sons of Audah.

17 And these were the sons of Rau'u'Al, Aushu’s son: Chief Nachath, Chief Zarach, Chief Shamah, and Chief Mazah. These were the chiefs of Rau'u'Al in the land of Adum. These were the sons of Bashamath, Aushu’s wife.

18 And these were the sons of Ahalybamah, Aushu’s wife: Chief Yau'ush, Chief Yau'lam, and Chief Qarach. These were the chiefs descending from Ahalybamah, Aushu’s wife, the daughter of Aunah.

19 These were the sons of Aushu, who is Adum, and these were their chiefs.

20 These were the sons of Shau'yr the Chary who inhabited the land: Lutan, and Shubal, and Tsabau'un, and Aunah,

21 and Dashun, and Atsar, and Dyshan. These were the chiefs of the Charys, the sons of Shau'yr, in the land of Adum.

22 And the sons of Lutan were Chary and Hymam. Lutan’s sister was Thamnau.

23 And these were the sons of Shubal: Aulun, and Manachath, and Auybal, Shapu, and A'unam.

24 And these were the sons of Tsabau'un: both Ayah and Aunah. This was the Aunah who found the water in the wilderness as he fed the donkeys of his father Tsabau'un.

25 And these were the children of Aunah: Dashan and Ahalybamah the daughter of Aunah.

26 And these were the sons of Dyshan: Chamdan, and Ashban, and Yathran, and Karan.

27 These were the sons of Atsar: Balhan, and Zau'un, and Auqan.

28 These were the sons of Dyshan: Au'uts and Aran.

29 These were the chiefs of the Charys: Chief Lutan, Chief Shubal, Chief Tsabau'un, Chief Aunah,

30 Chief Dashan, Chief Atsar, and Chief Dyshan. These were the chiefs of the Charys, according to their chiefs in the land of Shau'yr.

31 And these were the sovereigns who reigned in the land of Adum before any sovereign reigned over the children of Yashar'Al.

32 And Balau the son of Bau'ur reigned in Adum, and the name of his city was Danhabah.

33 And Balau died, and Yubab son of Zarach of Batsrah reigned in his place.

34 And Yubab died, and Chasham of the land of the Thymany reigned in his place.

35 And Chasham died, and Hadad son of Badad, who smote Madyan in the field of Mu'ab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Au'uyth.

36 And Hadad died, and Shamlah of Mashraqah reigned in his place.

37 And Shamlah died, and Sha’ul of Rachabuth by the River reigned in his place.

38 And Sha’ul died, and Ba'aul-Chanan son of Aukbur reigned in his place.

39 And Ba'aul-Chanan son of Aukbur died, and Hadar reigned in his place. And the name of his city was Phau'u. And his wife’s name was Mahytab'Al, the daughter of Matrad, the daughter of My Zahab.

40 And these were the names of the chiefs of Aushu, according to their clans and their places, by their names: Chief Thamnau, Chief Auluah, Chief Yathath,

41 Chief Ahalybamah, Chief Alah, Chief Phynan,

42 Chief Qanaz, Chief Thyman, Chief Mabtsar,

43 Chief Magady'Al, Chief Auyram. These were the chiefs of Adum, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Aushu was the father of the Adum.

Chapter 37

1 And Ya'auqab dwelt in the land of his father’s sojournings, in the land of Kana'aun.

2 This is the genealogy of Ya'auqab.
YahuSaph, being seventeen years old, was
feeding the flock with his brothers. And the
young man was with the sons of Balhah and
the sons of Zalphah, his father's wives. And
YahuSaph brought an evil report of them to
his father.

3 And Yashar'Al loved YahuSaph more than
all his children, because he was the son of
his old age. And he made him a long robe.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father
loved him more than all his brothers, they
hated him and were not able to speak
peaceably to him.

5 And YahuSaph dreamed a dream, and told it
to his brothers. So they hated him even
more.

6 And he said to them, "Please listen to this
dream which I have dreamed:

7 "See, we were binding sheaves in the midst
of the field, and see, my sheaf rose up and
also stood up. And see, your sheaves stood
all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

8 And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Shall you indeed rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 And he dreamed still another dream and related it to his brothers, and said, “See, I have dreamed another dream, and see, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

10 And he related it to his father and his brothers. And his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall we, your mother and I and your brothers, indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”

11 And his brothers envied him, but his father guarded the word.

12 And his brothers went to feed their father’s flock in Shakam.

13 And Yashar'Al said to YahuSaph, “Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shakam? Come, I send you to them.” So he said to him, “Here I am.”

14 And he said to him, “Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the sheep, and bring back word to me.” So he sent him out of the Valley of Chabrun, and he went to Shakamah.

15 And a certain man found him, and see, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, “What do you seek?”

16 And he said, “I am seeking my brothers. Please inform me where they are feeding their sheep.”

17 And the man said, “They have left here, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go towards Dathynah.’ ” So YahuSaph went after his brothers and found them in Dathan.

18 And they saw him from a distance, and before he came near them, they plotted against him, to kill him.

19 And they said to each other, “See, this master of dreams is coming!

20 “Now, then, come and let us now kill him
and throw him into some pit, and shall say,
‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’ Let us
then see what comes of his dreams!”

21 But Ra'uban heard and rescued him from
their hands, and said, “Let us not take his
life.”

22 And Ra'uban said to them, “Shed no blood.
Throw him into this pit which is in the
wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him” –
in order to rescue him out of their hands,
and bring him back to his father.

23 So it came to be, when YahuSaph had come
to his brothers, that they stripped YahuSaph
of his robe, the long robe which was on him.

24 And they took him and threw him into a pit.
And the pit was empty, there was no water
in it.

25 And they sat down to eat a meal. And they lifted their eyes and looked and saw a company of Yashamau'Alym, coming from Gal'aud with their camels, bearing spices, and balm, and myrrh, going to take them down to Matsrymah.

26 And Yahudah said to his brothers, “What would we gain if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

27 “Come and let us sell him to the Yashamau'Alym, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our flesh.” And his brothers listened.

28 And men, Madyanym traders passed by, so they pulled YahuSaph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Yashamau'Alym for twenty pieces of silver. And they took YahuSaph to Matsrymah.

29 And Ra'uban returned to the pit, and see, YahuSaph was not in the pit. And he tore his garments.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone! And I, where am I to go?”

31 So they took YahuSaph's robe, killed a male goat, and dipped the robe in the blood,

32 and sent the long robe and brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Please look, is it the robe of your son or not?"

33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe. An evil beast has devoured him. YahuSaph is torn, torn to pieces."

34 And Ya'auqab tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "Now let me go down into the grave to my son in mourning." So his father wept for him.

36 And the Madyanym had sold him in Matsrym to Phutyphar, an officer of Pharauh and captain of the guard.

Chapter 38

1 And at that time it came to be that Yahudah left his brothers, and turned aside to a man, an Audalamy whose name was Chayrah.

2 And Yahudah saw there a daughter of a certain Kana'auny whose name was Shu'au. And he took her and went in to her.

3 So she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Aur.

4 And she conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name A'unan.

5 And she conceived yet again and bore a son, and called his name Shalach. And he was at Kazyb when she bore him.

6 And Yahudah took a wife for Aur his first-born, and her name was Thamar.

7 But Aur, Yahudah’s first-born, was evil in the eyes of YaHUaH, and YaHUaH took his life.

8 And Yahudah said to A'unan, “Go in to your brother’s wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother.”

9 And A'unan knew that the offspring would not be his. And it came to be, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled on the ground, lest he should give an offspring to his brother.

10 But what he did displeased YaHUaH, so He took his life too.

11 Then Yahudah said to Thamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shalach is grown." For he said, "Lest he also die as his brothers did." And Thamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 And after a long time the daughter of Shuau, Yahudah's wife, died. And Yahudah was comforted, and went up to his sheep-shearers at Thamnathah, he and his friend Chayrah the Audalamy.

13 And it was reported to Thamar, saying, "See, your father-in-law is going up to Thamnathah to shear his sheep."

14 And she took off her widow's garments, and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself, and sat at the entrance to Auynym which was on the way to Thamnathah. For she saw that Shalach was grown, and she was not given to him as a wife.

15 And Yahudah saw her, and reckoned her for a whore, for she had covered her face.

16 And he turned aside to her by the way, and said, "Please let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What do you give me to come in to me?"

17 And he said, "Let me send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "Do you give me a pledge until you send it?"

18 So he said, "What pledge should I give you?" And she said, "Your seal and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." And he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose and went away, and removed her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Yahudah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend the Audalamy, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand, but he did not find her.

21 And he asked the men of that place, saying, "Where is the cult prostitute who was beside the way to Auynym?" And they said, "There was no cult prostitute in this place."

22 And he returned to Yahudah and said, "I have not found her. And the men of the place also said there was no cult prostitute in this place."

23 And Yahudah said, "Let her take them for herself, lest we become despised, for I sent this young goat and you have not found her."

24 And it came to be, about three months after, that Yahudah was informed, saying, “Thamar your daughter-in-law has whored, and see, she has conceived by whoring.” And Yahudah said, “Bring her out and let her be burned!”

25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please examine whose these are: the seal and the cord and the staff.”

26 And Yahudah examined and said, “She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shalach my son.” And he never knew her again.

27 And it came to be, at the time for giving birth, that see, twins were in her womb.

28 And it came to be, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his hand. And the midwife took a scarlet thread and bound it on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.”

29 And it came to be, as he drew back his hand, that see, his brother came out! And she said, “How did you break through? This breach be upon you!” So his name was called Pharats.

30 And afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand. So his name was called Zarach.

Chapter 39

1 And YahuSaph had been taken down to Matsrymah. And Phutyphar, an officer of Pharauh, captain of the guard, a Matsry, bought him from the Yashamau'Alym who had taken him down there.

2 And it came to be that YaHUaH was with YahuSaph, and he became a prosperous man, and was in the house of his master the Matsry.

3 And his master saw that YaHUaH was with him and that YaHUaH made all he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So YahuSaph found favor in his eyes, and served him, and he appointed him over his house, and gave into his hand all that he had.

5 And it came to be, from the time that he appointed him over his house and all that he had, that YaHUaH blessed the Matsry house for YahuSaph's sake. And the blessing of YaHUaH was on all that he had in the house and in the field.

6 And he left in YahuSaph's hand all that he had, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. And YahuSaph was handsome in form and appearance.

7 And after these events it came to be that his master's wife lifted up her eyes to YahuSaph and said, "Lie with me."

8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has given into my hand all that he has.

9 “No one is greater in this house than I, and he has not withheld whatever from me but you, because you are his wife. And how shall I do this great evil and sin against YaHUaH?”

10 And it came to be, as she spoke to YahuSaph day by day, that he did not listen to her, to lie with her, to be with her.

11 And it came to be on a certain day, when YahuSaph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside,

12 that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

13 And it came to be, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, “See, he has brought in to us a Abary to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

15 “And it came to be, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside.”

16 And she kept his garment with her until his master came home.

17 And she spoke to him these same words, saying, “The Abary servant whom you brought to us came in to me, to mock me,

18 so it came to be, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside.”

19 And it came to be, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me according to these words,” that his displeasure burned.

20 Then YahuSaph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the sovereign’s prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

21 But YaHUaH was with YahuSaph and extended kindness to him, and He gave him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

22 And the prison warden gave into the hand of YahuSaph all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there was his doing.

23 The prison warden did not look into any point that was under YahuSaph's hand, because YaHUaH was with him. And whatever he did, YaHUaH made it prosper.

Chapter 40

1 And after these events it came to be that the cupbearer and the baker of the sovereign of Matsrym sinned against their master, the sovereign of Matsrym.

2 And Pharauh was wroth with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where YahuSaph was a prisoner.

4 And the captain of the guard put YahuSaph in charge of them, and he served them. So they were in confinement for some time.

5 Then the cupbearer and the baker of the sovereign of Matsrym, who were confined in the prison, dreamed a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation.

6 And YahuSaph came in to them in the morning and looked at them and saw that they were sad.

7 And he asked Pharauh's officers who were with him in confinement of his master's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"

8 And they said to him, "We each have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it." And YahuSaph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to YaHUaH? Relate them to me, please."

9 So the chief cupbearer related his dream to YahuSaph, and said to him, "See, in my dream a vine was before me,

10 and in the vine were three branches, and it was as though it budded – its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes.

11 “And Pharauh’s cup was in my hand. So I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharauh’s cup, and placed the cup in Pharauh’s hand.”

12 And YahuSaph said to him, “This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days.

13 “Yet, within three days Pharauh is going to lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you shall put Pharauh’s cup in his hand according to the former ruling, when you were his cupbearer.

14 “But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me. And mention me to Pharauh, and get me out of this house.

15 “For truly I was stolen away from the land of the Abarym. And also I have done naught that they should put me into the dungeon.”

16 And the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, and he said to YahuSaph, “I also was in my dream and saw three white baskets were on my head,

17 and in the uppermost basket all kinds of baked goods for Pharauh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.”

18 And YahuSaph answered and said, “This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days.

19 “Yet, within three days Pharauh is going to lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree. And the birds shall eat your flesh from you.”

20 And on the third day, Pharauh’s birthday, it came to be that he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and of the chief baker among his servants,

21 and he restored the chief cupbearer to his post of cupbearer again, and he placed the cup in Pharauh’s hand,

22 but he hanged the chief baker, as YahuSaph had interpreted to them.

23 And the chief cupbearer did not remember YahuSaph, but forgot him.

Chapter 41

1 And it came to be, at the end of two years' time, that Pharauh had a dream, and saw him standing by the river,

2 and saw seven cows coming up out of the river, fine looking and fat, and they fed amongst the reeds,

3 then saw seven other cows coming up after them out of the river, ugly and lean of flesh, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.

4 And the ugly and lean of flesh cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. Then Pharauh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed a second time and saw seven heads of grain coming up on one stalk, plump and good,

6 and saw seven lean heads, scorched by the east wind, coming up after them.

7 And the seven lean heads swallowed the seven plump and complete heads. Then Pharauh awoke and saw it was a dream.

8 And it came to be in the morning that his spirit was moved, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Matsrym and all its wise men. And Pharauh related to them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharauh.

9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharauh, saying, “I remember my crimes this day.

10 “When Pharauh was wroth with his servants, and put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker,

11 each one of us dreamed a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

12 “And there was with us a Abary youth, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we related to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each man he interpreted according to his own dream.

13 “And it came to be, as he interpreted for us, so it came to be. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.”

14 Then Pharauh sent and called YahuSaph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon. And he shaved and changed his garments, and came to Pharauh.

15 And Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one to interpret it. Now I myself have heard it said of you that you understand a dream, to interpret it.”

16 And YahuSaph answered Pharauh, saying, “It is not in me, let YaHUaH answer Pharauh with shalum.”

17 And Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “See, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river

18 and saw seven cows coming up out of the river, fine looking and fat, and they fed amongst the reeds,

19 then saw seven other cows coming up after them, poor and very ugly and lean of flesh, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Matsrym.

20 “And the lean of flesh and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows.

21 “Yet when they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were as ugly as at the beginning. Then I awoke.

22 “Also, I looked in my dream and saw seven heads coming up on one stalk, complete and good,

23 then saw seven heads, withered, lean, scorched by the east wind, coming up after them.

24 “And the lean heads swallowed the seven good heads. And I spoke to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.”

25 And YahuSaph said to Pharauh, “The dream of Pharauh is one. YaHUaH has shown Pharauh what He is about to do:

26 “The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years – it is one dream.

27 “And the seven lean and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty heads scorched by the east wind are seven years of scarcity of food.

28 “This is the word which I spoke to Pharauh: YaHUaH has shown Pharauh what He is about to do.

29 “See, seven years of great plenty are coming in all the land of Matsrym,

30 but after them seven years of scarcity of food shall Arise and all the plenty be forgotten in the land of Matsrym. And the scarcity of food shall destroy the land,

31 and the plenty shall not be remembered in the land, because of the scarcity of food following, for it is very severe.

32 “And the dream was repeated to Pharauh twice because the word is established by YaHUaH, and YaHUaH is hastening to do it.

33 “And now, let Pharauh look for a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Matsrym.

34 “Let Pharauh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, to take up one-fifth of the land of Matsrym in the seven years of plenty.

35 “And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the hand of Pharauh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 “And the food shall be for a store for the land for the seven years of scarcity of food which shall be in the land of Matsrym, and do not let the land be cut off by the scarcity of food.”

37 And the word was good in the eyes of Pharauh and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharauh said to his servants, “Could we find another like him, a man in whom is the Spirit of ALuah?”

39 Then Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “Since ALuah has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

40 “Be over my house, you yourself, and at your mouth all my people shall kiss – only in the throne I am greater than you.”

41 And Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Matsrym.”

42 And Pharauh took his seal-ring off his hand and put it on YahuSaph’s hand. And he dressed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had. And they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” And he set him over all the land of Matsrym.

44 And Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “I am Pharauh, and without a word from you let no man lift his hand or foot in all the land of Matsrym.”

45 And Pharauh called YahuSaph’s name Zaphnath-Phau'nach. And he gave him as a wife Asanath, the daughter of Puty-Pharau priest of An. And YahuSaph went out over all the land of Matsrym.

46 Now YahuSaph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharauh sovereign of Matsrym. And YahuSaph went out from the presence of Pharauh, and went throughout all the land of Matsrym.

47 And in the seven years of plenty the ground brought forth generously.

48 And he gathered all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Matsrym, and laid up the food in the cities. He laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them.

49 Thus YahuSaph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he ceased counting, for it was without number.

50 And to YahuSaph were born two sons before the years of scarcity of food came, whom Asanath, the daughter of Puty-Pharau priest of On, bore to him.

51 And YahuSaph called the name of the first-born Manashah, “For YaHUaH has made me forget all my toil and all my father’s house.”

52 And the name of the second he called Apharym, “For YaHUaH has caused me to bear fruit in the land of my affliction.”

53 And the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Matsrym came to an end,

54 and the seven years of scarcity of food began to come, as YahuSaph had said. And the scarcity of food was in all lands, but in all the land of Matsrym there was bread.

55 But when all the land of Matsrym hungered, and the people cried to Pharauh for bread, Pharauh said to all the Matsrym, “Go to YahuSaph, do whatever he says to you.”

56 And the scarcity of food was over all the face of the earth, and YahuSaph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Matsrym. And the scarcity of food was severe in the land of Matsrym.

57 And all the earth came to YahuSaph in Matsrymah to buy grain, because the scarcity of food was severe in all the earth.

Chapter 42

1 And when Ya'auqab saw that there was grain in Matsrym, Ya'auqab said to his sons, “Why do you look at each other?”

2 And he said, “See, I have heard that there is grain in Matsrym. Go down to that place and buy for us there, and let us live and not die.”

3 And YahuSaph’s ten brothers went down to buy grain in Matsrym.

4 But Ya'auqab did not send YahuSaph’s brother Banyamyn with his brothers, for he said, “Lest some harm come to him.”

5 And the sons of Yashar'Al went to buy grain among those who journeyed, for the scarcity of food was in the land of Kana'aun.

6 And YahuSaph was the governor over the land, he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And YahuSaph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And YahuSaph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke to them harshly, and said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Kana'aun to buy food."

8 So YahuSaph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

9 And YahuSaph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"

10 And they said to him, "No, my master, but your servants have come to buy food.

11 “We are all one man’s sons, we are trustworthy, your servants are not spies.”

12 But he said to them, “No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land.”

13 And they said, “Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Kana'aun. And see, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no more.”

14 And YahuSaph said to them, “It is as I spoke to you, saying, ‘You are spies!’

15 “By this you shall be proven: By the life of Pharauh, you do not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

16 “Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you are kept in prison. So let your words be proven to see whether there is any truth in you, or else, by the life of Pharauh, you are spies!”

17 And he put them all together in prison for three days.

18 Now YahuSaph said to them the third day, “Do this and live, for I fear YaHUaH:

19 “If you are trustworthy, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house, and you, go, bring grain for the scarcity of food of your houses.

20 “And bring your youngest brother to me, and let your words be confirmed, and you do not die.” And so they did.

21 And they said to each other, “Truly, we are guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the distress of his life when he pleaded with us, yet we did not listen, that is why this distress has come upon us.”

22 And Ra'uban answered them, saying, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy,’ and you would not listen? And see, his blood is now required of us.”

23 And they did not know that YahuSaph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself away from them and wept, but came back to them and spoke to them. And he took Shamau'un from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 And YahuSaph commanded and they filled their sacks with grain, also to put back every man's silver to his sack, and to give them food for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

26 So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and went from there.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his silver, for there it was in the mouth of his sack!

28 And he said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned, and there it is, in my sack!" And their hearts sank and they were afraid, saying to each other, "What is this that YaHUaH has done to us?"

29 So they came to Ya'auqab their father in the land of Kana'aun and reported to him all that befell them, saying,

30 "The man, the master of the land, spoke to us harshly, and took us for spies of the land.

31 "But we said to him, 'We are trustworthy, we are not spies.

32 ‘We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is today with our father in the land of Kana'aun.’

33 “And the man, the master of the land, said to us, ‘By this I know that you are trustworthy: Leave one of your brothers here with me, and take food for the scarcity of food of your households, and go.

34 ‘And bring your youngest brother to me, then I know that you are not spies, but that you are trustworthy – I give your brother to you, and you move about in the land.’ ”

35 And it came to be as they emptied their sacks, that look, the bundle of each man’s silver was in his sack! And when they and their father saw the bundles of silver, they were afraid.

36 And Ya'auqab their father said to them, “You have bereaved me – YahuSaph is no more, and Shamau'un is no more, and you would take Banyaman! All this is against me.”

37 So Ra'uban spoke to his father, saying, “Take the lives of my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I myself bring him back to you.”

38 But he said, “My son is not going down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any harm should come to him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.”

Chapter 43

1 But the scarcity of food was severe in the land.

2 And it came to be, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Matsrym, that their father said to them, “Go back, buy us a little food.”

3 But Yahudah spoke to him, saying, “The man vehemently warned us, saying, ‘You do not see my face unless your brother is with you.’ ”

4 “If you let our brother go with us, we go
down and buy you food.
5 “But if you do not let him go, we do not go
down, because the man said to us, ‘You do
not see my face unless your brother is with
you.’ ”
6 And Yashar'Al said, “Why did you do evil to
me to inform the man that you still had
another brother?”
7 And they said, “The man kept asking about
us and our relatives, saying, ‘Is your father
still alive? Have you another brother?’ And
we informed him according to these words.
How could we know that he would say,
‘Bring your brother down’?”
8 And Yahudah said to Yashar'Al his father,
“Send the boy with me, and let us Arise and
go, and live and not die, both we and you
and also our little ones.

9 “I myself shall stand guaranty for him –
from my hand you are to require him. If I do
not bring him back to you and set him
before you, then let me bear the blame
forever.

10 “For if we had not delayed, truly by now we
could have returned this second time.”

11 And their father Yashar'Al said to them, “If
so, then do this: Take some of the best fruit
of the land in your vessels and bring a
present down for the man, a little balm and
a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and
almonds.

12 “And take double silver in your hand, and
take back in your hand the silver that was
returned in the mouth of your sacks. It
could have been a mistake.

13 “And take your brother, and Arise, go back
to the man.

14 “And Al Shady give to you compassion
before the man, so that he shall release your
other brother and Banyamyn. And I, if I am
bereaved, I am bereaved!”

15 And the men took that present and Banyaman, and they took double the amount of silver in their hand, and arose and went down to Matsrym, and stood before YahuSaph.

16 And YahuSaph saw Banyamyn with them, and said to the one over his house, “Bring the men home, and make a great slaughter, and prepare, for these men are to eat with me at noon.”

17 And the man did as YahuSaph said, and the man brought the men into YahuSaph’s house.

18 And the men were afraid because they were brought into YahuSaph’s house. And they said, “It is because of the silver, which was put back into our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, to throw himself upon us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves, our donkeys too.”

19 So they came near to the man over the house of YahuSaph, and spoke to him at the door of the house,

20 and said, “O my master, we indeed came
down the first time to buy food,

21 but it came to be, when we came to the
lodging place, that we opened our sacks and
saw each man’s silver in the mouth of his
sack, our silver in its weight. And we have
brought it back in our hand.

22 “And we have brought down other silver in
our hands to buy food. We do not know who
put our silver in our sacks.”

23 But he said, “Shalum be with you, do not be
afraid. YaHUaH your ALuah and the ALuah
of your father has given you treasure in
your sacks – your silver had come to me!”
And he brought Shamau'un out to them.

24 And the man brought the men into
YahuSaph’s house and gave them water, and
they washed their feet. And he gave their
donkeys fodder.

25 And they made the present ready for
YahuSaph’s coming at noon, for they heard
that they were to eat there.

26 And when YahuSaph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand, into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth.

27 And he asked them about their welfare, and said, “Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?”

28 And they said, “Your servant our father is in good health, he is still alive.” And they bowed their heads down and did obeisance.

29 And he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Banyamyn, his mother’s son, and said, “Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?” And he said, “YaHUaH show favor to you, my son.”

30 And YahuSaph hurried, for his emotions were deeply moved towards his brother, and he looked for a place to weep, and went into his room and wept there.

31 Then he washed his face and came out, and controlled himself, and said, “Serve the food.”

32 And they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Matsrym who ate with him by themselves, for the Matsrym could not eat food with the Abarym, for that is an abomination to the Matsrym.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at each other in astonishment.

34 And he took portions to them from before him, but Banyaman's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they feasted and they drank with him.

Chapter 44

1 And he commanded the one over his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as they are able to bear, and put each man's silver in the mouth of his sack.

2 “And put my cup, the silver cup, in the
mouth of the sack of the youngest, and the
silver for his grain.” And he did according to
the word of YahuSaph which he spoke.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men
were sent away, they and their donkeys.

4 And when they had gone out of the city, not
having gone far, YahuSaph said to the one
over his house, “Rise up, follow the men,
and when you overtake them, say to them,
‘Why have you repaid evil for good?

5 ‘Is this not the one from which my master
drinks, and with which he indeed Nachash?
You have done evil in what you have done.’
”

6 So he overtook them and spoke these words
to them.

7 And they said to him, “Why does my master
say these words? Far be it from us that your
servants should do according to this word.

8 “See, we brought back to you from the land of Kana'aun the silver which we found in the mouth of our sacks. How then should we steal silver or gold from your master’s house?

9 “With whomever of your servants it is found – he shall die and we shall become my master’s slaves as well.”

10 And he said, “Now also let it be according to your words: he with whom it is found becomes my slave, and you are innocent.”

11 And they hurried, each man let down his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack.

12 And he searched, with the oldest first and with the youngest last, and the cup was found in Banyaman’s sack.

13 And they tore their garments, and each man loaded his donkey and went back to the city.

14 And Yahudah and his brothers came to YahuSaph’s house, and he was still there. And they fell before him on the ground.

15 And YahuSaph said to them, “What deed is this you have done? Did you not know that a man like me indeed Nachash?”

16 And Yahudah said, “What do we say to my master? What do we speak? Or how do we clear ourselves? YaHUaH has found out the crookedness of your servants. See, we are my master’s slaves, both we and he also with whom the cup was found.”

17 But he said, “Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose hand the cup was found, he becomes my slave. And you, go up in shalum to your father.”

18 And Yahudah came near to him and said, “O my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master’s hearing, and do not let your displeasure burn against your servant, for you are like Pharauh.

19 “My master asked his servants, saying, ‘Have you a father or a brother?’

20 “And we said to my master, ‘We have a father, an old man, and a young child of his old age, and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother’s children, and his father loves him.’

21 “And you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me, and let me set my eyes on him.’

22 “And we said to my master, ‘The boy is not able to leave his father, for if he leaves his father, his father shall die.’

23 “But you said to your servants, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you do not see my face again.’

24 “And it came to be, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the words of my master.

25 “And our father said, ‘Go back and buy us a little food.’

26 “But we said, ‘We are not able to go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we shall go down, for we are not able to see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’

27 “Then your servant my father said to us,
‘You know that my wife bore me two sons,
28 and the one went out from me, and I said,
“Truly, he is torn, torn to pieces!” And I have
not seen him since.
29 ‘And if you take this one from me too, and
harm comes to him, you shall bring down
my gray hair with evil to the grave.’
30 “And now, if I come to your servant my
father and the boy is not with us – since his
own life is bound up in his life –
31 then it shall be, when he sees that the boy is
not with us, that he shall die. So your
servants shall bring down the gray hair of
your servant our father with evil to the
grave.
32 “For your servant went guaranty for the boy
to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him
back to you, then I shall be a sinner before
my father forever.’
33 “And now, please let your servant remain
instead of the boy as a slave to my master,
and let the boy go up with his brothers.

34 “For how do I go up to my father if the boy is not with me, lest I see the evil that would come upon my father?”

Chapter 45

1 And YahuSaph was unable to restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he called out, “Have everyone go out from me!” So no one stood with him while YahuSaph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept aloud, and the Matsrym and the house of Pharauh heard it.

3 And YahuSaph said to his brothers, “I am YahuSaph, is my father still alive?” But his brothers were unable to answer him, for they trembled before him.

4 Then YahuSaph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” And when they came near, he said, “I am YahuSaph your brother, whom you sold into Matsrymah.

5 “And now, do not be grieved nor displeased with yourselves because you sold me here, for YaHUaH sent me before you to preserve life.

6 “For two years now the scarcity of food has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there is neither ploughing nor harvesting.

7 “And YaHUaH sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to give life to you by a great escape.

8 “So then, you did not send me here, but YaHUaH. And He has set me for a father to Pharauh, and master of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Matsrym.

9 “Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son YahuSaph, “YaHUaH has made me master of all Matsrym. Come down to me, do not delay.

10 “And you shall dwell in the land of Gashan, and be near to me, you and your children, your children’s children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11 “And I shall provide for you there, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty, because five years of scarcity of food are still to come.” ’

12 “And look, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Banyamyn see that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

13 “And you shall inform my father of all my esteem in Matsrym, and of all that you have seen. And you shall hurry and bring my father down here.”

14 And he fell on his brother Banyaman’s neck and wept, and Banyaman wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him.

16 And the report of it was heard by the house of Pharauh, saying, “The brothers of YahuSaph have come.” And it was good in the eyes of Pharauh and in the eyes of his servants.

17 And Pharauh said to YahuSaph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your beasts and go, enter the land of Kana'aun,

18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and I give you the best of the land of Matsrym, and you eat the fat of the land.

19 ‘And you, you have been commanded, do this: Take wagons out of the land of Matsrym for your little ones and your wives. And you shall bring your father, and come.

20 ‘And do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Matsrym is yours.’ ”

21 And the sons of Yashar'Al did so. And YahuSaph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharauh, and he gave them food for the journey.

22 He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments, but to Banyaman he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments.

23 And he sent to his father this: ten donkeys loaded with the best of Matsrym, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, and bread, and food for his father for the journey.

24 So he sent his brothers away, and they left. And he said to them, “Do not quarrel along the way.”

25 And they went up out of Matsrym, and came to the land of Kana'aun to Ya'auqab their father.

26 And they told him, saying, “YahuSaph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Matsrym.” And Ya'auqab’s heart ceased, for he did not believe them.

27 But when they spoke to him all the words which YahuSaph had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons which YahuSaph had sent to transport him, the spirit of Ya'auqab their father revived.

28 And Yashar'Al said, “Enough! My son YahuSaph is still alive. Let me go and see him before I die.”

Chapter 46

1 And Yashar'Al set out with all that he had, and came to Bar Shabau, and brought offerings to the ALuah of his father Yatschaq.

2 And YaHUaH spoke to Yashar'Al in the visions of the night, and said, “Ya'auqab, Ya'auqab!” And he said, “Here I am.”

3 And He said, “I am the Al, ALuah of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Matsrymah, for I shall make you there into a great nation.

4 “I Myself am going down with you to Matsrymah and I Myself shall certainly bring you up again. And let YahuSaph put his hand on your eyes.”

5 And Ya'auqab rose up from Bar Shabau. And the sons of Yashar'Al brought their father Ya'auqab, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharauh had sent to transport him.

6 And they took their livestock and their property which they had acquired in the land of Kana'aun, and came into Matsrymah, Ya'auqab and all his seed with him.

7 His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him to Matsrymah.

8 And these were the names of the children of Yashar'Al, Ya'auqab and his sons, who came into Matsrymah: Ra'uban was Ya'auqab's first-born.

9 And the sons of Ra'uban: Chanuk, and Phalua, and Chatsran, and Karmy.

10 And the sons of Shamau'un: Yamu'Al, and Yamyn, and Ahad, and Yakyn, and Tsachar, and Sha'ul, son of a Kana'aunyth woman.

11 And the sons of Luy: Garshun, Qahath, and Marary.

12 And the sons of Yahudah: Aur, and A'unan, and Shalach, and Pharats, and Zarach – but Aur and A'unan died in the land of Kana'aun. And the sons of Pharats were Chatsran and Chamul.

13 And the sons of Yash'shakar: Thulau, and Phuah, and Yub, and Shamran.

14 And the sons of Zabalun: Sarad, and Alun, and Yachal'Al.

15 These were the sons of La'ah, whom she bore to Ya'auqab in Phadan Aram, with his daughter Dynah. All the beings, his sons and his daughters, were thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad: Tsaphyun and Chagy, Shuny and Atsban, Au'ry and Arudy, and Ar'Aly.

17 And the sons of Ashar: Yamnah, and Yashuah, and Yashuy, and Bary'auh, and Sarach, their sister. And the sons of Bary'auh: Chabar and Malky'Al.

18 These were the sons of Zalphah, whom Laban gave to La'ah his daughter. And these she bore to Ya'auqab: sixteen beings.

19 The sons of Rachal, Ya'auqab’s wife: YahuSaph and Banyaman.

20 And to YahuSaph in the land of Matsrym were born Manashah and Apharym, whom Asanath, the daughter of Puty-Pharau priest of An, bore to him.

21 And the sons of Banyaman: Balau, and Bakar, and Ashbal, Gara and Na'auman, Achy and Rash, Maphym and Chaphym, and Arad.

22 These were the sons of Rachal who were born to Ya'auqab: fourteen beings in all.

23 And the son of Dan: Chashym.

24 And the sons of Naphthaly: Yachatsa'Al, and Guny, and Yatsar, and Shalam.

25 These were the sons of Balhah, whom Laban gave to Rachal his daughter, and she bore these to Ya'auqab: seven beings in all.

26 All the beings who went with Ya'auqab to Matsrymah, who came from his body, besides Ya'auqab’s sons’ wives, were sixty-six beings in all.

27 And the sons of YahuSaph who were born to him in Matsrym were two beings. All the beings of the house of Ya'auqab who went to Matsrymah were seventy.

28 And he sent Yahudah before him to YahuSaph, to point out before him the way to Gashanah. And they came to the land of Gashan.

29 And YahuSaph made ready his chariot and went up to Gashanah to meet his father Yashar'Al. And he appeared to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

30 And Yashar'Al said to YahuSaph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive.”

31 And YahuSaph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I am going up to inform Pharauh, and say to him, ‘My brothers and those of my father’s house, who were in the land of Kana'aun, have come to me.

32 ‘And the men are shepherds, that they have been men of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds, and all that they have.’

33 “And it shall be, when Pharauh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’

34 that you shall say, ‘Your servants have been men of livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,’ so that you dwell in the land of Gashan, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Matsrym.”

Chapter 47

1 Then YahuSaph went and spoke to Pharauh, and said, “My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Kana'aun. And see, they are in the land of Gashan.”

2 And he took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharauh.

3 And Pharauh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharauh, “Your servants are shepherds, both we and also our fathers.”

4 And they said to Pharauh, “We have come to dwell in the land, because there is no pasture for your servant’s flocks, for the scarcity of food is severe in the land of Kana'aun. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Gashan.”

5 And Pharauh spoke to YahuSaph, saying, “Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 “The land of Matsrym is before you. Settle your father and brothers in the best of the land, let them dwell in the land of Gashan. And if you know of capable men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.”

7 And YahuSaph brought in his father Ya'auqab and set him before Pharauh. And Ya'auqab blessed Pharauh.

8 And Pharauh said to Ya'auqab, “How old are you?”

9 And Ya'auqab said to Pharauh, “The days of the years of my sojournings are one hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not reached the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojournings.”

10 And Ya'auqab blessed Pharauh, and went out from before Pharauh.

11 So YahuSaph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Matsrym, in the best of the land, in the land of Rau'masas, as Pharauh had commanded.

12 And YahuSaph provided his father, and his brothers, and all his father’s household with bread for the mouth of the little ones.

13 Now there was no bread in all the land, because the scarcity of food was very severe, and the land of Matsrym and all the land of Kana'aun became exhausted from the scarcity of food.

14 And YahuSaph gathered up all the silver that was found in the land of Matsrym and in the land of Kana'aun, for the grain which they bought. And YahuSaph brought the silver into Pharauh’s house.

15 And when the silver was all spent in the land of Matsrym and in the land of Kana'aun, all the Matsrym came to YahuSaph and said, “Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the silver is gone!”

16 And YahuSaph said, “Give your livestock, and I give you bread for your livestock, if the silver is gone.”

17 So they brought their livestock to YahuSaph, and YahuSaph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks they owned, and for the herds they owned, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock that year.

18 And when that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, “We do not hide from my master that our silver is all spent, and my master also has the livestock we owned. There has not any been left before my master but our bodies and our lands.

19 “Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and let us and our land be servants of Pharauh. And give us seed, and let us live and not die, and let the land not lie waste.”

20 And YahuSaph bought the entire land of Matsrym for Pharauh, because every man of the Matsrym sold his field, because the scarcity of food was severe upon them. And the land came to be Pharauh’s.

21 And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, from one end of the borders of Matsrym to the other end.

22 Only the ground of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a portion assigned to them by Pharauh, and they ate their portion which Pharauh gave them. Therefore they did not sell their ground.

23 And YahuSaph said to the people, “Look, I have bought you and your land today for Pharauh. Look, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

24 “And it shall be that in the harvest you shall give one-fifth to Pharauh. And four-fifths is your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones.”

25 And they said, “You have saved our lives. Let us find favor in the eyes of my master, and we shall become Pharauh’s servants.”

26 And YahuSaph made it a law over the land of Matsrym to this day, that Pharauh should have one-fifth, except for the ground of the priests only, which did not become Pharauh's.

27 And Yashar'Al dwelt in the land of Matsrym, in the land of Gashan. And they had possessions there and bore fruit and increased exceedingly.

28 And Ya'auqab lived in the land of Matsrym seventeen years. So the length of Ya'auqab's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 And the time for Yashar'Al to die drew near, and he called his son YahuSaph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and show kindness and truth to me. Please do not bury me in Matsrym,

30 but I shall lie with my fathers, and you shall take me up out of Matsrym and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I do as you have said."

31 And he said, “Swear to me.” And he swore to him, and Yashar'Al bowed himself on the head of the bed.

Chapter 48

1 And after these events it came to be that it was said to YahuSaph, “See, your father is sick.” And he took with him his two sons, Manashah and Apharym.

2 And Ya'auqab was told, “See, your son YahuSaph is coming to you.” And Yashar'Al strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.

3 And Ya'auqab said to YahuSaph, “Al Shady appeared to me at Luz in the land of Kana'aun and blessed me,

4 and said to me, ‘See, I am making you bear fruit and shall increase you and make of you an assembly of peoples, and give this land to your seed after you as an everlasting possession.’

5 “And now, your two sons, Apharym and Manashah, who were born to you in the land of Matsrym before I came to you in Matsrymah, are mine – as Ra'uban and Shamau'un, they are mine.

6 “Your offspring whom you shall bring forth after them are yours, and let them be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 “And I, when I came from Phadan, Rachal died beside me in the land of Kana'aun on the way, when there was but a little distance to go to Aphrathah. And I buried her there on the way to Aphrathah, that is Byth Lacham.”

8 And Yashar'Al saw YahuSaph’s sons, and said, “Who are these?”

9 And YahuSaph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom YaHUaH has given me in this place.” And he said, “Please bring them to me, and let me bless them.”

10 And the eyes of Yashar'Al were dim with age, and he was unable to see. And he drew them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Yashar'Al said to YahuSaph, “I had not thought to see your face. But see, YaHUaH has also shown me your seed!”

12 So YahuSaph brought them from between his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.

13 And YahuSaph took them both, Apharym with his right hand toward Yashar'Al’s left hand, and Manashah with his left hand toward Yashar'Al’s right hand, and brought them near him.

14 And Yashar'Al stretched out his right hand and laid it on Apharym’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manashah’s head, consciously directing his hands, for Manashah was the first-born.

15 And he blessed YahuSaph, and said, “YaHUaH, the ALuah before whom my fathers Abraham and Yatschaq walked, the ALuah who has fed me all my life long to this day,

16 the Messenger who has redeemed me from all evil – bless the youths! And let my name be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Yatschaq. And let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

17 And when YahuSaph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Apharym, it was evil in his eyes; and he took hold of his father’s hand to remove it from the head of Apharym to the head of Manashah.

18 And YahuSaph said to his father, “Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born, put your right hand on his head.”

19 But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also becomes a people, and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother is greater than he, and his seed is to become the completeness of the nations.”

20 And he blessed them on that day, saying, “In you Yashar'Al shall bless, saying, ‘YaHUaH make you as Apharym and as Manashah!’ ” Thus he put Apharym before Manashah.

21 And Yashar'Al said to YahuSaph, “See, I am dying, but YaHUaH shall be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 “And I, I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amary with my sword and with my bow.”

Chapter 49

1 And Ya'auqab called his sons and said, “Gather together, so that I declare to you what is to befall you in the last days:

2 “Gather together and hear, you sons of Ya'auqab, and listen to Yashar'Al your father.

3 “Ra'uban, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.

4 “Boiling like water, you do not excel,
because you went up to your father’s bed,
then you defiled it – he went up to my
couch.

5 “Shamau'un and Luy are brothers, their
weapons are implements of violence.

6 “Let my being not enter their council, let my
esteem not be united to their assembly;
because they slew a man in their
displeasure, and they lamed an ox in
pleasure.

7 “Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce,
and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them
in Ya'auqab and scatter them in Yashar'Al.

8 “You, Yahudah, your brothers praise you;
your hand is on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s children bow down before
you.

9 “Yahudah is a lion’s cub; from the prey you
have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he
crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who
does rouse him?

10 “The scepter shall not turn aside from
Yahudah, nor an Inscriber from between his
feet, until Shylah comes, and to Him is the
obedience of peoples.

11 “Binding his donkey to the vine, and his
donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he washed
his garments in wine, and his robes in the
blood of grapes.

12 “His eyes are darker than wine, and his
teeth whiter than milk.

13 “Zabulan dwells at the seashore, he is for a
haven for ships, and his border is unto
Tsydan.

14 “Yash'shakar is a strong donkey lying down
between two burdens,

15 and he saw that a resting place was good,
and that the land was pleasant, and he
inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and
became a subject to slave labor.

16 “Dan rules his people as one of the tribes of
Yashar'Al.

17 “Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider falls backward.

18 “I have waited for your deliverance, O YaHUaH !

19 “Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.

20 “Bread from Ashar is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.

21 “Naphthaly is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.

22 “YahuSaph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

23 “And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

24 “But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'auqab – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yashar'Al –

25 from the Al of your father who helps you,
and by the Almighty who blesses you with
blessings of the shamaym above, blessings
of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the
breasts and of the womb.

26 “The blessings of your father have excelled
the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit
of the everlasting hills. They are on the head
of YahuSaph, and on the crown of the head
of him who was separated from his
brothers.

27 “Banyamyn is a wolf that tears, in the
morning he eats prey, and at night he
divides the spoil.”

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Yashar'Al,
and this is what their father spoke to them.
And he blessed them, he blessed each one
according to his own blessing.

29 And he commanded 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 Auphrun the Chathy,

30 in the cave that is in the field of Makphalah, which is before Mamara in the land of Kana'aun, which Abraham bought with the field of Auphran the Chathy as a possession for a burial site.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sharah his wife, there they buried Yatschaq and Rabqah his wife, and there I buried La'ah –

32 the field purchased, and the cave which is in it, from the sons of Chath.”

33 And when Ya'auqab ended commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Chapter 50

1 And YahuSaph fell on his father’s face, and wept over him, and kissed him.

2 And YahuSaph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Yashar'Al.

3 And forty days were completed for him, for so are completed the days of embalming. And the Matsrym wept for him seventy days.

4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, YahuSaph spoke to the household of Pharauh, saying, “If, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharauh, saying,

5 ‘My father made me swear, saying, “See, I am dying, bury me in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Kana'aun.” And now, please let me go up and bury my father, and return.’ ”

6 And Pharauh said, “Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.”

7 And YahuSaph went up to bury his father. And with him went up all the servants of Pharauh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Matsrym,

8 and all the house of YahuSaph, and his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Gashan.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Yardan, and they lamented there with a great and very heavy lamentation. And he observed seven days of mourning for his father.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Kana'auny, saw the mourning at the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning for the Matsrym." That is why its name was called Abal Matsrym, which is beyond the Yardan.

12 And his sons did to him as he had commanded them,

13 for his sons brought him to the land of Kana'aun, and buried him in the cave of the field of Makphalah, before Mamara, which Abraham bought with the field from Auphran the Chathy as property for a burial site.

14 And after he had buried his father, YahuSaph returned to Matsrymah, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.

15 And when YahuSaph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if YahuSaph hates us, and pays us back all the evil which we did to him?"

16 And they sent word to YahuSaph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying,

17 'This is what you are to say to YahuSaph, "I beg you, please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the ALuah of your father." And YahuSaph wept when they spoke to him.

18 And his brothers also went and fell down
before his face, and they said, “See, we are
your servants.”

19 And YahuSaph said to them, “Do not fear,
for am I in the place of YaHUaH?

20 “And you, you intended evil against me, but
YaHUaH intended it for good, in order to do
it as it is this day, to keep a great many
people alive.

21 “And now, do not fear, I provide for you and
your little ones.” So he comforted them and
spoke kindly to them.

22 And YahuSaph dwelt in Matsrym, he and his
father’s household. And YahuSaph lived one
hundred and ten years.

23 And YahuSaph saw Apharym children to the
third generation. The children of Makyr, son
of Manashah, were also brought up on
YahuSaph’s knees.

24 And YahuSaph said to his brothers, “I am dying, but YaHUaH shall certainly visit you and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Yatschaq, and to Ya'auqab.”

25 And YahuSaph made the children of Yashar'Al swear, saying, “YaHUaH shall certainly visit you, and you shall bring up my bones from here.”

26 And YahuSaph died, being one hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and he was placed in a coffin in Matsrym.