

The Text of the Yahwist's History*

Gen 2:5 When no plant of the field was yet in the earth, *and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for Yahweh God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground – [...]* ⁷then Yahweh God formed man [...] *from the ground*, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. [...] ⁸And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹*And out of the ground Yahweh God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, [...] and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. [...]* ¹⁵Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” ¹⁸Then Yahweh God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Then out of the ground Yahweh God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. [...] ²⁰The man gave names to all [...] the birds of the air and to every beast of the field; *but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him.* ²¹Then Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; ²²and the rib *which he had taken from the man* Yahweh God made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman (הַאִשָּׁה), because she was taken out of Man (אִישׁ).” [...] ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. [...] ^{3:6}And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, [...] and she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

* The pre-Yahwistic narrative sources are given in normal script. The development of the text on the pre-Yahwistic level is marked by indentation and sometimes by square brackets (e.g. in Gen 4). If the editor moves to another source, this is shown by space line (see e.g. the gap between primeval history and patriarchal history in Gen 11:8 and 29). If the editor merges the sources, space line is combined with indentation (e.g. between Gen 5:32 and 6:1 as well as between Gen 9:18 and 19 for the insertion of the flood story). The editor's own text is marked by *italics*. His contributions constitute the latest level of the text as far as it is shown, the non-J-text being marked by omission signs [...]. Omissions that presumably go back to the editor R^{JP} are hypothetically filled up by [other types] according to the parallel account in the Priestly document P. The English translation follows RSV with some alterations.

⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. [...] ⁸And they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But Yahweh God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done? [...]" ¹⁶[...] I will greatly multiply your pain; [...] in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." ¹⁷And 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, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; [...] ¹⁹[...] till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken." [...] ²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And Yahweh God made for the man and his wife garments of skins, and clothed them. [...] ²³And Yahweh God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. [...] ^{4:1}Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of Yahweh."

²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to Yahweh an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock. [...] And Yahweh had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. [...] ⁸Cain said to Abel his brother ... And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. ⁹Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And Yahweh said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." [...] ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of Yahweh, and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.

And he built a city, [and called the name of the city after the name of his son, [Enoch].]

¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad was the father of Me-hu'ja-el, and Me-hu'ja-el the father of Me-thu'sha-el, and Me-thu'sha-el the father of Lamech.

¹⁹And Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have cattle. [²¹His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.] ²²Zillah bore Tubal[-cain]; [a forger,] ... all who work on bronze and iron. [The sister of Tubal-cain was Na'amah.] [...]

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, "for God has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, for Cain slew him." ²⁶To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time one began to call upon the name of Yahweh. [...]

^{5:28}[Lamech became the father of] a son, ²⁹and called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands on the ground which Yahweh has cursed." [...] ³²[...] Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

^{6:1}When men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose. [...] ⁵Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, [...] ⁶[...] and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So Yahweh said, "I will blot out man [...] from the face of the ground." [...] ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh. [...] [And Yahweh said to Noah, "Make yourself an ark." Noah did as Yahweh had commanded him.] ^{7:1}Then Yahweh said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, [...] ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate. [...] ⁴For in seven days I will send rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵And Noah did all that Yahweh had commanded him, ^{16b}and Yahweh shut him in. [...] ¹⁰[...] And after seven days [...] ¹²rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. [...] ¹⁷[...] And the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. [...] ²²Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath [...] of life died. ²³He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the ground; [...] they were blotted out from the earth. [...] ^{8:6a}At the end of forty days ^{2b}the rain from the heavens was restrained, ^{3a}and the waters receded from the earth continually. [...] ^{6b}Then Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made, ⁷and sent forth a raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark. [...] So he put forth his hand and took her and brought her into the

ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf. [...] ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return to him any more. [...] ¹³[...] Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. [...] ²⁰Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when Yahweh smelled the pleasing odor, Yahweh said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man. [...] ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." [...] ^{9:18}The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan.

¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled. ²⁰Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard; ²¹and he drank of the wine, and became drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. [...] ²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers." [...] ^{10:2}The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish. [...] ⁵From these the coastland peoples spread, each with his own language, by their families, in their nations. ⁶The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. ⁷The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Ra'amah, and Sabteca. The sons of Ra'amah: Sheba and Dedan.

⁸Cush became the father of Nimrod; *he was the first on earth to be a mighty man.* ⁹He was a mighty hunter *before Yahweh*; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter *before Yahweh.*" ¹⁰*The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Kalne, in the land of Shinar.* [...] ¹⁵Canaan became the father of Sidon his first-born, and Heth. [...] ¹⁸[...] *Afterward the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.* [...]

²⁰These are the sons of Ham, by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations. ²¹*To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born.* ²²The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram. ²³The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

²⁴Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of Eber. ²⁵*To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.* [...]

³¹These are the sons of Shem, by their families, their languages, their lands, and their nations. [...] ^{11:2}And as men migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. [...] ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, [...] lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵And Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built. [...] ⁸So Yahweh scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth. [...]

[Peleg was the father of Re'u, Re'u was the father of Serug, Serug was the father of Nahor, Nahor was the father of Terah, Terah was the father of <Abraham> and Nahor.] ²⁹And <Abraham> and Nahor took wives; the name of <Abraham's> wife was Sarah, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰Now Sarah was barren; she had no child. [...] ^{12:1}Now Yahweh said to <Abraham>, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So <Abraham> went, as Yahweh had told him;

and Lot went with him. [...]

⁶<Abraham> passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then Yahweh appeared to <Abraham>, and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built there an altar to Yahweh, who had appeared to him. ⁸Thence he removed to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Yahweh and called on the name of Yahweh. ⁹And <Abraham> journeyed on, still going toward the south. [...]

^{13:2}Now <Abraham> was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. [...]

⁵And Lot, who went with <Abraham>, also had flocks and herds and tents. [...] ⁷And there was strife between the herdsmen of <Abraham's> cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. [...] ⁸Then <Abraham> said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are kinsmen. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes, and saw that the Jordan valley was well watered everywhere [...] like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zo'ar. ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan valley. And Lot journeyed east, [...] ¹²[...] and moved his tent as far as Sodom. [...] ¹⁸And <Abraham> moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, [...] and there he built an altar to Yahweh. [...]

^{16:1}Now Sarah, <Abraham's> wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar; ²and Sarah said to <Abraham>, "Behold now, Yahweh has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my maid; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And <Abraham> hearkened to the voice of Sarah. ³So, Sarah, <Abraham's> wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, [...] and gave her to <Abraham> her husband as a wife. ⁴And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵And Sarah said to <Abraham>, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my maid to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May Yahweh judge between you and me!" ⁶But <Abraham> said to Sarah, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarah dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her. ⁷The angel of Yahweh found her by a spring of water in the wilderness. [...] ⁸And he said, "Hagar, maid of Sarah, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarah." [...] ¹¹And the angel of Yahweh said to her, "Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son; you shall call his name Ishmael; because Yahweh has given heed to your affliction." [...] ¹³So she called the name of Yahweh who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing." [...] ¹⁵And Hagar bore <Abraham> a son; and <Abraham> called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. [...]

^{18:1}And Yahweh appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth, ³and said, "My lords, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I fetch a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal [...], knead it, and make cakes." [...] ⁸Then he took curds and milk [...], and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰Yahweh said, "I will surely return to you in the spring, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. [...] ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age. [...] ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³Yahweh said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the appointed time I will return to you, in the spring, and Sarah shall have a son." [...]

¹⁶Then the men set out from there, and they looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. [...] ²⁰Then Yahweh said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, [...] ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry which has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom; [...] ³³[...] and Abraham returned to his place. ^{19:1}They came [...] to Sodom in the evening; and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed himself with his face to the earth, ²and said, "My lords, turn aside, I pray you, to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the street." ³But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city [...] surrounded the house; [...] ⁵and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." ⁶Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, ⁷and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸Behold, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." ⁹But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man, [...] and drew near to break the door. ¹⁰But the men put forth their hands and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. ¹¹And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house [...], so that they wearied themselves groping for the door.

¹²Then the men said to Lot, "Have you any one else here?"

A son-in-law, sons, daughters, or any one you have in the city?

Bring him out of the place; ¹³for we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against them has become great before Yahweh." [...]

¹⁴So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up, get out of this place." [...] But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

¹⁵When morning dawned, [...] ¹⁶he lingered; so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters

by the hand, [...] and they brought him forth and set him outside the city.

¹⁷And when they had brought them forth, he said, [...] "Do not look back or stop anywhere." [...] ¹⁸And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lord; ¹⁹behold, your servant has found favor in your sight. [...] ²⁰Behold, yonder city is near enough to flee to, and it is a

little one.” [...] ²²[...] Therefore the name of the city was called Zo'ar. ²³The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zo'ar.

²⁴Then Yahweh rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire [...] out of heaven; ²⁵and he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, [...] and what grew on the ground. ²⁶But Lot's wife behind him looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. [...]

³⁰Now Lot went up out of Zo'ar, and dwelt in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to dwell in Zo'ar; so he dwelt in a cave with his two daughters. ³¹And the first-born said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. ³²Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring through our father.” ³³So they made their father drink wine that night; and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. [...] ³⁵[...] And the younger arose, and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. ³⁶Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. ³⁷The first-born bore a son, and called his name Moab (‘from the father’); he is the father of the Moabites to this day. ³⁸The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi (‘son of the kinsman’); he is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

^{20:1}From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb.

And he dwelt between Kadesh and Shur. [...] ^{21:1}[...] *And Yahweh did to Sarah as he had promised, ²and she conceived. And Sarah bore Abraham a son in his old age. [...] ³Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. [...]*

⁶And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; every one who hears will laugh over me.” ⁷And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would suckle children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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

^{22:20}Now after these things it was told Abraham, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹Uz the first-born, Buz his brother, Kemu'el the father of Aram, ²²Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethu'el.” ²³Bethu'el became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. [...]

^{24:1}Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and Yahweh had blessed Abraham in all things. ²And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, ³and I will make you swear by Yahweh, the God of heaven and of the earth,

that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴that you will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." [...] ⁹So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. [...] ¹⁰Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. ¹¹And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹²And he said, "O Yahweh, God of my master Abraham, grant me success today." [...] ¹⁵Before he had done speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethu'el the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar upon her shoulder. ¹⁶The maiden was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, and filled her jar, and came up. ¹⁷Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Pray give me a little water to drink from your jar." ¹⁸She said, "Drink, my Lord"; and she quickly let down her jar upon her hand, and gave him a drink. ¹⁹When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw for your camels also, until they have done drinking." ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. [...] ²³And he said, "Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?" ²⁴She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethu'el the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." ²⁵She said to him, "We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in." ²⁶The man bowed his head and worshipped Yahweh, ²⁷and said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham. [...] As for me, Yahweh has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." [...] ²⁹Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. [...] ³¹He said, "Come in, O blessed of Yahweh; why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels." ³²So the man came into the house; and he (Laban) ungirded the camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³Then food was set before him to eat; but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my errand." He said, "Speak on." ³⁴So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵Yahweh has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, camels and asses. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when he was old; and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son.' [...] ⁴²I came today to the spring, [...] ⁴⁵ [...] behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Pray let me drink.' ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and

said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, The daughter of Bethu'el, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him. [...] ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped Yahweh, and blessed Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son." [...] ⁵⁰Then Laban and Bethu'el answered and said, "The thing comes from Yahweh. [...] ⁵¹Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as Yahweh has spoken." [...] ⁵³And the servant brought forth jewelry of silver and of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah. [...] ⁵⁴And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my master." [...] ⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and rode upon the camels and followed the man; the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. [...] ⁶³And Isaac went out to ... (?) in the field in the evening; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. [...] ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. [...] ⁶⁷[...] And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. [...] ^{25:5}Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. [...] ²¹And Isaac prayed to Yahweh for his wife, because she was barren; and Yahweh granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. [...] ²⁴When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came forth [...], and they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came forth, and his hand had taken hold of Esau's heel (כִּפְזוֹ), so his name was called Jacob. [...] ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was boiling pottage, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. [...] ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" [...]

³³[...] So he sold his birthright to Jacob. [...] ³⁴[...] He ate and drank, and rose and went his way. [...]

^{26:1}Now there was a famine in the land. [...] And Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines. ²And Yahweh appeared to him, and said, [...] ³"Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you." [...] ⁶So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. ⁷When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister"; for he feared to say, "My wife", thinking, "lest the men of the place should kill me for the sake of Rebekah"; because she was fair to look upon. ⁸When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac

fondling Rebekah his wife. ⁹So Abimelech called Isaac, and said, "Behold, she is your wife; how then could you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought, 'Lest I die because of her.'" [...] ¹¹So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife shall be put to death." ¹²And Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. Yahweh blessed him, ¹³and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. ¹⁴He had possessions of flocks and herds, and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. [...] ¹⁶And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; for you are much mightier than we." ¹⁷So Isaac departed from there, and encamped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there. [...] ¹⁹But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of springing water, ²⁰the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek ('contention'), because they contended with him. ²¹Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also; so he called its name Sitnah ('quarrel'). ²²And he moved from there and dug another well, and over that they did not quarrel; so he called its name Rehoboth ('broad land'), saying, "For now Yahweh has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." [...] ²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army. ²⁷Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me?" [...] ²⁸They said, "We see plainly that Yahweh is with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, [...] ²⁹that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you. [...] You are now the blessed of Yahweh." ³⁰So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. ³¹In the morning they rose early and took oath with one another; and Isaac set them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. [...]

^{27:1}When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son, and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons [...] and go out to the field, and hunt game for me, ⁴and prepare for me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat; that I may bless you before I die."

⁵Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau.

So Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it.

⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ⁷'Bring me game, and prepare for me savory food, that I may eat it, and bless you *before Yahweh* before I die.' ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my word as I command you. ⁹Go to the flock, and fetch me two good kids, that I may prepare from them savory food for your father, such as he loves; ¹⁰and you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." [...]

¹⁴So he went and took them and brought them to his mother; and his mother prepared savory food, such as his father loved.

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, [...] and put them on Jacob her younger son; [...] ¹⁷and she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father";

and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your first-born. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that you may bless me." ²⁰*But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because Yahweh your God granted me success."* [...]

²⁴He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." ²⁵Then he said, "Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." ²⁷So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him.

And he said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field *which Yahweh has blessed!* ²⁸May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹*Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. [...] Cursed be every one who curses you, and blessed be every one who blesses you!*"

³⁰*As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting.* ³¹He also prepared savory food, and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise, and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." ³²His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your first-born, Esau." ³³Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? – yes, and he shall be blessed." ³⁴*When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"* [...] ³⁸[...] *And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.* ³⁹*Then Isaac his father answered him: "Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high.* ⁴⁰*By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother."* [...] ⁴¹[...] And Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

⁴²But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself by planning to kill you. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran, ⁴⁴and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away; [...] ⁴⁵[...] then I will

send, and fetch you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?" [...]

^{28:10}Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

¹¹And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set.

Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³*And behold, Yahweh stood above it and said, "I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. [...]*

¹⁵*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land."* [...] ¹⁶*Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely Yahweh is in this place; and I did not know it."* ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

¹⁹He called the name of that place Bet-El ('House of Yahweh'). [...]

^{29:1}Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east.

²*As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lying beside it; [...]* ⁴*Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran."* ⁵*He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him."* ⁶*He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well."* *And behold, Rachel his daughter came with the sheep. [...]* ¹¹*And Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud.* ¹²*And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman; [...]* *and she ran and told her father.*

¹³*When Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things,* ¹⁴*and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.* ¹⁵*Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"* ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷*Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful and lovely.* ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel. [...] ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the men of

the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. [...] ²⁵And in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and Jacob said to Laban, [...] "Did I not serve with you for Rachel?" [...] ²⁶Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also." [...] ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife. [...] ³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also. *And he loved Rachel more than Leah.* [...] ³¹*When Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.* ³²And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; *for she said, "Because Yahweh has looked upon my affliction; surely now my husband will love me."* ³³She conceived again and bore a son, *and said, "Because Yahweh has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also";* and she called his name Simeon. ³⁴*Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons"; therefore his name was called Levi.* ³⁵*And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise Yahweh"; therefore she called his name Judah; then she ceased bearing.* [...] ^{30:14}In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Give me, I pray, some of your son's mandrakes." [...] [And Yahweh hearkened to her.] ²²[...] *and opened her womb.* ²³She conceived and bore a son, [...] ²⁴and she called his name Joseph, *saying, "May Yahweh add to me another son!"* ²⁵When Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. [...] ²⁶[...] for you know the service which I have given you." ²⁷*But Laban said to him, "If you will allow me to say so, I have become wealthy because Yahweh has blessed me because of you."* ²⁸He said, "Name your wages, and I will give it." ²⁹*He said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your cattle have fared with me.* ³⁰*For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly; and Yahweh has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?"* ³¹*He said, "What shall I give you?"* Jacob said, [...] "You shall do this for me: [...] ³²Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep; [...] and such shall be my wages." ³⁴Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." [...] ⁴³*Thus the man grew exceedingly rich, and had large flocks, maidservants and menservants, and camels and asses.* [...] ^{31:2}And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before. ³*Then Yahweh said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."* ⁴So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was, ⁵and said to them, "I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before." [...] ¹⁴Then Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house?" [...] ¹⁷So Jacob arose, and set his sons and his wives on

camels, [...] ²¹and fled *with all that he had, and arose* and crossed the Euphrates,

and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

²²When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, ²³he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him

for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead.

[...]

²⁶And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have cheated me, and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword?" [...] ³¹Jacob answered and said to Laban, [...] "Because I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force." [...] ⁴³Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children. [...] ⁴⁴Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me."

⁴⁵*So Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar.* [...] ⁴⁶[...] And they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. [...] ⁴⁸Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." Therefore he named it Galeed, ('The heap is the witness') ⁴⁹and Mizpah ('lookout'), *for he said, "Yahweh watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other.*

⁵⁰that you would not ill-treat my daughters, *and that you will not take wives besides my daughters.*" [...] ^{32:1}[...] Then Laban departed and returned home.

²Jacob went on his way.

And the angels of God met him; ³and when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's army!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

⁴And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother [...]

⁵*instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now; ⁶and I have oxen, asses, flocks, menservants, and maidservants; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'"*

⁷And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men with him." ⁸Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, *and the flocks and herds and camels,* [...]

into two companies, ⁹thinking, "If Esau comes to the one company and destroys it, then the company which is left will escape." [...]

¹⁴So he lodged there that night, *and took from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau.* [...]

¹⁷*These he delivered into the hand of his servants.* [...]

¹⁸*He instructed the foremost, "When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these before you?'*

¹⁹*then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob; they are a present sent to my lord Esau;*

and moreover he is behind us.” [...] ²¹[...] For he thought, “I may appease him with the present that goes before me.” [...] ²²So the present passed on before him; and he himself lodged that night in the camp.

²³The same night he arose [...] and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. [...] ²⁴[...] He took across the stream everything that he had. [...] ²⁵[...] And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁶When the man saw that he did not prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh. [...] ²⁷Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But he said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” ²⁸And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁹Then he said, “Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ³⁰Then Jacob asked him, “Tell me, I pray, your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. [...]

^{33:1}And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. [...] ³[...] And he bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. ⁴But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. [...] ⁸Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company which I met?” He answered, “To find favor in the sight of my lord.” ⁹But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.” ¹⁰Jacob said, “No, I pray you, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand.” [...] ¹¹[...] Thus he urged him, and he took it. [...] ¹⁵So Esau said, “Let me leave with you some of the men who are with me.” But he said, “What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord.” [...]

^{35:6}And Jacob came to Luz [...], he and all the people who were with him. [...] ⁸And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried [...] under a terebinth; so he called the name of it Allon-bacuth. [...] ¹⁶[...] And when they were still some distance from Ephrath,

Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. ¹⁷And when she was in her hard labour, the midwife said to her, “Fear not; for now you will have another son.” ¹⁸And as her soul was departing (for she died), she called his name Ben-oni (‘son of lament’); but his father called his name Benjamin.

¹⁹So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath, [...] ²⁰and Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; it is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. ²¹Israel journeyed on, and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder. [...]

^{37:3}Now *Israel* loved Joseph more than any other of his children, *because he was the son of his old age*; [...] ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him,

and could not speak peaceably to him. ⁵Now Joseph had a dream, and told it to his brothers. [...] ⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose and stood upright; and behold, your sheaves gathered round it, and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? *Are you indeed to have dominion over us?*" So they hated him yet more. [...] ¹¹*And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.*

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And *Israel* said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." *And he said to him, "Here I am."* ¹⁴*So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers, and with the flock; and bring me word again."* So he sent him, [...] and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵*And a man found him wandering in the fields; and the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"* ¹⁶*"I am seeking my brothers", he said, "tell me, I pray you, where they are pasturing the flock."* ¹⁷*And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.*

¹⁸They saw him afar off, [...] ¹⁹and they said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us *kill him and* throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." [...] ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, [...] ²⁴and they took him and cast him into a pit. [...]

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶*Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood?"* ²⁷*Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."* *And his brothers agreed.* [...] ²⁸[...] And they sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver; and they took Joseph to Egypt. [...]

³¹Then they took Joseph's robe, and killed a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood; [...] ³²[...] and they sent the long robe with sleeves and brought it to their father, and said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³And he recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe; a wild beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." [...] ³⁵[...] Thus his father wept for him. ^{39:1}And Joseph was taken down to Egypt,

and [...] an Egyptian bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²*And Yahweh was with Joseph.* [...] And he was in the house of

his Egyptian master. ³When his master saw that Yahweh was with him, [...] ⁴Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him. And he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had, [...] ⁵[...] and the blessing of Yahweh was upon all that he had, in house and field. [...] ⁶[...] Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and said, "Lie with me." [...] ¹²And she caught him by his garment. [...] But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and got out of the house. [...] ¹⁶Then she laid up his garment at her side until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him, [...] saying, "The apiru-slave, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me." [...] ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, *the place where the king's prisoners were confined*, and he was there in prison. ²¹But Yahweh was with Joseph [...] and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²²And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison. [...] ^{40:1}Some time after this, [...] ²Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker, ³and he put them in custody [...] in the prison *in the place where Joseph was confined*. [...] ⁴[...] And they continued for some time in custody. ⁵And one night they both dreamed. [...] ⁹So the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰and on the vine there were three branches; as soon as it budded, [...] its clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹²Then Joseph said to him, [...] "The three branches are three days; ¹³within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his butler." [...] ¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸And Joseph answered, [...] "The three baskets are three days; ¹⁹within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head [...] and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat the flesh from you." ²⁰On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants, and lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹He restored the chief butler to his butlership, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand; ²²but he hanged the chief baker. [...] ^{41:1}After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed. [...] ⁸So in the morning his spirit was troubled. [...] ⁹Then the chief butler said to Pharaoh, [...] ¹⁰"When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody [...], me and the chief baker. ¹¹We dreamed on the same night, he and I. [...] ¹²A young Hebrew was there with us, [...] and when we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us. [...] ¹³And as he interpreted to us, so it came to pass; I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged." ¹⁴Then Pharaoh sent and

called Joseph, [...] and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. [...] ¹⁷Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; ¹⁸and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass; ¹⁹and seven other cows came up after them, poor and very gaunt and thin. [...] ²⁰And the thin and gaunt cows ate up the first seven fat cows." [...] ²⁵Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, [...] ²⁶"The seven good cows are seven years, [...] ²⁷and the seven lean and gaunt cows that came up after them are seven years. [...] ²⁹There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰but after them there will arise seven years of famine; [...] the famine will consume the land. [...] ³³Now therefore [...] ³⁴let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, [...] ³⁵and let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming [...] and store it [...] ³⁶[...] so that the land may not perish through the famine." [...] ³⁹So Pharaoh said to Joseph, [...] ⁴⁰"*You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.*" ⁴¹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." [...] ⁴⁵[...] So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. [...] ⁴⁸[...] and stored up food in the cities. [...] ⁵⁴And the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. [...]

⁵⁶[...] So Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians. [...] ⁵⁷Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth. ^{42:1}When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, [...] ²he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live, and not die." ³So Joseph's brothers went down [...] to buy grain in Egypt. [...] ⁵*Thus Israel's sons came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.* [...] ⁷Joseph saw his brothers, and knew them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." [...] ⁹[...] He said to them, "You are spies, you have come to see the weakness of the land." [...] ¹⁷And he put them all together in prison for three days. [...] ²⁵*And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain.* [...] ²⁶*Then they loaded their asses with their grain, and departed.* [...] ²⁹*When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had befallen them [...].* ^{43:1}*Now the famine was severe in the land. ²And when they had eaten the grain which they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food."* ³*But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'"* [...] ⁶*Israel said, "Why did you treat me so ill as to tell the man that you had another brother?"* ⁷*They replied, "The*

man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred.” [...] ¹¹Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man a present.” [...] ¹⁵So the men took the present, [...] and they arose and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. ¹⁶When Joseph saw them, [...] he said to the steward of his house, “Bring the men into the house.” [...] ¹⁷[...] The man brought the men to Joseph’s house [...] ²⁴[...] and gave them water, and they washed their feet, and gave their asses provender. [...] ²⁶[...] They brought into the house to him the present which they had with them, and bowed down to him to the ground. [...] ^{45:4}So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, I pray you.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. [...] ⁹Make haste and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, [...] Come down to me, do not tarry; [...] ¹⁰[...] you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.’ [...] ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. [...] ²¹The sons of Israel did so. [...] ²⁵They went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶And they told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” [...] ²⁸And Israel said, “It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive; I will go and see him before I die.” ^{46:1}So Israel took his journey with all that he had. [...] ²⁹Then Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face that you are still alive.” [...] ^{47:1}So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan.” [...] ⁵Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, [...] ⁶“The land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land.” [...] ¹¹Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers [...] in the best of the land [...] as Pharaoh had commanded. [...] ²⁹And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, “If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh. [...] Do not bury me in Egypt.” [...] ³⁰[...] He answered, “I will do as you have said.” ³¹And he said, “Swear to me”; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed. [...] ^{50:1}Then Joseph fell on his father’s face, and wept over him, and kissed him. [...] ⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father; [...] ¹⁰[...] and he made a mourning for his father seven days. [...] ¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt. [...] ²⁶And Joseph died. [...] ^{Ex 1:8}Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of the Israelites are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply.” [...]

¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over it to afflict it with heavy burdens. [...] ¹²But the more they oppressed it, the more it multiplied and the more it spread abroad. And they were in dread of the Israelites. [...] ¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, [...] ¹⁶[...] "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live." [...]

^{2:1}A man from the house of Levi went and took to wife a daughter of Levi. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. ³And when she could hide him no longer she took for him a basket made of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and pitch; and she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds at the river's brink. [...] ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked beside the river; she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to fetch it. ⁶When she opened it she saw him the child; and lo, the boy was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." [...] ¹⁰[...] And he became her son; and she named him Moses, for she said, "Because I drew him out of the water." ¹¹One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his brothers and looked on their burdens; he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹²He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. [...] ¹⁵When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh, and stayed in the land of Midian.

And he sat down by a well. ¹⁶Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸When they came to their father Reu'el, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?" ¹⁹They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and even drew water for us and watered the flock." ²⁰He said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." ²¹Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²²She bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land." ²³In the course of those many days the king of Egypt died. [...]

^{3:1}Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came [...] into the desert. ²And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, a bush was burning, yet the bush was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burning." ⁴When

Yahweh saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." [...] ⁷Then Yahweh said, "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry [...] ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land. [...] ¹⁶Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'Yahweh the God of your fathers has appeared to me, [...] saying, [...] ¹⁷[...] I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, [...] to a land flowing with milk and honey.' [...] ¹⁸[...] And you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to Yahweh our God.' [...] ²¹And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, ²²but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who sojourns in her house, jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; thus you shall despoil the Egyptians.'" [...]

^{4:18}And Moses went

and returned to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back, I pray, to my kinsmen in Egypt and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." [...] ²⁰And Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on an ass, and returned to the land of Egypt. [...]

^{12:35}The Israelites had done as Moses told them, for they had asked of the Egyptians jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing; ³⁶and Yahweh had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they despoiled the Egyptians. ³⁷And the Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. [...] ³⁸[...] and very many cattle, both flocks and herds. [...] ^{13:20}And they moved on from Succoth, and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And Yahweh went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. [...]

^{14:5}When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, [...] ⁶he made ready his chariot and took his army with him. [...] ¹⁰[...] When the Israelites lifted up their eyes, behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the Israelites cried out to Yahweh.

[...] ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Fear not! *Stand firm, and see the deliverance of Yahweh, which he will work for you today; for as you see the Egyptians today, you shall never see them again.* ¹⁴Yahweh will fight for you." [...] ¹⁹[...] *And the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,* ²⁰*coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel.* [...] *And neither came near the other all night.* [...] ²¹[...] And Yahweh drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land. [...] ²⁴And in the morning watch Yahweh looked down upon the host of Egypt *in the pillar of fire and cloud* and threw the host of Egypt into panic. [...] ²⁵[...] And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against Egypt." [...] ²⁷[...] And the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled before it, and Yahweh shook the Egyptians into the sea. [...] ³⁰*Thus Yahweh delivered Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.* [...] ^{15:20}Then Miriam, the prophetess, [...] took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea." ²²*Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea.*

And they went into the wilderness of Shur; *they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.* ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴*And the people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"* ²⁵*And he cried to Yahweh; and Yahweh showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.* [...] ²⁷Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the water. ^{16:1}They set out from Elim, and came [...] to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai. [...] ⁴*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you."* [...] ¹³[...] And in the morning dew lay round about the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing. [...] ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What (יֵֶזֶ) is it?" For they did not know what it was. *And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which Yahweh has given you to eat."* [...] ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted. [...] ³¹Now the house of Israel called its name 'man'; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. [...] ^{17:1}Then they moved on [...] from the wilderness of Sin, [...] and camped at Rephidim; *but there was no water for the people to drink.* ²*Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."* [...] ⁴*So Moses cried to Yahweh.*

[...] ⁵And Yahweh said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, [...] ⁶[...] and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so. [...] ^{18:5}And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, [...] came to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped. [...] ⁷Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare, and went into the tent. ⁸Then Moses told his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake. [...] ¹⁰And Jethro said, "Blessed be Yahweh, [...] who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all gods." [...] ²⁷Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way to his own country. [...] ^{19:2}And when they set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness;

and there Israel encamped before the mountain. ³And Moses went up to God. [...] ^{24:18}[...] And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. [...] ^{34:5}And Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood with him there. And he proclaimed the name of Yahweh, [...] ⁹and he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, my lord, I pray you, may go my lord in the midst of us." [...] ²⁸And he was there with Yahweh forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. [...]

^{Num 10:12}And the Israelites set out [...] from the wilderness of Sinai. [...] ²⁹And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reu'el the Midianite, [...] "Come with us, and we will do you good; for Yahweh has promised good to Israel." ³⁰But he said to him, "I will not go; I will depart to my own land and to my kindred." ³¹And he said, "Do not leave us, I pray you, for you know how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you will serve as eyes for us." [...] ³³So they set out from the mount of Yahweh three days' journey. [...] ^{11:2}Then the people cried to Moses, [...] ⁴[...] and said, "O that we had meat to eat!" [...] ¹¹Moses said to Yahweh, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you do lay the burden of all this people upon me?" [...] ²³And Yahweh said to Moses, "Is Yahweh's hand shortened?" [...] ³¹And there went forth a wind from Yahweh, and it brought quails from the sea, and let them fall beside the camp. [...] ³²And the people rose [...] and gathered the quails; [...] and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. [...] ^{20:1}[...] And the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. [...]

^{22:1}Then the Israelites set out, and encamped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan. [...] ³And Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were many; Moab was overcome with fear of the Israelites. [...] ⁴[...] Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, ⁵sent messengers to Balaam the son of Be'or at Pethor [...] in the land of

Ammonites to call him, saying, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt; [...] they are dwelling opposite me. ⁶Come now, curse this people for me, *since they are too mighty for me*; perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land; *for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.*" ⁷And they went [...] and came to Balaam, and gave him Balak's message.

⁸And he said to them, "Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, *as Yahweh speaks to me.*" So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. [...] ¹²God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; *you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.*" [...]

²¹So Balaam rose in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

²²But God's anger was kindled because he went. [...]

³⁶When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, [...] at the extremity of the boundary. [...] ⁴¹And on the morrow Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-ba'al; and from there he saw the nearest of the people. [...] ^{23:2}[...] And he offered [...] on the altar a bull and a ram. [...] ^{24:1}*Balaam saw that it pleased Yahweh to bless Israel,* [...] ³and he took up his discourse, and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Be'or, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, [...] ⁴[...] who sees the vision of Shadday, falling down, but having his eyes uncovered: ⁵*how fair are your tents, O Jacob, your encampments, O Israel!* ⁶*Like valleys that stretch afar, like gardens beside a river, like tents that Yahweh has pitched, like cedar trees beside the waters.* [...] ⁹[...] *Blessed be every one who blesses you, and cursed be every one who curses you.*" ¹⁰And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; *and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed them.* [...] ¹¹*Therefore now flee to your place.*" [...] ²⁵Then Balaam rose, and went back to his place; and Balak also went his way.

^{25:1}And Israel dwelt in Shittim; [...]

^{Deut 34:5}and Moses died there, [...] ⁶and was buried.

